

J.D. CURRICULUM

The curriculum at McGeorge is designed to develop highly skilled professionals who are prepared for the rapidly changing legal market. McGeorge's accomplished faculty challenges students. A legal education at McGeorge will push you academically within a supportive, empathetic environment where faculty and staff are invested in your personal success.

Day and Evening Divisions

McGeorge School of Law offers programs leading to the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree through a Day Division and an Evening Division. The two divisions have the same curriculum, faculty, and methods of instruction; maintain the same scholastic standards and degree requirements; and adhere to the same objectives.

The law school operates on the semester system; two semesters of 14 weeks each plus examination periods. All year-long courses begin in the Fall Semester, which starts in mid-August. The Spring Semester begins in January. Summer Sessions are also offered beginning in May.

The course of study in the Day Division leading to the J.D. degree requires three academic years (six semesters) of full-time study. A Day division student must enroll and earn credit for a minimum of 12 units each semester; the usual course load is 14 to 16 units per semester. Day division students are expected to devote substantially all their working time to the study of law and are required to limit outside employment to not more than 20 hours per week during the academic year.

The Evening Division program offers a reduced course load which generally requires four academic years (eight semesters) plus two summers of part-time study to meet J.D. degree requirements. Course loads usually range from 8 to 10 units each semester, with a minimum of 8 units required per semester. Most Evening division students enroll in Summer Session courses to reach the required 88 units, but may, schedule permitting, take those units during the academic year instead. An accelerated Evening Division program enables a student to meet degree requirements in three and one-half years (seven academic semesters and Summer Sessions).

First-year required courses and second-year part-time required courses must be taken with the division in which a student is enrolled, unless an exception is approved by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Electives and upper-division required courses may be taken after the first year during day or evening hours, as individual schedules permit. Students who wish to change their programs of study from one division to another should schedule an appointment with an academic counselor regarding approval and course of study. Appointments can be made by calling 916.739.7089.

Questions?

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