



# THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL®

## 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 Vice Dean for Academic 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 term (not including the summer intersession).
2. **Full-time Dual-Degree Students:** A full-time student in an approved dual-degree program may not enroll in more than 16 total credit hours in a fall or spring semester, or more than 9 total credit hours in the summer term, without the permission of the Vice Dean for Academic 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 the Academic Services Office to ensure that they are not taking more than 16 credits between the two institutions. Students in dual-degree programs should note the maximum cross-credits allowed in that degree program.
3. **Part-time J.D. Students:** A part-time student may not enroll in more than 11 credit hours in a fall or spring semester. A part-time student may not enroll in more than 5 credit hours in the summer term (not including the summer intersession).
4. **Intersessions:** The law school may provide courses between the spring semester and the summer term, or between the fall and spring semesters; these periods are considered intersessions. Accelerated Trial Advocacy is offered annually during a summer intersession, and the law school may offer additional courses during any intersession. J.D. students may not enroll in more than 3 credits in any single intersession, although students may take courses in multiple intersessions.
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.
6. **Online Courses:** Students may earn no more than 30 of the 90 credit hours required to earn the J.D. degree in online courses. For purposes of this Policy, an "online course" refers to one in which more than one-third of the instruction is conducted online.
  7. **Clinical and Externship Courses:** Students must complete a minimum of 3 but no more than 15 credit hours in clinical or externship courses, with a maximum of 6 credits from externships.
  8. **Courses outside the J.D. program:** With the approval of the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, students may take up to 6 credit hours in courses outside the J.D. program. The 6-credit-hour limit does not pertain to credits earned while students are (a) participating in the Chicago Consortium program, (b) studying at a foreign institution with which JMLS has an official exchange program, (c) taking classes at an institution of higher education with which JMLS has an official dual-degree program, or (d) visiting at another ABA-accredited law school.
  9. **Study abroad:** Students may earn no more than 15 of the 90 credit hours required to earn the J.D. degree in studies, activities, or externships outside the U.S., including courses taken through JMLS-sponsored programs and programs sponsored by other law schools and institutions of higher education.

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