

JURIS DOCTOR, J.D.

Degree Requirements

Year 1: Each full-time student is required to take all of the following courses. Additional requirements for students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration are described below under Concentrations.^{1, 3}

Year 2: Each full-time student in Second Year is required to take a total of 30 credit hours. Additional requirements for students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration are described below under Concentrations.⁴

Year 3: Each full-time student in Third Year is required to take a total of 30 credit hours. Additional requirements for students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration are described below under Concentrations.⁸

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
LAW 1102	Contracts	5
LAW 1140	Criminal Law and Procedure	5
LAW 1460	Constitutional Law	5
LAW 1480	Torts and Compensation Systems	5
LAW 1500	Property	5
LAW 1530	Legal System	2
LAW 1540	Legal Methods ²	5
Hours		32
Year 2		
LAW 2020	Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility	3
LAW 2602	Evidence	3
LAW 2650	Introduction to Advocacy ⁶	3
LAW 2680	Legal Negotiation ⁷	3
LAW 2690	Corporations I	3
LAW 3290	Indigenous Legal Methodologies and Perspectives	3
LAW 3530	Administrative Law	3
3 credit hours of Electives from List A		3
6 credit hours of Electives from List A or List B		6
Hours		30
Year 3		
3 credit hours from List A		3
27 credit hours from List A, B, or C		27
Hours		30
Total Hours		92

¹ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration must take LAW 1378 Passeport du droit en français 1 (1 cr) in Year One of their program and LAW 2378 Passeport du droit en français 2 (1 cr) in Year Two of their program and LAW 3378 Passeport du droit en français 3 (1 cr) in Year Three. Together these courses constitute an ongoing course over the six terms of the J.D. program (equivalent to 0.5 credit per term) in which students in all three years learn together. Each 1 credit is graded on a pass/fail basis at the end of each year.

Students are expected to complete all three 1 credit Passeport du droit en français for a total of 3 credits in lieu of a 3-credit elective in Year Three.

² Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration must instead take LAW 1542 Méthodes juridiques (5 cr), a bilingual course substantively equivalent to LAW 1540. Students who do not complete this course will not be eligible for the Concentration.

³ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration will earn 33 credit hours in Year One because they are required to take LAW 1378 Passeport du droit en français 1 (1 cr). Students are expected to complete all three 1 credit Passeport du droit en français for a total of 3 credits in lieu of a 3-credit elective in Year Three.

⁴ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration will earn 25 mandatory credits in Year Two because they are required to take LAW 2378 Passeport du droit en français 2 (1 cr). They will earn a total of 31 credits in Year Two.

⁵ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration will earn 4 mandatory credits in Year Three because they are required to take LAW 3378 Passeport du droit en français 3 (1 cr). They will earn a total of 28 credits in Year Three.

⁶ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration must instead take LAW 2652 Introduction à la plaidoirie (3 cr), a bilingual course substantively equivalent to LAW 2650.

⁷ Students participating in the Access to Justice in French Concentration must instead take LAW 2682 Négociation juridique (3 cr), a bilingual course substantively equivalent to LAW 2680.

List A: Writing Requirement Courses

(Second or Third year)

Course	Title	Hours
LAW 3012	International Business Law	3
LAW 3014	International Trade Law	3
LAW 3016	Corporations II	3
LAW 3018	Human Rights Law	3
LAW 3030	Research Paper B	3
LAW 3070	Gender and the Law	3
LAW 3090	Children, Youth and the Law	3
LAW 3120	Philanthropy and the Law	3
LAW 3170	Dispute Resolution	3
LAW 3230	Treaties and Land Claims in Canada	3
LAW 3272	Criminal Justice, Family Law and Indigeneity	3
LAW 3274	Advanced Family Law	3
LAW 3278	Indigenous Economic Development and the Law	3
LAW 3282	Indigenous Peoples, Oral History, and the Law	3
LAW 3284	International Criminal Justice	3
LAW 3286	Law and Religion	3
LAW 3288	Refugee Law	3
LAW 3310	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	3
LAW 3370	The Legislative Process	3
LAW 3334	Global and Domestic Governance of Tainted Finance	3
LAW 3336	Law and Popular Culture	3
LAW 3338	Sentencing	3
LAW 3346	Access to Justice	3
LAW 3352	Sexual Expression, Conduct and Work in Canada	3
LAW 3362	Animals and the Law	3

LAW 3364	Law and Resistance	3
LAW 3376	Droits linguistiques	3
LAW 3380	Issues in Law and Bio Ethics	3
LAW 3394	Internet and E-Commerce Law	3
LAW 3410	Canadian Legal History	3
LAW 3590	Charter Issues in Criminal Law	3
LAW 3620	Comparative Law	3
LAW 3674	Advanced Public Law	3
LAW 3740	Public International Law	3
LAW 3828	Preventing Wrongful Convictions	3
LAW 3940	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms	3
LAW 3982	Special Legal Topics	3

List B: Elective Courses

(Second or Third Year)

