

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DUAL JD COURSE SELECTION

Please note: for details regarding requirements and rules, please consult the Dual JD Student Handbook. This summary is to provide simple guidance for students.

Remember that you can perform a degree evaluation at any time to monitor your progress using My Portal (Detroit Mercy Law). You can also view your transcript on uWinsite. If you have any questions or you would like assistance with course planning, please contact Katie Fisher (fisherkj@udmercy.edu).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Dual JD students need **105** credits to graduate. **60** credits must be from Detroit Mercy Law and **45** credits must be from Windsor Law.

2. The following courses are required of all Dual JD students:

Course	Credits	Year and Semester <small>F = Fall; W = Winter; S = Summer</small>	Minimum Passing Grade
Comparative Legal Writing and Research I	5	1L F	To remain in good academic standing, a Dual JD student must maintain a GPA of at least 2.2 at Detroit Mercy Law and meet the passing average requirement of 60% at Windsor Law.
Comparative Legal Writing and Research II	4	1L W	
CDN & US Property Law	6	1L F + W	
CDN & US Contract Law	6	1L F + W	
CDN & US Criminal Law	6	1L F + W	
CDN Constitutional Law	5	1L F + W	
Indigenous Legal Orders	3	1L W	
US Constitutional Law	4	1L S	
US Civil Procedure	3	1L S	
CDN & US Torts	5	2L F	
CDN & US Professional Responsibility	4	2L F	
CDN Civil Procedure	4	2L F	
CDN & US Business Organizations	5	2L W	
CDN & US Evidence	5	2L W	

3. All Dual JD students are also required to take the following:

- (1) A course that satisfies the Upper Level Writing Requirement (Detroit Mercy Law);
- (2) A Clinic course (Detroit Mercy Law);
- (3) A Law Firm Program course (Detroit Mercy Law);
- (4) Six credits that satisfy the Transnational Law Requirement (Detroit Mercy Law); and
- (5) Administrative Law (Windsor Law).

4. Students should take notice of the final exam schedule when selecting courses. Final exams may only be changed if two exams are given at the same day and time or if a student has three exams scheduled on two consecutive days.

5. The clinics and law firm courses are designed to be capstone courses. Students will get the most benefit from these courses if they wait until the second half of their course of study to take them.

IMPORTANT RULES

1. You must abide by Windsor Law's "13/29" rule. This means that you must take between 13-18 credits per term and 29-32 credits per academic year (which is defined as the fall and winter terms – the summer term at Detroit Mercy Law is not included). **This rule applies to your combined courses between Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law.** The rule is strictly applied and there are no exceptions.

2. The American Bar Association prohibits students from taking more than 20 credits in a term. **This rule applies to your combined courses between Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law.**

3. If you intend to take more than **18** total credits in a term (between Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law), you must apply for a credit variance at Windsor Law by filling out [this form](#) and emailing it to the Academic Coordinator for approval (lawac@uwindsor.ca).

4. If you intend to take more than **16** total credits (between Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law), you must request permission to do so from Dean Henning at Detroit Mercy Law via email (henninkm@udmercy.edu). Please also copy Dean Khan on that email (khanss@udmercy.edu).

5. You cannot take Business Associations (LAWG 5877) or The Legal Profession (LAWG 5939) at Windsor Law due to overlap with your required Detroit Mercy Law courses.