

# **COURSE PLANNING GUIDE**

### **PROGRAM: JURIS DOCTOR**

The School of Law provides a rich range of classes in both the day and evening divisions. In addition to the required curriculum, we strongly recommend that you prepare for the rigors of legal practice by enrolling in as many "foundational courses" listed below as possible.

**A D V I S I N G**: You can check your progress on towards completing the degree in the "Academic Requirements" feature on the MyUB Student Center portal. Please see an advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs, located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor to explore your scheduling options.

REQUIRED COURSES	FOUNDATIONAL COURSES	
<ul> <li>Civil Procedure I (3)</li> <li>Civil Procedure II (3)</li> <li>Constitutional Law I (4)</li> </ul>	In addition to the subject matter of the Required Courses, left, the following subjects are tested on the <b>Uniform Bar Exam</b> .	
<ul> <li>Constitutional Law II (2)</li> <li>Contracts I (3)</li> <li>Contracts II (3)</li> <li>Criminal Law (3)</li> <li>Evidence (3)</li> <li>Experiential Education (6) Live Client (6) OR Live Client (3) &amp; Simulation (3)</li> <li>Introduction to Advocacy (2)</li> <li>Introduction to Lawyering Skills (3)</li> <li>"Law in Context" Class (3) American Legal History, Comparative Law, Critical Legal Theory, Jurisprudence or Law and Economics</li> <li>Professional Responsibility (3)</li> <li>Property (4)</li> <li>Rules and Reasoning (3) Required for all students who complete the first two semesters with a cumulative GPA below 2.80.</li> <li>Scholarly Writing Seminar Class (3) OR Approved Journal Comment</li> <li>Torts (4)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business Organizations (4)</li> <li>Constitutional Criminal Proc. I (3)</li> <li>Essential Skills for the Bar (3)</li> <li>Family Law (3)</li> <li>Secured Transactions (2)*</li> <li>Trusts and Estates (3)*</li> <li>* Beginning July 2026, the new Uniform Bar Exam will no longer test this subject.</li> </ul>	
	These are not bar tested or required but are strongly recommended for all students in addition to the courses above. Administrative Law (3) Antitrust Law (3) Federal Income Tax (3) Federal Courts (3) International Law (3) Remedies (3)	
<ul> <li>All students must earn at least 87 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.00 to graduate.</li> <li>Up to 12 credits (of 87) may be earned for non-classroom credit activities (moot court, externship, publication, and fellows). The maximum number of externship credits is 9.</li> </ul>		

#### **Questions?** Contact us!



# THE EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENT

### LEARN WHILE DOING

Hands on learning is central to our curriculum at UB School of Law. We seek to ensure that each graduate is ready to transition from law student to law practitioner. The experiential requirement allows you to gain real experience while earning your law degree.

**SIX C R E D I T S** - All six credits may be earned in a "live client" setting such as a clinic, or you may combine three credits of "live client with three credits of a simulation or skills class or activity".

LIVE CLIENT EXPERIENCES	SIMULATION/SKILLS CLASSES
<ul> <li>6 credits: Clinics</li> <li>Civil Advocacy Clinic</li> <li>Community Development Clinic*</li> <li>Criminal Defense &amp; Advocacy Clinic</li> <li>Family Law Clinic</li> <li>Inmigrant Rights Clinic</li> <li>Innocence Project Clinic (2 semesters)*</li> <li>Legal Data &amp; Design Clinic*</li> <li>Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic*</li> <li>Veteran's Advocacy Clinic*</li> <li>3 credits: Clinics</li> <li>Immigrant Justice Clinic</li> <li>Mediation Clinic for Families*</li> <li>Mental Health Law Clinic</li> <li>* These clinics are usually designed to accommodate evening students</li> <li>3 credits: Externships</li> <li>Students receive academic credit for substantive legal work performed in the field under the supervision of an attorney and in conjunction with a weekly interactive and reflective classroom component.</li> <li>Attorney Practice Externship</li> <li>Corporate Counsel Externship</li> <li>Public Interest Lawyering Externship</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advanced Trial Advocacy</li> <li>Appellate Advocacy Workshop</li> <li>Civil Discovery in Digital Age</li> <li>Electronic Evidence &amp; Discovery Workshop</li> <li>Interviewing, Negotiation &amp; Counseling</li> <li>IP Current Developments Workshop</li> <li>Judicial Externship</li> <li>Legal Research Workshop</li> <li>Legislation Workshop</li> <li>Litigation Process</li> <li>Mediating Family Disputes: Theory &amp; Practice</li> <li>Mediation Skills</li> <li>MSBA-UB Business Law Fellowship</li> <li>Planning for Families &amp; Seniors Workshop</li> <li>Special Topics in Law: Experiential</li> <li>Tax Research and Writing Workshop</li> <li>Trial Advocacy</li> </ul>
Note:	-

- Judicial Externship satisfies only the simulation criteria (not live client).
- Advanced Attorney Externship, moot court teams and trial teams <u>do not satisfy</u> the live client or simulation criteria because there is no classroom component.

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