

Degree Progress Checklist

Please note it is your responsibility to make sure you have fulfilled all graduation requirements.

(Refer to Section V.D of the [Law Student Handbook](#) for more information.)

First Year Requirements		
Completed	Credits	Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Civil Procedure
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Contracts I
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Criminal Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Torts
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Legal Research and Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Constitutional Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Contracts II or Obligations I
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Property Law (Civil or Common)
Total 1L Credits	29	

Upper-Class Requirements		
Completed	Credits	Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Legal Profession
<input type="checkbox"/>		Upper Class Writing Requirement (Refer to Section V.D.2 of Student Handbook for the writing requirement standards)
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Experiential Learning Requirement (the courses which meet this requirements are listed each semester in the registration materials)

Other Requirements		
Completed	Credits	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>		50 Hours of Pro-Bono Service
<input type="checkbox"/>		6 Full-Time Residence Semesters (4 semesters for transfer students and the accelerated JD/MBA program & 5 law semesters for other joint degree students) A full-time semester is defined as a semester in which a student registers for at least 10 law credits and satisfactorily completes at least 9 credits.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Cumulative GPA of 2.000 or Higher
<input type="checkbox"/>	88	<p>Minimum of 88 Credit Hours Total for Graduation (Students enrolled in approved joint degree programs must earn between 76 and 82 hours at the Law School in order to graduate.)</p> <p><u>Non-Classroom Credits</u> (18 credits maximum [15 for joint degree students]) may be applied towards the 88 required hrs.): Senior Fellowships = ____ Law Review/Journals/Moot Court = ____ Externships = ____ Directed Research = ____ Seminar Work = ____</p> <p><u>Summer Credits</u> (12 credits maximum may be applied towards the 88 required hrs.) = ____ <i>J.D. students may apply only a maximum of 12 credits earned during summer schools and summer externships toward their J.D. degree, of which a maximum of 6 credits may be earned in non-Tulane ABA-approved summer school programs or externships.</i></p> <p><u>Directed Research</u> (3 credits maximum may be applied towards the 88 required hrs.) = ____ <i>Refer to Section II.M of the Student Handbook for the rules & regulations relative to Directed Research (independent study) projects.</i></p>

CERTIFICATE SELECTION

JD students who wish to declare a [certificate program](#) will need to do so before the spring semester of their 3L year. To declare a certificate, students should complete the **JD Certificate Selection Form** and turn that form in to the Academic Services Office.

The Certificate Selection Form is located on the Academic Services page of the TLS Intranet under the [Forms](#) link. This form is also available in the Academic Services Office (room 204).

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

All students who plan to graduate **MUST** submit an application for graduation to Academic Services. A copy of this graduation application is located on the Academic Services page of the TLS Intranet under the [Forms](#) link. This form is also available in the Academic Services Office in suite 204. Graduation regalia (cap & gown) will be ordered at the time the graduation application is submitted.

The application for graduation must be received in order for a diploma to be ordered and for the degree checkout to be completed. Please check the [Graduation Information link](#) on the Academic Services page of the TLS Intranet for information and deadline dates for submission of the graduation application. Information regarding the commencement ceremony and graduation activities may be found at <https://commencement.tulane.edu/>.

FINANCIAL AID EXIT INTERVIEW

Those receiving financial aid are required to attend a mandatory Exit Interview as a condition of graduation. Topics that will be discussed include loan repayment strategies, student loan consolidation, deferment, forbearance, loan forgiveness, and loan repayment assistance programs. Prior to the exit interview one should complete the Department of Education's required exit counseling at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=exit>.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@law.tulane.edu to schedule an exit interview.

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

As you obtain a summer or permanent position, please the Career Development Office. If you have any questions or need to make any changes to your survey, email the CDO at lawcdo@tulane.edu or call the office at 504-865-5942.

PREPARE FOR THE BAR

[General Information](#)

Become familiar with the dates, policies, and application procedure of the bar exam in the jurisdiction where you wish to practice. Jurisdictions differ on what they require and when. Different states may require character-and-fitness investigations prior to admission to the State Bar. Please contact the appropriate State Bar for information.

Click [here](#) for a good source of general information regarding the Bar Exam/Application process. This link includes links to State Bar Examination and Admissions Boards.

Click [here](#) for an online version of the [Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements](#). This book, published by the American Bar Association, provides general information on each Bar.

[Louisiana Bar Admission Requirements](#)

The rules for admission to the Louisiana State Bar and the application information from the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions are available online at www.lascba.org.