

TWO-YEAR JD FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

Contact

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Program Overview

Northwestern Law is one of the first law schools in the country to offer a Two-Year JD program for foreign-educated attorneys. Students who are admitted to the program receive one year of credit (28 general law credit hours) for their foreign law degree. Two-Year JD students exclusively complete the 1L curriculum required for JD students during their first year. The second year is spent taking elective courses. Two-Year JD students are completely integrated with students in the regular JD program, but they are not eligible to participate on law journal staffs. Graduates of the Two-Year JD program receive a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern Law.

Curriculum

Required First-Year Courses

Course	Title
Complete all 8 courses:	
BUSCOM 510	Contracts
CONPUB 500	Constitutional Law
CRIM 520	Criminal Law
LAWSTUDY 540	Communication and Legal Reasoning I
LAWSTUDY 541	Communication and Legal Reasoning II
LITARB 530	Civil Procedure
PPTYTORT 530	Property
PPTYTORT 550	Torts

Professional Responsibility

Course	Title
Select one from the following:	
LITARB 599	Professional Responsibility for Litigators
LITARB 600	Professional Responsibility
LITARB 600G	Professional Responsibility in a Global Legal Practice
LITARB 600L	Professional Responsibility for Business Lawyers
LITARB 600P	Professional Responsibility for Public Interest and Govt Lawyers
LITARB 601	Professional Responsibility (Intensive)
LITARB 607	Professional Responsibility (ITA)
TAXLAW 685	Tax Ethics, Opinions and Penalties

6 credits of Experiential Learning

Students must complete at least 6 credits in courses that count toward the Experiential Learning requirement, designated as such at the time of registration.

US Legal Doctrine Electives

Course	Title
Select five courses from the following:	
BUSCOM 601S	Business Associations

BUSCOM 605D or BUSCOM 660	Contracts II: UCC Article 2 (Sales Law) Commercial Law: Secured Transactions
BUSCOM 620	Securities Regulation
BUSCOM 629	Employment Law
BUSCOM 650 or BUSCOM 638	Antitrust Law Mergers and Acquisitions
BUSCOM 690 or BUSCOM 723 or BUSCOM 724	Basic Federal Income Taxation Corporate Tax (JD/Gen.LLM) Partnership Tax (JD/Gen.LLM)
CONPUB 600	Administrative Law
CONPUB 610 or CONPUB 615	First Amendment Fourteenth Amendment
CONPUB 644	Legislation
CRIM 610	Constitutional Criminal Procedure
LITARB 635	Evidence
LITARB 650 or CONPUB 650	Civil Procedure II Federal Jurisdiction
PPTYTORT 610 or PPTYTORT 618	Environmental Law Natural Resources
PPTYTORT 625	Estates and Trusts
PPTYTORT 635	Advanced Torts: Business Torts
PPTYTORT 650	Intellectual Property

Writing Requirement

2-Year JD students will complete the Advanced Writing Requirement by completing either a Research Writing or a Professional Writing course, designated as such at the time of registration. 2-Year JDs may not double count a course toward the Advanced Writing Requirement and another graduate requirement, such as Experiential Learning.

Curricular Limitations

- May enroll in no more than one research seminar over the course of their program, and may not enroll in a research seminar if enrolled in Senior Research. A research seminar is a course carrying the Research Writing attribute.
- May enroll in either a maximum of four credits of clinical work or a maximum of four credits of senior research (in extraordinary cases, the Director of Research may approve an additional two credits)