Course	Title	Hours
LAW 2378	Passeport du droit en Français 2	1
LAW 2400	Wills and Succession	3
LAW 2490	Trusts	3
LAW 2640	Family Law	3
LAW 2642	Droit de la famille	3
LAW 2672	Civil Procedure	3
LAW 2700	Income Tax Law and Policy	3
LAW 3006	Extended Clinical Experience	6
LAW 3008	Competitions A: Appellate Advocacy and Mooting	3
LAW 3022	Insurance Law	3
LAW 3026	Trademarks and Patents	3
LAW 3036	International Law Moot Court Competition	3
LAW 3042	Non-Appellate Moots	3
LAW 3050	Commercial Law	3
LAW 3212	Immigration Law	3
LAW 3220	Competitions B	3
LAW 3250	Contemporary Legal Studies and Practice	3
LAW 3330	Employment Law	3
LAW 3342	Agency and Partnership	3
LAW 3348	Bankruptcy and Insolvency	3
LAW 3354	Moot Researcher	3
LAW 3372	Français juridique - droit public	3
LAW 3374	Français juridique - droit privé	3
LAW 3378	Passeport du droit en Français 3	1
LAW 3392	Securities Law	3
LAW 3600	Environmental Law	3
LAW 3690	Real Estate Transactions	3
LAW 3770	Labour-Management Relations	3
LAW 3824	Scholarly Publications	3
LAW 3826	Advanced Scholarly Publications	3
LAW 3832	Legal Aid Clinic	3
LAW 3852	Private International Law	3
LAW 3862	Business Transactions: The Art of the Deal	6
LAW 3880	Municipal and Planning Law	3
LAW 3980	Current Legal Problems B	3

List C: Elective Courses

(Third Year Only)

Course	Title	Hours
LAW 3020	Clinical Administrative Law	3
LAW 3132	Clinical Family	3
LAW 3032	Court of King's Bench Clerkship	3
LAW 3034	Court of Appeal Clerkship	3
LAW 3302	Clinical Criminal Law	6
LAW 3340	Advanced Advocacy	3
LAW 3344	Internships	3
LAW 3532	Intensive Criminal Law	3
LAW 3862	Business Transactions: The Art of the Deal	6
LAW 3360	Advanced Legal Research	3
LAW 3450	Remedies	3
LAW 3510	Corporate Taxation	3
LAW 3520	Taxation of Trusts and Estates	3
LAW 3790	Preparing for the Practice of Law	3
LAW 3862	Business Transactions: The Art of the Deal	6
LAW 3990	Externship	12

Access to Justice in French Concentration Degree Requirements

This section describes the requirements to complete the Access to Justice in French Concentration as part of the J.D. program. The Access to Justice in French Concentration provides J.D. students with the basic skills required to provide legal services to clients in both official languages with a view to increasing the access to justice of French-language communities in Manitoba and other majority English-speaking Canadian provinces and territories.

As part of the courses required to earn their J.D., the following courses are prescribed for students seeking to earn the Access to Justice in French Concentration:

- LAW 1542 Méthodes juridiques
- LAW 2682 Négociation juridique
- LAW 2652 Introduction à la plaidoirie

The above mentioned courses are bilingual equivalents of and taken instead of LAW 1540 Legal Methods, LAW 2680 Legal Negotiation, and LAW 2650 Introduction to Advocacy, respectively.

Students must take a total of 26 credits from among the possible 38 credits of Concentration courses below.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
LAW 1378	Passeport du droit en Français 1	1
LAW 1542	Méthodes juridiques	5
		Hours
		6
Year 2		
LAW 2378	Passeport du droit en Français 2	1
LAW 2652	Introduction à la plaidoirie	3
LAW 2682	Négociation juridique	3
		Hours
		7

Years 2-3

Group 1 - Legal Terminology	
Select one of the following	3
LAW 3372	Français juridique - droit public
LAW 3374	Français juridique - droit privé
Group 2 - Electives	
Select three of the following	9
LAW 2642	Droit de la famille
LAW 3030	Research Paper B ³
LAW 3220	Competitions B ²
LAW 3344	Internships
LAW 3372	Français juridique - droit public ¹
LAW 3374	Français juridique - droit privé ¹
LAW 3376	Droits linguistiques
Hours	12

Year 3

LAW 3378	Passeport du droit en Français 3	1
Hours		1
Total Hours		26

¹ May not be taken as a Group 2 Elective if taken as a Group 1 Legal Terminology course.

² Counts towards the Concentration only for students mooted in French or otherwise completing a sufficient proportion of their research or written and oral advocacy work in French.

³ Must write their research paper in French under the supervision of a bilingual faculty member.

Academic Concentrations in the Faculty of Law

During their final term of law school, students in the Faculty of Law may choose to declare the completion of the requirements for one concentration, plus the Access to Justice in French Concentration, as part of their Juris Doctor (JD) program. That is, students may declare the fulfilment of the requirements for one of three concentrations, in addition to the Access to Justice in French Concentration. All four concentrations are outlined in this section. Successful completion of a concentration will be noted on a student's transcript.

