



Boston University School of Law

Graduation Worksheet



PLEASE NOTE: This worksheet is designed to facilitate your 2L and 3L course selection to fulfill all graduation requirements. *Use of this worksheet is not a substitute for thoroughly reviewing the Academic Regulations in the [JD Handbook](#) or confirming compliance with the graduation requirements with the [Law Registrar's Office](#) or [Dean Muir](#).* Each state Bar also has its own requirements, which can include coursework, experiential learning, and pro bono work. You are responsible for researching these requirements for the state(s) in which you plan to practice.

There are essentially eight (8) requirements for a JD degree:

- 1) Successfully complete all 1L required courses as approved by the faculty for the Class;
- 2) Successfully complete legal study at an ABA-accredited institution for at least three academic years or the equivalent, with at least two years of study in residence at Boston University School of Law (hereinafter "BU Law");
- 3) Enroll in at least 26 credits in each year, with a minimum of 12 credits in any one semester, except as otherwise permitted by the Academic Standards Committee ("ASC");
- 4) Successfully complete the upper-class writing requirement;
- 5) Successfully complete the professional responsibility requirement;
- 6) Successfully complete the six-credit experiential education requirement;
- 7) Successfully complete *Introduction to Business Fundamentals*; and
- 8) Earn at least 85 passing credits within five-years of starting your law school degree program.

Documenting Degree Requirement Compliance

- Introduction to Business Fundamentals** Term Completed: _____
- Experiential Education** (six credits) (See the **Course Selection Guide** for courses that fulfill this requirement)
Course Names: _____
- Professional Responsibility** (See the **Course Selection Guide** for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement)
Course, Clinic or Externship Name: _____ Term Completed: _____
- Upper-class Writing Requirement**
Submission of the *Intention to Complete the Upper-class Writing Requirement* form (Date): _____
**Submitted no later than the last day of add/drop in your 5th semester; See the Academic Regulations, Art. III, Sec. 6 for requirements*
Faculty Advisor (Name): _____ First Draft Submitted (Date): _____
**Full draft must be submitted by 4th week of final semester.*
Revisions completed (Date): _____ Certification Received (Date): _____

***Please note that any single course can only be counted once towards each of the graduation requirements listed above.**

Summer Externships and Full-Year Study Abroad:

Summer externships approved and overseen by Associate Dean Muir and the Student Affairs Office are awarded up to two credits, and listed on the transcript; but these credits do not apply to degree requirements, do not count for the 85 required credits for graduation, and do not count against the limited number of non-GPA/non-classroom courses allowed. Externships and practica overseen by clinical and other faculty are applicable to degree requirements.

The 3L full-year study-abroad program awards 24 non-GPA, classroom credits, and is supplemented by a 2-credit independent study. The year-long study-abroad programs are the only faculty-approved exception to the Academic Regulation addressing non-GPA credit limits. Students who plan to take a full-year study abroad program must be approved by the Graduate and International Programs Office.

JD Degree Requirements – Planning Grid

DIRECTIONS: Add the values related to your enrollment for each relevant column or row. Be sure to meet the minimum or maximum noted.

	Course Offerings Not Subject to the 17-credit non-GPA limit. (All of these courses become part of the BU LAW GPA.)	Course offerings subject to the 12-credit non-BU LAW limit and to 17-credit non-GPA limit.	Course offerings subject to the 17-credit non-GPA limit. (Starred courses become part of the BU LAW GPA if taken for a grade. The others do not.)	
BU LAW and BU LAW-approved Law Classes and Other Faculty-Supervised Instruction	-- BU Law Socratic/lecture and classroom seminar courses; BU-Law distance education courses; Clinic seminars & fieldwork; simulation courses; and practicum, when taken for a letter grade	-- BU LAW-approved <u>law</u> classroom courses at other law schools during the standard academic year -- Single-semester BU-approved study abroad law classroom courses	-- Any BU LAW classroom course with CR/NC/H (8 cr. max) -- BU LAW-approved (ASC) <u>law</u> classroom courses at other law schools, taken during the summer	Minimum 64 Credits
Other		--BU graduate courses, that are not BU Law --BU LAW-faculty pre-approved non-law, graduate distance education courses -- BU LAW-approved non-law courses taken at other law schools (visiting students)	--Non-graded Journal work (0-6 credits) --Externship fieldwork --Semester-in-Practice fieldwork (10 cr. max) -- <i>Comparative Legal Practicum</i> --Independent study, externship, or semester-in-practice faculty-supervised writing component (2 cr. max; 3cr. w/ ASC approval) --Appellate Advocacy Director (3 cr. max) *	
		Maximum 12 credits		Minimum 85 Credits
		Maximum 17 credits (21 w/ ASC approval)		

*Students approved to visit other law schools for a full-year must comply with the degree requirements outlined in the ASC approval notice.