

J.D. Graduation Self-Audit Sheet

Students Entering Fall 2012 to 2015

Office of the Registrar, Stanford Law School
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This form is designed to help you assess your progress toward your JD degree. Use your transcript (available via Axess) and the list of the courses that fulfill specific graduation requirements, to determine the requirements you have successfully completed. You can continue to update this form as you complete additional requirements. A complete description of the requirements for the J.D. degree is outlined in the Student Handbook. **The requirements listed below are for JD students entering in the fall of 2012 and thereafter.**

1. **Unit Requirement:** JD students must successfully complete all first-year required courses plus an additional 82 quarter units of elective coursework (a combined total of 111 quarter units);
 - Up to 31 elective units may come from non-law courses. Non-law courses approved for Law School Credit without a petition are listed in SLSNavigator. Any units of directed research, externship, moot court, practicum, senior thesis, or research track reduce the number of non-law units on a one-for-one basis.
2. **Residency Requirement:** To graduate, a JD student must be “in residence” as a law student for at least nine quarters and no more than eleven quarters. More time may be granted only to accommodate a documented disability. For purposes of the JD degree, the term “in residence” means that a student: (1) takes at least 9 quarter units of credit each quarter that can be counted toward your JD; (2) by the date all grades for the quarter are due, passes at least 8 such units each quarter; (3) pays full tuition to the law school; and, (4) does not work more than 20 hours per week during the term. A student must be in residence during the quarter in which the final degree is conferred or during the quarter immediately preceding degree conferral.
3. **Policy Lab Limitations:** Students may not take more than four units of Policy Lab credit in any quarter. Students may not count more than a combined total of eight units of Policy Lab Practicum, Directed Research, and/or Senior Thesis toward graduation unless additional units for graduation are approved in advanced by the Petitions Committee. Even in the case of a successful petition for additional units, any units taken in excess of eight units of Policy Lab practicum, Directed Writing, Directed Research, Senior Thesis, and/or Research Track will be graded on a MP/R/F system.
4. **Required Curriculum:** To help you track the graduation requirements b, c & d below, we have posted Course Summary Grids on the SLS Registrar’s Office website. Courses that fulfill specific graduation requirements are noted on these grids. A course must be successfully completed in the term and year listed for the graduation requirement to be met.

- a. **First-year Required Courses** - Each J.D. student is required to complete Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts, Constitutional Law, Property, Legal Research and Writing (LRW) and two terms of Federal Litigation (1L) during his or her first year at the Law School.
- b. **Ethics Requirement** – JD students must complete at least one advanced course that contains one or more units of ethics instruction.

Yet to be Completed Completed

(Term) (Course Number & Section) (Course Title) (Units) (Instructor Name)

- c. **Writing Requirement** – In addition to first-year LRW and Federal Litigation, each JD student must complete two courses of at least two units each in which a principal part of the assigned work is paper or other written product. One course must be designated as “R” (Research) and the other course must be designated as “PW” (Professional Writing).

Writing “R” course (This course MUST be designated as RESEARCH)

Yet to be Completed Completed

(Term) (Course Number & Section) (Course Title) (Units) (Instructor Name)

Writing “PW” course (This course can be designated as Professional Writing)

Yet to be Completed Completed

(Term) (Course Number & Section) (Course Title) (Units) (Instructor Name)

- d. **Substantial Instruction in Professional Skills Requirement** – J.D. students must complete at least one course that includes substantial instruction in the professional skills.

Yet to be Completed Completed

(Term) (Course Number & Section) (Course Title) (Units) (Instructor Name)

If you have any questions regarding your degree requirements after completing your degree audit, please contact the Registrar’s Office.

