

JURIS DOCTOR

The J.D. Program Mission

The Juris Doctor program at Trinity Law School is a rigorous program of legal education that prepares its students, upon graduation, for admission to the bar and for effective, ethical, and responsible participation as members of the legal profession.

J.D. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Juris Doctor program, the graduate shall, at a minimum, include competency in the following:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the law in key areas tested on the California Bar Exam by obtaining a grade of C or higher on a class examination.
2. Demonstrate that law may be practiced as a tool of ministry through pro-bono or low-cost legal services.
3. Identify and formulate the legal issues and theories that apply to the facts of a described situation or problem in the content area as demonstrated by successful performance on an examination.
4. Compare case law to a given set of facts, using it to determine the appropriate action as demonstrated by written case briefs and participation in classroom discussion.
5. Integrate biblical principles to content area topics by classroom discussion and/or assignments.

Degree Requirements

To graduate with a Juris Doctor degree, students must successfully complete the prescribed program of 90 units of study within five years. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above is required for the degree.

Students wishing to complete the program in three years should maintain a unit load of 15 units per semester. Students wishing to complete the program on a part-time basis should maintain a unit load of 12 units. Students may be able to reduce their unit load by enrolling in summer session courses. Students are required to take a minimum of nine units each semester.

Students wishing to enroll in more than 16 units or less than nine units in any given semester must submit a petition to the Registrar's Office for approval.

Academic Year

The academic calendar consists of 15-week semesters each fall and spring with the option of taking additional courses during the summer session. Courses are offered throughout the day and evening to facilitate full- and part-time programs of study. Please see the academic calendar (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/university/calendar/>) in the Catalog or on the website (<https://www.tiu.edu/events/calendar/>) for semester and session start and end dates, registration deadlines, and holidays.

Accreditation

Trinity Law School is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. Trinity Law School is a school of Trinity

International University, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Trinity Law School's degree-granting authority is in connection with its students qualifying to take the California Bar Examination and obtain admission to the practice of law in California based on accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California.

Admission to Practice Law in California

Accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, the J.D. law program fulfills the requirements pertaining to admission to the practice of law in the State of California. Graduates are qualified to take the California Bar Examination.

Admission to Practice Law Outside of California

Study at, or graduation from, this law school may not qualify a student to take the bar examination or be licensed to practice law in jurisdictions other than California. A student who intends to seek licensure to practice law outside of California at any time during their career should contact the admitting authority for information regarding its education and licensure requirements prior to enrolling at this law school.

Out of State Students

Students coming to Trinity Law School from out-of-state to attend in-person classes should make sure that they have secured suitable housing and transportation to ensure that these issues do not become an impediment to academic success. Trinity does not provide on-campus housing. However, there are several apartment complexes with one-, two-, or three-bedroom units located near campus offering a range of rental rates, leasing, and amenities options.

Out-of-state applicants should contact the Admissions office for information on housing and essential services.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities requiring special arrangements will be accommodated upon petition, with supporting documentation of the disability, and upon approval of the Registrar. Special accommodations will be carefully tailored to meet the documented need in accordance with the Trinity Law School disability policy. An informational packet detailing the services available for students with disabilities can be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Students are required to take classes in an order that will maximize their learning potential. Students must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in all classes in each category before they can take classes in the subsequent category.

Category 1 Classes

- Legal Research and Writing 1 & 2

All students are required to take Legal Research and Writing 1 (3 units) during their first semester and Legal Research and Writing 2 (3 units) during their second semester. Students must complete or be concurrently enrolled in the legal writing program before completing the rest of the law school curriculum. Students who withdraw or are dropped from a Legal Research and Writing class will not be permitted to enroll in or continue other classes.

