

Curriculum for Doctor of Law Degree (JD)

This is a 3 year online program

Please Note: Completion of this program does not qualify any graduate to become a licensed attorney in the USA. The purpose of our JD program is to offer Doctor of Law Degrees to students and working adults for purposes of career advancement and **not for the purpose of becoming a licensed attorney in the USA.** Depending on your country, if you are an international student, our Doctor of Law degree (JD) may qualify you to practice law in your country. Please refer to our Program Description for a listing of careers and opportunities you can achieve with a J.D. From Blue Marble University.

Year #	Trimester	Course	Credits
1	1	Introduction to Law: Common Law vs Statutory Law; the Legal Method; Law from Religions of the World	3
		Contracts 1: Formation of Contract, meeting of the minds, statute of frauds, third party beneficiary; Breach of Contract and Damages; law of conditions and discharge, contracts void by public policy	3
		Civil Procedure and Evidence: Basic civil procedure is covered with emphasis on evidence, types of evidence, hearsay evidence and the like	3
	2	Legal Research and Writing: How to find and report the law in Memoranda and Briefs; proper law citation	3
		Personal Property: Distinguishing between real and personal property; ownership, leases, sales, basis for tax purposes	3
		Agency and Partnerships: Who is an agent; the rights and liabilities of partners; Master and Servant	3
	3	Torts (1): Negligence law and liability for injuries	3
		Torts (2); Intentional torts such as defamation, assault, invasion of privacy	3
		Suretyship: The law of guaranty	3
2	1	Real Property: The law of land and improvements; system of estates; control of land via zoning and regulatory takings	3
		Uniform Commercial Code: The course closely follows the UCC text, covering Sales, transactions in goods, breach of sales contracts, remedies, and the law of Warranty.	3

Year #	Trimester	Course	Credits
		Labor and Employment Law: The course focuses on regulations relating to employment relationships, such as, wages, hours, benefits, health care, termination, employment contracts	3
	2	Remedies: Types of remedies, particularly equitable remedies in the nature of injunction and specific performance as well as federal law remedies for breach of constitutional law.	3
		Criminal Law and Procedure: We cover examples of criminal law, common law vs statutory, with emphasis on evidence gathering and chain of custody; rights of the accused.	3
		Forensic Evidence: Types of forensic evidence with emphasis on scientific methods	3
	3	Wills and Estates: The creation of Wills; types of Trusts; Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, probate and administration of Estates	3
		Administrative Law and Procedure: Due process and right to hearing; rule-making; freedom of information; the hearing process and appeals from administrative decisions	3
		Products Liability: The law of defective products is covered including breach of warranty; contract vs tort remedies are compared and contrasted	3
3	1	Insurance adjusting and claims: This course examines basic insurance contracts, fire, casualty losses; insurance adjusting is examined and negotiation of claims by claims examiners is covered.	3
		Business Associations and Company Formation: Types of business entities, sole proprietor, partnerships, limited partnerships, and corporations are studied	3
		Securities Law: The elements of State and federal Securities laws are covered. The student will learn how to draft a securities registration statement under federal and state law;	3
	2	Exemptions from Securities Laws: How to raise funds under exemptions from the securities laws; the new approach to money raising via crowd funding.	3

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		State and Federal Tax (1): The Internal Revenue Code is studied, and the basics of state taxes personal and business are reviewed. We will work with actual tax returns, and will try also to cover the Federal Estate Tax Form	3
		State and Federal Tax (2): Employment taxes relating to employees will be identified and the rates reviewed; Also covered is the monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting and depositing of employee taxes by a business owner/ employer	3
	3	Health Care Law: a variety of topics in insurance, liability, regulatory compliance, and aspects of Obamacare are covered	3
		Hospital Management: Administration of hospitals and medical facilities, doctors offices, is covered with emphasis on patient care and records.	3
		Operating a Business: In this course we look at the entire process of owning and operating a business, using a law office business as our example. The course covers setting up the business, cost estimates, income projections, selecting the number and type of employees, marketing, use of the internet, software examples for employee tax withholding, planning for preparation and filing of tax returns, and sale of the business.	3

Doctoral Program Total: 72 TRIMESTER CREDITS (Equivalent to the USA Minimum Requirement for a Doctoral Degree) Credits: In the 3 year portion of the doctoral program, each of the above courses (with the exception of Dissertation Presentation and Completion of Online Portfolio which is 6 credits) consists of 3 trimester credits each. The program comprises 72 trimester credits, and consequently is equivalent to the minimum 60 semester credits for a USA regionally accredited college or university. Upon completion, and for a nominal fee, graduates will be able to obtain a Certificate of Equivalency from a foreign education credentials evaluation service approved by the USA Department of Education for employment purposes in the USA.