

Law, JD—Part-Time Program (Primarily Online)

The School of Law offers a curriculum that provides JD Law—Part-Time Program ("FlexJD") students the tools they need to pursue a successful legal career. The FlexJD program is a four-year, part-time program that encompasses remote synchronous and asynchronous coursework, several multiday in-person sessions, and multiple semester-long practical experiences.

During their first four semesters in the program, students immerse themselves in the fundamentals of the American legal system, taking required courses such as Torts, Criminal Justice, Contracts, Property, Civil Procedure, and Constitutional Law. Through the Legal Skills in Social Context program, students have the opportunity to build essential skills for good lawyering – legal research, drafting, oral communication, and teamwork and collaboration – and to put those skills to use on behalf of a public interest organization. During these four semesters, students meet faculty, staff, and classmates in person through three required Law-on-Campus (LOC) sessions in Boston, each of which is approximately four days long and scheduled around weekends. After this foundational work is complete, upper-level elective courses, semester-long practical experiences, and optional additional LOCs foster the growth of students' expertise in the areas they are most passionate about. Along the way, students will be mentored and taught by exceptional faculty who publish in leading law journals and are hands-on practitioners.

Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificates

The School of Law offers JD students the option to pursue one of the following interdisciplinary graduate certificates, which may require Boston-based coursework:

- Health Law and Policy (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/health-law-policy-graduate-certificate/>)
- Human Rights Law (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/human-rights-law-graduate-certificate/>)
- Legal Design (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/legal-design-graduate-certificate/>)
- Poverty Law and Economic Justice (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/poverty-law-economic-justice-graduate-certificate/>)
- Privacy Law (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/privacy-law-graduate-certificate/>)
- Women, Gender, Sexuality, and the Law (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/graduate-certificates/women-gender-sexuality-law-graduate-certificate/>)

Dual Degrees

The School of Law offers multiple dual degrees (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/law/dual-degrees/>), which may require Boston-based coursework.

For a more comprehensive description of policies, procedures, and requirements pertaining to the FlexJD program, please refer to the School of Law's website (<https://www.northeastern.edu/lawstudentaffairs/>).

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements described below.

Milestones

Code	Title	Hours
Law-on-Campus (LOC) Residency Requirement ¹		
Public Interest Requirement ¹		
Upper-Level Rigorous Writing Requirement ²		
Experiential Education Requirement ²		

Two practical experiences during separate terms when the student is not registered for coursework other than the practical experience(s), including at least one co-op in the form of a field placement with a related seminar; and 1,000 hours of relevant work experience. ³

Note: All courses used to satisfy JD requirements must be completed with a passing grade. Students must satisfactorily complete all JD requirements, including the law-on-campus residency requirement, the public interest requirement, the upper-level rigorous writing requirement, the experiential education requirement, and the co-op, field placement, practical experience, and relevant work experience requirement.

First-Year Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Students will take the following courses during their first four semesters:		
LAW 6100	Civil Procedure	5
LAW 6101	Constitutional Law	4

LAW 6102	Contracts	5
LAW 6103	Criminal Justice	4
LAW 6105	Property	4
LAW 6106	Torts	4
LAW 6160	Legal Skills in Social Context: Foundations of Social Justice Project	2
LAW 6165	Legal Skills in Social Context: Foundations of Legal Research and Writing	2
LAW 6161	Legal Skills in Social Context: Social Justice Project	2
LAW 6166	Legal Skills in Social Context: Legal Research and Writing	2

Upper-Level Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Field Placement		
Complete one course from each of the following two pairs of courses:		8
LAW 7940	Reflections on Lawyering	
or LAW 7945	Field Placement Seminar	
LAW 7941	Field Placement (350 hours)	
or LAW 7946	Field Placement (300 hours)	
Professional Responsibility		
LAW 7443	Professional Responsibility	3
Electives		
Complete 38 credits of LAW courses not already taken to fulfill another requirement.		38
At least 2 credits must be completed from the Experiential Education Courses list below. ⁴		

Rules and policies applicable to upper-level courses are described in the School of Law Student Information Handbook.

Program Credit Requirement

83 total credit hours required.

- ¹ More information about degree requirements is provided in the Student Information Handbook.
- ² The same course cannot be used to satisfy both the rigorous writing and experiential education requirements.
- ³ Transfer students should consult the Student Information Handbook for applicable requirements. All students with questions about the nature of these requirements should consult the Student Information Handbook and the Center for Co-op and Career Development.
- ⁴ To fulfill the experiential requirement, transfer students who have not completed LAW 6160 and LAW 6161 must take at least 6 credits from the Experiential Education Courses list below.

Experiential Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 7624	Advanced Legal and Interdisciplinary Research	
LAW 7698	AI for Lawyers: Uses, Risks, and Regulation	
LAW 7449	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
LAW 7597	Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic	
LAW 7610	Community Business Law Clinic	
LAW 7410	Domestic Violence Clinic	
LAW 7331	Estate Planning	
LAW 7704	Family Violence Immigration Practicum	
LAW 7673	Immigrant Justice Practicum	
LAW 7633	Intellectual Property Law Clinic	
LAW 7569	International and Foreign Legal Research	
LAW 7635	Laboratory Seminar in Applied and Critical Legal Design	
LAW 7525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 7614	Law Practice Management: Access to Justice	
LAW 7535	Legal Interviewing and Counseling	
LAW 7656	Legal Research and Writing 2	
LAW 7516	Legal Writing Workshop	

LAW 7350	Negotiation
LAW 7351	Prisoners' Rights Clinic
LAW 7527	Public Health Advocacy Clinic
LAW 7572	Transactional Drafting Seminar
LAW 7647	Trial Practice
LAW 7454	U.S. Legal Research