

UMass Law Curriculum – Full-Time Program and Sequencing
(for entering classes of 2025 and beyond)

First Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Law 500 Academic Skills Lab	1	Law 506 Contracts	4
Law 503 Torts	4	Law 520 Criminal Law	3
Law 510 Legal Skills I	3	Law 511 Legal Skills II	3
Law 504 Property	4	1L Elective (eligible courses noted on schedule)	3
Law 505 Civil Procedure	4		
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	13
Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Law 555 Constitutional Law I	3	Law 556 Constitutional Law II	3
Law 512 Legal Skills III	3	Remaining requirements and electives	10-13
Law 525 Professional Responsibility	3		
Remaining requirements and electives	4-7		
Total Credits	13-16	Total Credits	13-16
Third Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Remaining requirements and electives	13-16	Law 694 Bar Preparation	3
		Remaining requirements and electives	10-13
Total Credits	13-16	Total Credits	13-16

Graduation Requirements:

You must earn passing grades in 90 credits, earn grades of D+ or higher in all required courses (see the listing of required courses below), and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher.

You must take Law 694 Bar Preparation in your final semester.

You must complete the 30-hour Pro Bono Requirement (see [Pro Bono Requirement](#)).

You must complete all MPRE Graduation Requirements (see [MPRE Grad Requirement](#)).

When choosing electives, remember that you must complete the following (see details on the next page):

- Foundation Distribution -- 6 credits
- Practice Distribution -- 6 credits (at least three must be a Clinic or Field Placement course)
- Upper Level Writing Requirement -- 2 credits

Additional Graduation Requirements:

Full-time students earning a GPA below 3.0 in their first semester must earn a grade of D+ or higher in:

- 1L Additional Graduation Requirement (taken during 1L spring in place of 1L elective) -- 3 credits
- Law 535 Advanced Legal Analysis (taken during 2L spring) -- 2 credits
- Law 594 Introduction to Bar Preparation (taken during 3L fall) -- 3 credits

UMass Law Juris Doctor Degree Checklist

1. Core Required Courses:	Required Credits: 44	Earned Credits: _____
___ Law 500 Acad. Skills Lab (1cr)	___ Law 510 Legal Skills I (3cr)	___ Law 555 Con Law I (3cr)
___ Law 503 Torts (4cr)	___ Law 511 Legal Skills II (3cr)	___ Law 556 Con Law II (3cr)
___ Law 504 Property (4cr)	___ Law 512 Legal Skills III (3cr)	___ Law 576 Evidence (3cr)
___ Law 505 Civ Pro (4cr)	___ Law 520 Criminal Law (3cr)	___ Law 694 Bar Prep. (3cr)
___ Law 506 Contracts (4cr)	___ Law 525 Prof. Resp. (3cr)	

2. Distribution Requirements:	Required Credits: 14	Earned Credits: _____
Foundation Distribution – Minimum 6 Credits:		
___ Law 521 Crim Pro. (3cr)	___ Law 580 Trusts & Estates (4cr)	___ Law 613 Fed. Income Tax (4cr)
___ Law 560 Admin. Law (3cr)	___ Law 585 Business Orgs. (3cr)	___ Law 615 Secured Trans. (3cr)
___ Law 565 Payment Sys. (3cr)	___ Law 611 Consumer Bankr. (3cr)	___ Law 658 Family Law (3cr)
___ Law 566 Sales Law (3cr)		
Practice Distribution – Minimum 6 Credits (including at least 3 in a Clinic or Field Placement):		
Clinical		
___ *Law 601 Mashpee Clinic (3cr)	___ Law 692 Adv. Comm. Dev. Clinic (3cr)	___ *Law 730 Housing & Evic. Def. Cl. (3cr)
___ Law 606 Immigration Law Clinic (6cr)	___ *Law 703 Crim. Prosecution Clinic (3cr)	___ *Law 731 State AG Clinic (5cr)
___ Law 640 Community Dev. Clinic (3cr)	___ Law 708 Hum. Rts. at Home Cl. (3-6cr)	
___ Law 667 Adv. Immig. Law Clinic (6cr)	___ Law 709 Adv. HRAH Clinic (3-6cr)	
Field Placement		
___ *Law 639 Field Placement (3-4cr)	___ *Law 693 Adv. Field Placement (3-4cr)	___ *Law 723 Legislative Practicum (3cr)
Simulation		
___ Law 620 Trial Practice (3cr)	___ Law 681 Real Estate Transactions (3cr)	___ Law 732 Adv. Evidence and Advoc. (3cr)
___ Law 621 Alt. Disp. Res. Pract. (3cr)	___ Law 701 Mass. Probate Practice (3cr)	___ Law 734 Zealous Advoc. - Crim. Cts. (3cr)
___ Law 629 Appellate Advocacy (3cr)	___ Law 702 Criminal Motion Practice (3cr)	___ Law 738 Mental Health Litigation (3cr)
___ Law 634 Mass. Workers' Comp. (3cr)	___ Law 705 Family Law Practice (3cr)	
___ Law 672 Resid. Landlord-Ten. Pract. (3cr)	___ **Law 710 Transac. Draft. (online/hybrid) (3cr)	
Upper-Level Writing Requirement – Minimum 2 Credits:		
___ Law 695 Independent Legal Research* (20 pages for 2 credits; 30 pages for 3 credits)		
___ Any course listed on the class schedule as eligible to satisfy the ULWR (2-3cr)		
*As a condition for graduation, a student may not earn more than 25 credits of instruction in these courses for the J.D. completion. (Course work completed in another department or university as part of a joint degree program counts in the 25 credits of instruction.) **Students may not earn more than 10 credits in distance (online) education courses during their first 30 credits of J.D. study. Students may earn not more than 30 credits in distance (online) education courses during their entire J.D. program.		

3. Additional Graduation Requirements:	Required Credits: 8	Earned Credits: _____
(Required if first-year fall GPA was below 3.0)		
___ 1L Add'l Grad. Req'mt (3cr) (To be taken in first-year spring. Eligible courses will be listed on the class schedule.)	___ Law 535 Advanced Legal Analysis (2cr) (To be taken in second-year spring.)	___ Law 594 Intro. to Bar Prep. (3cr) (To be taken in final-year fall.)

4. Electives:		Earned Credits: _____
Course #	Course Name	Credits

TOTAL CREDITS EARNED: _____
(go credits required)

5. MPRE Requirement: ☐ See MPRE Grad Requirement web page	6. Pro Bono Requirement ☐ See Pro Bono Program web page	7. Graduation Requirements ☐ See Student Handbook Section 24
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