



INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

THE JURIS DOCTOR PROGRAM FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS
FROM FOREIGN LAW SCHOOLS



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A complete application form is available online at

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ADVANTAGES

Foreign students who receive the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree are potentially eligible to sit for the bar exam in every United States jurisdiction in the same manner as U.S. students receiving the J.D. degree. In contrast, LL.M. graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in only a small number of U.S. jurisdictions.

The J.D. degree also provides more thorough preparation for the bar examination resulting in a greater chance of passing the first time.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any graduate of a properly accredited law school outside the United States may be eligible for the program and to transfer up to one year (29 units) of course credit to Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

FINANCIAL AID

Each applicant will be evaluated for a merit scholarship. Depending on qualifications shown in the application materials, the prospective student may be eligible for one of three scholarships:

President’s Scholarship	\$16,200
Dean’s Scholarship	\$13,100
Law School Scholarship.....	\$10,000

CREDITS

Thomas Jefferson School of Law can accept credit in transfer of up to 29 of the required credits for the J.D. degree from law schools outside the U.S. These credits should be in courses for which Thomas Jefferson School of Law would have granted credit had they been earned at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Students admitted with 29 transfer credits begin as second-year students.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Law degree from an accredited law school; degree must be completed before studies in the U.S. begin, but need not be completed at time of application
- Excellent English language ability (As evidenced by TOEFL or IELTS score)
- Completion of a Legal English course approved by Thomas Jefferson School of Law (May be waived for students with exceptional English language ability)
- Applicants are not required to take the LSAT

COURSES

Students entering with 29 credits in transfer will need a minimum additional 60 units to graduate, which can be taken over four semesters, starting with any fall semester. Most students will need from four to seven additional units as well in practice skills and bar preparation, meaning that most students will be studying in the summer as well. Here is the most probable course schedule:

Year 1: FALL Civil Procedure I (4) Contracts I (3) Lawyering Skills (1) Legal Writing I (4) Torts I (3) Total: 15 units	Year 2: FALL Constitutional Law I (3) Evidence or Business Associations (4) Professional Responsibility or Criminal Procedure (3) Property I (3) ULWR elective (2) Total: 15 units
Year 1: SPRING Civil Procedure II (2) Contracts II (3) Criminal Law (3) Legal Writing II (3) Torts II (3) Total: 14 units	Year 2: SPRING Constitutional Law II (3) Professional Responsibility Criminal Procedure (3) (IF NOT ALREADY TAKEN) Evidence or Business Associations (4) (IF NOT ALREADY TAKEN) Property II (3) Remedies (3) Pre-Bar Fundamentals (3) (REQUIRED FOR MOST STUDENTS) ULWR elective (2) Total: 15 units
Year 1: SUMMER Externship (4) Evidence or Business Associations (4) or Professional Responsibility or Criminal Procedure (3) Total: up to 8 units	



DEAN’S MESSAGE

As our namesake once said, “Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching.” The courage of President Jefferson is what I aspire to every day as I walk the school’s halls, talking to students whose quest for a law degree is about social justice and a desire to serve their communities.

We proudly offer students the opportunity to be exposed to different views, life experiences and cultures. I encourage you to learn more about the many educational opportunities at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Thomas Guernsey

Thomas Guernsey,
President and Dean

