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Doctor of Juridical Science - Judicial Studies J.S.D.

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• 4 Units	JSD 500	The American Judiciary
• 4 Units	JSD 501	Judicial Ethics
• 4 Units	JSD 502	Courts of Limited Jurisdiction
• 4 Units	JSD 503	State Courts and State Constitutional Law
• 4 Units	JSD 504	Federal Courts and the U.S. Constitution
• 4 Units	JSD 510	Judicial Decisions
• 4 Units	JSD 511	Legal and Judicial Reasoning
• 4 Units	JSD 512	The Judiciary and Politics
• 4 Units	JSD 513	Judicial Writing
• 4 Units	JSD 514	Court Administration
• 4 Units	JSD 515	Philosophy of Punishment
• 4 Units	JSD 516	The Supreme Court
• 4 Units	JSD 517	International Law and Crimes Against Humanity
• 4 Units	JSD 518	Law and Literature
• 4 Units	JSD 519	The Philosophy of Law and Justice
• 4 Units	JSD 520	Foundations of Law and Order
• 4 Units	JSD 521	The International Criminal Court
• 4 Units	JSD 522	Courts Martial and Military Justice
• 4 Units	JSD 523	Canon Law
• 4 Units	LJS 500	Scientific Reasoning and Empirical Analysis
• 4 Units	LJS 503	Research Methods in Law and Justice (Univariate)
• 4 Units	LJS 504	Advanced Research Methods (Multivariate)
• 4 Units	LJS 508	Legal Research Methods
• 4 Units	LJS 509	Public Law and Policy
• 12 Units	JSD 598	Dissertation Research and Proposal
• 12 Units	JSD 600	Dissertation Composition and Defense

The award of the Doctor of Juridical Science – Judicial Studies requires the successful completion of a total of 96 units of coursework and 24 units of dissertation research and composition, with a grade of C or better within each class. All students are required to complete a dissertation proposal prior to initiating research and defend the dissertation in a public forum.

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