Category 2 Classes

- Contracts
- Torts
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure

Category 3 Classes

- Legal Institutions and Values
- Business Associations
- Civil Procedure
- Property

Category 4 Classes:

- Professional Responsibility and Ethics
- Constitutional Law
- Evidence
- Community Property
- Jurisprudence
- Wills, Trusts and Estates Remedies

- Legal Skills Class (Legal Writing: Litigation Skills or Legal Writing: Transactional Skills)
- Advanced Exam Approaches and Skills

To avoid class conflicts, students should register for classes in the following order:

1. Legal Research and Writing 1 & 2
2. Contracts 1 & 2
3. Torts 1 & 2
4. Criminal Law
5. Criminal Procedure
6. Legal Institutions and Values
7. Business Associations
8. Civil Procedure 1 & 2
9. Property 1 & 2
10. Professional Responsibility and Ethics
11. Constitutional Law 1 & 2
12. Evidence 1 & 2
13. Community Property
14. Jurisprudence
15. Wills, Trusts, and Estates
16. Remedies
17. Legal Skills Class (Legal Writing: Litigation Skills or Legal Writing: Transactional Skills)
18. Advanced Exam Approaches and Skills

Taking classes in any order other than what is listed above may result in a class conflict which may delay graduation.

Students may take electives upon completion of or concurrent enrollment in 30 units. Not all elective courses are offered each year. Elective courses are rotated on a semester basis and are offered depending on student interest and professor availability.

Non-classroom Credit

A maximum of nine units of non-classroom credit may be earned toward the 90-unit graduation requirement. Non-classroom credits may be earned for internships or independent study as well as participation in Moot Court, Law Review and any clinical program. Of these nine units, a maximum of six units may be from internships. There is a six-unit maximum for independent study. There is a four-unit maximum for Moot Court and Law Review. Students cannot take more than three units of internship in any given semester, excluding the summer sessions. Students are not allowed to obtain internship credit for a paid position or for doing work supervised by a close relative.

Practical Skills Requirement

Students must complete six units of practical skills course credit toward the 90 unit graduation requirement. Courses that meet the practical skills requirement include legal research and writing 1 & 2 and Legal Skills Class (Legal Writing: Litigation Skills or Legal Writing: Transactional Skills), clinics, and electives. See specific course descriptions for an indication that the course meets the practical skills requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LA 505a	Legal Institutions and Values	3
LA 521	Contracts 1	3
LA 522a	Contracts 2	3
LA 531a	Criminal Law	3
LA 541	Torts 1	3
LA 542	Torts 2	3
LA 559	Legal Research and Writing 1: Objective Writing	3
LA 560b	Legal Research and Writing 2: Persuasive Writing	3
LA 600i	Constitutional Law 1	3
LA 560d	Litigation Writing Skills	3
	or LA 560e Transactional Writing Skills	
LA 601i	Constitutional Law 2	3
LA 613	Professional Responsibility and Ethics	3
LA 661	Property 1	3
LA 662	Property 2	3
LA 671i	Evidence 1	3
LA 672i	Evidence 2	3
LA 673b	Civil Procedure 1	3
LA 674b	Civil Procedure 2	3
LA 702a	Business Associations	3
LA 764	Community Property	2
LA 783i	Criminal Procedure	3
LA 790b	Jurisprudence	3
LA 803	Wills, Trusts, and Estates	3
LA 822a	Remedies	3
LA 998e	Advanced Exam Approaches and Skills	3
Total Hours		74

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses (16 Hours)		
LA 543	Open Development in Cambodia: Human Trafficking and Economic Development	2-4
LA 560d	Litigation Writing Skills	3
LA 560e	Transactional Writing Skills	3
LA 675a	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2-3
LA 753	Trial Practice	3
LA 763	Family Law	3
LA 870	Civil Litigation Skills	2
LA 870a	California Civil Procedure and Evidence	2
LA 901	Introduction to International Human Rights	3
LA 910	The Right to Life and the Law	2-3
LA 916c	Human Trafficking: Prosecution of Domestic Cases	1
LA 919	International Forum on Human Rights	2
LA 920a	International Institute of Human Rights	4
LA 953	Legal Internship	1-6
LA 957	Law Practice Management	2-3
LA 959k	Trinity Mobile Legal Clinic	1
LA 959o	Trinity Religious Liberty Clinic	2-3
LA 960	Administrative Law	3
LA 970	Independent Study/Guided Research	1-6
LA 982a	Law and Literature: Revenge, Justice and Mercy	1
LA 989	Moot Court	1-2
LA 991	Law Review	1-3
LA 995al	Accounting for Lawyers	1
LA 995np	Law of Nonprofit Organizations	3

