

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. **JD** - 84 credits with no more than: 9 below C minus; 18 clinical; 8 independent study credits; 8 non-law graduate level (prior approval required).
 - a.) All credits earned below C minus must have the same number of credits earned above B minus.
 - b.) If you earn more than 9 credits below C minus you must earn an equal number of credits above the 84 required. For instance, if you earn 10 credits below C minus you must take 85 credits to graduate.
 - c.) If you earn more than 18 clinical credits you must earn the same number above 84 to graduate. Clinical credits include the clinical courses offered at Pierce Law as well as externship credits.
 - d.) You may earn a maximum of 4 independent study credits in each of your second and third years.
2. You must complete the following required courses in addition to an upper level writing requirement. Please see current list of approved upper level writing courses on file in the Registrar's office.

First Year Required Courses:

Civil Procedure	Constitutional Law	Contracts	
Legal Skills I and II	Property	Article 2, Sales	Torts
Perspectives Course (Legal Philosophy, Public International Law, Fundamentals of Lawyering, Fundamentals of Intellectual Property)			

Upper Level Required Courses:

Criminal Procedure may be completed in your 2nd or 3rd year of law school. (adopted 12/8/05)

Administrative Procedure

Professional Responsibility

Upper Level Writing requirement

Upper level requirements are offered each semester and may be completed at any time after your first year.

When MIP students are admitted to the JD program starting with the Spring Semester, each may elect either to continue with MIP courses or to take the spring courses of the required first year curriculum. In either case, they shall take those first semester required JD Courses which are not waived when they are next offered. (I.E. Contracts + Legal Skills I may be waived.)

3. Residency - To meet residency you must register for six full-time semesters with a minimum of four (4) at Pierce Law. Full-time enrollment is at least 12 credits with successful completion of at least 10 of the 12 credits. This means that if you register for 12 credits, receive an F in a 3 credit course, you will lose residency because you will have completed only 9 credits successfully.
4. Achieve a cumulative grade point average equivalent to a C (2.00) or higher in all enrollments toward the degree.
5. You must meet all terms of academic probation if applicable.
6. You must satisfy all outstanding financial obligations to Pierce Law.
7. You cannot be the subject of a complaint of an alleged violation of the Conduct Code that is unresolved.