

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Juris Doctor			
Department/Division:			
College:	Law	Bulletin pp.:	
Degree title(Old):		Degree (New):	Title
CIP Code:			
Accrediting agency (if applicable):		American Bar Ass'n	

I. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed	35	No change
2. Residence requirement (minimum of one year before and after Qualifying Exams)	6 semesters	No change
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	None	Professional skills course
4. Provisions for monitoring progress and termination criteria	examinations	No change
5. Total credit hours required (if applicable)	90	No change
6. Required courses (if applicable)	Seminar Professional Responsibility First-year curriculum	Seminar (no change) Professional Responsibility (no change) First-year curriculum (no change) Professional Skills course (new)
7. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)		
8. Minor area or courses outside program required (if applicable)		
9. Distribution of courses levels required (400G-500/600-700)	800-999: 100%	No change
10. Qualifying examination requirements	None	

NOTE: To the extent that changes in 6. or 8. above involve additional courses in other programs, please include documentation from the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses.

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11. Other requirements not covered above

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

The American Bar Association requires accredited schools to have a rule which requires that students "receive substantial instruction in ... professional skills." In order to comply with this rule, the College of Law faculty at a meeting on August 15, 2008, adopted the attached rule, adding to the requirements for the degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.).

Signatures of Approval:

N/A

Date of Approval by Department Faculty
August 15, 2008

Reported by Department Chair
Louise Pahan
Reported by College Dean

Date of Approval by College Faculty
N/A

*Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council

Reported by Undergraduate Council
Chair

N/A

*Date of Approval by Graduate Council
N/A

Reported by Graduate Council Chair

*Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

Reported by HCCC Chair

*Date of Approval by Senate Council

Reported by Senate Council Office

*Date of Approval by University Senate

Reported by Senate Council Office

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

Proposed addition to Law Faculty Rules and Policies

Under Rule X, Requirements for Graduation, a new Subdivision C would be added as follows, with existing Subdivisions C and D being designated as D and E respectively:

C. Professional Skills Requirement

1. A student must successfully complete a "professional skills" course as designated by this rule. To "successfully complete" the course means to receive a final grade other than E or F.

2. Designated "professional skills" courses are:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Planning
- Estate Planning Skills
- Innocence Project Externship
- Intellectual Property Drafting
- Intellectual Property Transactions
- International Business Transactions
- Kentucky Appellate Practice
- Law (Judicial) Clerkship
- Legal Clinic
- Legal Drafting
- Legal (Prosecutorial) Internship
- Litigation Skills
- Negotiating Process
- Prison Internship
- Real Estate Transactions
- U S Attorney's Office Appellate Section Externship

3. A new course may be added to the list in (C)(2) above by the faculty if the faculty determines that the course meets the requirements of ABA Standard 302(a)(4) and Interpretation 302-3, or any successor Standards or Interpretations. A course may be deleted from the list in (C)(2) above by the faculty if the faculty determines that the course no longer meets these requirements or by the Dean if the course is no longer offered.