- Access to Justice in French (details can be found here (p. 2))
- Criminal Law and Justice
- Law and Society
- Private Enterprise and the Law

Criminal Law and Justice Concentration

This section describes the requirements to declare completion of the Criminal Law and Justice Concentration. Completing this concentration will distinguish our JD students in the market by demonstrating a foundation of knowledge that includes critical and Indigenous perspectives and issues in Criminal Law and Justice beyond the mandatory JD curriculum. This will assist law students who intend to serve prosecutor or defense attorney roles with expertise and skills that are relevant to the challenges of applying criminal statutes and prosecuting or defending accused persons, while being apprised of

the legal and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion considerations relevant to accused persons.

Students who complete 15 credit hours from the following courses (3 credit hours from List A plus 12 credit hours from List B) as part of their JD program may declare a Concentration in Criminal Law and Justice.

Course	Title	Hours
List A		
One of the following:		
LAW 3272	Criminal Justice, Family Law and Indigeneity ¹	3
LAW 3338	Sentencing ¹	3
LAW 3590	Charter Issues in Criminal Law ¹	3
List B		
Minimum of 12 credit hours from:		
LAW 3030	Research Paper B ²	3
LAW 3272	Criminal Justice, Family Law and Indigeneity ¹	3
LAW 3284	International Criminal Justice	3
LAW 3338	Sentencing ¹	3
LAW 3352	Sexual Expression, Conduct and Work in Canada	3
LAW 3532	Intensive Criminal Law	3
LAW 3590	Charter Issues in Criminal Law ¹	3
LAW 3828	Preventing Wrongful Convictions	3
LAW 3980	Current Legal Problems B ³	3

¹ This course only counts once for the purpose of fulfilling the concentration requirements.

² Students in the JD Program are allowed to do one independent research paper for credit under the supervision of a faculty member during the JD degree, and the topic must be related to the topic of the concentration. All topics must be approved in advance by the Associate Dean in charge of the JD program.

³ Students will receive credit toward the Concentration for LAW 3980 when the topics course is titled "Mental Health and Criminal Law."

Law and Society Concentration

The Concentration in Law and Society explores how legal and social systems are interconnected, how people live with the law and how law is woven into communities. The objective of this concentration is for students to better understand how law both impacts and reflects culture through its social and historical construction. The Law and Society Concentration will deliver significant long-term value to students and differentiate graduates in the market by demonstrating an understanding of what happens when legal innovations and institutions succeed, and what the outcomes are when they fail. This concentration will support law students in their commitment to the comprehensive practice of law within the context of sociological scholarship and access to justice, as they practice law in public defender offices, legal aid, lower courts, administrative agencies, work with juries or police, as prosecutors, or in academia.

Students who complete any 15 credit hours from the following courses may declare a Concentration in Law and Society:

Course	Title	Hours
LAW 3070	Gender and the Law	3
LAW 3090	Children, Youth and the Law	3
LAW 3120	Philanthropy and the Law	3

LAW 3170	Dispute Resolution	3
LAW 3282	Indigenous Peoples, Oral History, and the Law	3
LAW 3286	Law and Religion	3
LAW 3334	Global and Domestic Governance of Tainted Finance	3
LAW 3336	Law and Popular Culture	3
LAW 3346	Access to Justice	3
LAW 3352	Sexual Expression, Conduct and Work in Canada	3
LAW 3362	Animals and the Law	3
LAW 3364	Law and Resistance	3
LAW 3380	Issues in Law and Bio Ethics	3
LAW 3410	Canadian Legal History	3

the concentration. All topics must be approved in advance by the Associate Dean in charge of the JD program.

Private Enterprise and the Law Concentration

The Concentration in Private Enterprise and the Law is intended to support Indigenous economic development, small and medium enterprises, and family businesses, and to contribute to their success provincially and regionally. Graduates with a Concentration in Private Enterprise and the Law who wish to serve as counsel for businesses will develop skills that may assist with economic development in Indigenous communities, small and medium enterprises, and family firms.

Students who complete 15 credit hours from the following courses (three credit hours from List A plus 12 credit hours from List B as below) as part of their JD program may declare a Concentration in Private Enterprise and the Law.

Course	Title	Hours
List A		
One of the following:		
LAW 3030	Research Paper B ¹	3
LAW 3278	Indigenous Economic Development and the Law	3
LAW 3282	Indigenous Peoples, Oral History, and the Law	3
LAW 3310	Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	3
List B		
Minimum of 12 credit hours from:		
LAW 2400	Wills and Succession	3
LAW 2490	Trusts	3
LAW 2640	Family Law	3
LAW 3012	International Business Law	3
LAW 3016	Corporations II	3
LAW 3022	Insurance Law	3
LAW 3050	Commercial Law	3
LAW 3274	Advanced Family Law	3
LAW 3330	Employment Law	3
LAW 3342	Agency and Partnership	3
LAW 3348	Bankruptcy and Insolvency	3
LAW 3374	Français juridique - droit privé	3
LAW 3394	Internet and E-Commerce Law	3
LAW 3450	Remedies	3
LAW 3510	Corporate Taxation	3
LAW 3770	Labour-Management Relations	3

¹ Students in the JD Program are allowed to do one independent research paper for credit under the supervision of a faculty member during the JD degree, and the topic must be related to the topic of