



### Maximum J.D. Credit Hours

1. **Full-time J.D. Students:** A full-time student pursuing the J.D. degree may not enroll in more than 16 credit hours in a fall or spring semester without the permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs; in no case may a student enroll in more than 18 credits in a fall or spring semester. A full-time student may not enroll in more than 9 credit hours in the summer session.
2. **Full-time Dual-Degree Students:** A full-time student in an approved dual-degree program may not enroll in more than 16 credit hours in a fall or spring semester, or more than 9 credit hours in the summer session without the permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs; in no case may a student enroll in more than 18 credits in a semester. Students in a dual-degree program must register with someone in Academic Services to ensure that they are not taking more than 16 credits between the two institutions.
3. **Part-time J.D. Students:** A part-time student may not enroll in more than 12 credit hours in a fall or spring semester. A part-time student may not enroll in more than 6 credit hours in the summer session.
4. **Intersessions:** The law school may provide courses between two semesters; this period is considered an intersession. Accelerated Trial Advocacy is offered annually during an intersession, and the law school may offer additional courses during an intersession. J.D. students may not enroll in more than 3 credits in any single intersession, although students may take courses in multiple intersessions. The intersession will be reflected on a student's transcript. Students may not ask that a course completed during an intersession be counted toward a fall, spring, or summer term.
5. **Honors Programs:**
  - a. Students seeking credit for participating in a campus Honors Program, such as law journal board or comment, moot court board or competition, or trial advocacy board or competition, must seek course credit for their

- participation in the semester when the majority of the coursework is completed.
- b. The faculty advisor must approve the specific semester for which the student will receive credit before the student registers for the credit. The faculty advisor may not retroactively approve any course credit for participating in an honors program
  - c. Credits for participating in an Honors Program are included in the maximum hours permitted under Sections 1 and 2 above. In any given semester, a student may register and receive credit for only one journal comment, or one moot court, trial advocacy, or ADR competition. This rule is intended to prohibit students from working on two or more major projects in the law school's Honors Programs in any given semester. It is not intended to limit the number of honors boards for which a student can seek credit in a semester. For example, in a single semester, a student may register and receive credit for a law journal board, the moot court board, and one moot-court competition. But a student could not receive credit in a single semester for a law journal board, the moot court board, a moot court competition, and a law journal comment.

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