The Road Ahead

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The Upperclass Curriculum
Academic Regulations

Know the rules!
Academic Regulations
Deadlines

Don't Miss the DEADLINE!

[Image of UConn School of Law website with a circle around the Academic Calendar link]
86 Credits

- Academic Regulations §1.1.1: "All candidates for the Juris Doctor degree must successfully complete a minimum of eighty-six (86) credits and pass all required courses."

- Day students need 53 additional credits after first year
  - On average, 13.25 per semester

- Evening students need 64 additional credits after first year
  - On average, 10.7 per semester (including required 2LE courses)
Upperclass Requirements

- Legal Profession
  - 3 credits
- Upperclass Writing Requirement
  - 2-3 credits
- Practice-Based Learning Requirement
  - 3+ credits

* Evening students must also complete 4 credits each of Constitutional Law and Property during their second year, as well as a 3-credit Stat-Reg Elective.
Upper-Class Writing Requirement

1. Substantial, intensive writing experience
2. Supervised by full-time professor
3. At least one re-draft based on feedback
4. Mandatory research training
5. Multiple ways to satisfy

ESSENTIAL FEATURES

- Scholarly paper
  - 2+ credit SRP
  - Paper in designated seminar
  - Paper in lieu of exam with permission of instructor

- Predictive memo or persuasive brief
  - 2+ credit SRP
  - Paper in designated seminar
  - Paper(s) in lieu of exam with permission of instructor
  - Certain clinic briefs and memos
  - Completion of Advanced Legal Writing course
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- Designed especially for evening students (but open to all)
- May also be accessible to evening students

For more information, see separate guide to “Clinics and Field Placements 2019-2020” to be posted on website
Elective Courses & Seminars

- **Some staples:**
  - Administrative Law
  - Business Organizations
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Evidence
  - Family Law
  - Federal Courts
  - Federal Income Tax
  - Trusts & Estates

- **Simulation courses and practicums:**
  - Advanced Legal Writing
  - Contract Drafting
  - Technology and Law Practice
  - Trial Advocacy

- **“Perspectives” courses:**
  - Comparative Law
  - Contemporary Legal Theory
  - Jurisprudence
  - Main Currents in Legal History

- **A sampling of the many others:**
  - Conflicts of Law
  - Employment Discrimination Law
  - Environmental Law
  - Immigration Law
  - Intellectual Property
  - International Law
  - Law & Literature
  - Principles of Insurance
  - Sexuality, Gender and the Law
Areas of Curricular Interest
Other Ways to Earn Credit

- Special research projects (SRPs)
- Teaching assistantships
- Journals
  - CT Law Review
  - CT Journal of International Law
  - CT Insurance Law Journal
  - CT Public Interest Law Journal
- Extramural moot court and mock trial competitions
- Non-law courses
Special Academic Programs

- **Dual Degrees**
  - JD/MBA
  - JD/MPA
  - JD/MPH
  - JD/MSW

- **Certificates**
  - Corporate & Regulatory Compliance
  - Energy & Environmental Law
  - Human Rights
  - Intellectual Property
  - Law & Public Policy
  - Tax Studies
  - Transactional Practice

- **International Exchanges**
  - Aix-en-Provence (*France*)
  - Bar Ilan University (*Tel Aviv, Israel*)
  - Freie Universitat Berlin (*Germany*)
  - Leiden University (*Netherlands*)
  - Pompeu Fabra University (*Barcelona, Spain*)
  - Tilburg University (*Netherlands*)
  - University College Dublin (*Ireland*)
  - University of Antwerp (*Belgium*)
  - University of Exeter (*England*)
  - University of International Business & Economics (*Beijing, China*)
  - University of Mannheim (*Germany*)
  - University of Muenster (*Germany*)
  - University of Nottingham (*England*)
  - University of Puerto Rico
  - University of Siena (*Italy*)
## Limits & Thresholds

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<td>Pass/fail credits that can be counted toward graduation</td>
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<td>Max. of 3 credits of each in any fall/spring semester, 4 in summer</td>
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<td>Credits for non-law school courses</td>
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<td>6 semesters of ≥ 10 credits F/T (or equivalent); 8 semesters of ≥ 8 credits P/T (or equivalent)</td>
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(Note: Some of these limits and thresholds can be waived by the Petitions Committee. All course pre- and co-requisites can be waived by the instructor.)
Considerations

● What to Take
  - Talk to professors
  - Tailor to own interests and career plans/aspirations
  - Balance of modalities
  - Breadth vs. depth
  - Bar courses?
  - Prerequisite courses

● When to Take It
  - Evening courses
  - Experiential education
  - Sequencing for prerequisites
  - Frequency/regularity of scheduling

● Beyond Course Selection
  - Building relationships and connections
    - Faculty
    - Student organizations
    - Professional organizations & networking
Good Luck