Juris Doctor Flex Track Program Overview

Students who have not taken the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) or who do not meet the requirements for the regular Juris Doctor program may be considered for admission into the Juris Doctor Flex Track program. Students must complete 18 units of study in separate Juris Doctor Flex Track courses specifically designed to pass the California First-Year Law Students Examination (FYLSX). At the end of the first year of 18 units of study, a student with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.67 or higher will have the FYLSX requirement waived.

During the first semester, students enrolled in the Flex program who take the LSAT and score a 145 or higher, and who earn a grade of C or higher in all of their required courses in the first semester, may apply to the Admissions Committee for consideration for admission into the regular J.D. program. Students doing so and who are accepted into the regular J.D. program will finish taking all courses required in the second semester of the Flex Track program, but will be permitted thereafter to register and take courses in the second year of the regular J.D. program.

All other students must sit for and pass the FYLSX to continue in the regular J.D. program at Trinity Law School.

Students must enroll in and complete Torts 1, Contracts 1, and Criminal Law in the first semester, and Torts 2, Contracts 2, and FYLSX Skills in the second consecutive semester, which are offered in the evenings and online. Students who drop a class, receive a failing grade or unauthorized

withdrawal in any class during either of the two semesters will be dismissed from the Juris Doctor Flex Track program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LA 521x	Contracts 1	3
LA 522x	Contracts 2	3
LA 531x	Criminal Law	3
LA 541x	Torts 1	3
LA 542x	Torts 2	3
LA 599x	FYLSX Skills	3
Total Hours		18

Final Course Grades

Grading is based upon the relative quality of each student's response compared with other students in the same class. Grades on individual components in a class may or may not be curved. Final grades will not be an average of grades on individual components.

For the following classes, grades are distributed according to Table A (http://catalog.tiu.edu/law/appendix-1/#Appendix_1):

Code	Title	Hours
LA 505a	Legal Institutions and Values	3
LA 521	Contracts 1	3
LA 522a	Contracts 2	3
LA 531a	Criminal Law	3
LA 541	Torts 1	3
LA 542	Torts 2	3
LA 559	Legal Research and Writing 1: Objective Writing	3
LA 560b	Legal Research and Writing 2: Persuasive Writing	3
LA 783i	Criminal Procedure	3
LA 599x	FYLSX Skills (Flex Academic Support Class)	3

For all other required classes, grades are distributed according to Table B (http://catalog.tiu.edu/law/appendix-1/#Appendix_1).

Grading tables can be found in Appendix 1 (http://catalog.tiu.edu/law/appendix-1/#Appendix_1).

Grading Curves

In applying the curve, professors will use the distribution of grades with reference to class size as shown in the tables located in Appendix 1 (http://catalog.tiu.edu/law/appendix-1/#Appendix_1). Instructors may petition the Dean to deviate from the curve slightly in classes where a strict application of the curve would not properly measure student performance.

Law Student Registration with the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California

All students seeking admission to practice law in California must register with the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California within 90 days from the commencement of their law studies.

Registration must be completed through the State Bar of California website (www.calbar.ca.gov (<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/>)).

Petitions to the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California

All petitions filed with the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California must be verified. Accordingly, students are requested either to appear before a notary public to have a petition sworn to, or in the alternative, to attach a declaration under penalty of perjury in the following form:

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing petition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on this __ day of, 20__, at __(city)__, __(state)__.

Signature