

LEARNING OUTCOMES & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR THE J.D. PROGRAM

LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE J.D. PROGRAM	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA <i>Graduates will demonstrate achievement of each outcome by exhibiting:</i>
1. GRADUATES WILL UNDERSTAND SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL LAW.	a) An understanding of the substantive law tested on the Uniform Bar Examination. b) An understanding of the procedural law tested on the Uniform Bar Examination. c) An understanding of the various legal sources and jurisprudential concepts foundational to the American legal system. d) An understanding of the structure of American government, including the relationships among the coordinate branches of government, federal and state governments, and trial and appellate courts.
2. GRADUATES WILL DEVELOP CRITICAL READING SKILLS, ANALYTICAL REASONING SKILLS, AND ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS.	a) An ability to read various sources of law, including constitutions, cases, statutes, and administrative regulations, and to extract rules, principles, and policies from those sources. b) An ability to assess legal arguments critically. c) An ability to identify legal issues in sets of facts. d) An ability to construct arguments and apply rules to facts. e) An ability to present analysis and argument orally, as appropriate for the audience. f) An ability to communicate in writing objectively and persuasively, as appropriate for the audience.

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3. GRADUATES WILL DEVELOP LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS, PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SKILLS NEEDED FOR COMPETENT LEGAL PRACTICE.	a) An ability to generate various possible solutions to legal problems that meet client objectives while anticipating and assessing risks. b) An ability to engage in self-directed learning, including through reflection and self-critique. c) An ability to identify and use appropriate dispute resolution methods in light of the nature of the legal issues and client objectives. d) An ability to analyze, structure, and draft legal documents as appropriate to client needs. e) An ability to research a wide variety of legal issues and identify relevant facts. f) An ability to begin developing a network of professional relationships.
4. GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY THE LAWS AND STANDARDS GOVERNING LAWYERS IN THE EXERCISE OF PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO CLIENTS, THE PROFESSION, AND THE COURTS.	a) An understanding of defining features of the legal profession, including professionalism, professional membership, professional governance, and the roles and relationships in which attorneys serve. b) An understanding of the values that define their professional identity, govern their professional relationships, and inform their judgments. c) An ability to successfully pass the Professional Responsibility course and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. d) An ability to recognize common ethical problems and resolve them using applicable professional standards.

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5. CONSISTENT WITH THE CHRISTIAN MISSION OF THE LAW SCHOOL, GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN A PROFESSIONAL LIFE DEVOTED TO SERVING CLIENTS AND BENEFITTING SOCIETY.	a) A commitment to professional service through participation in activities such as student organizations, clinical work, field placements, and pro bono service. b) An understanding of service opportunities available to members of the legal profession, including the roles and responsibilities of lawyers in overcoming barriers to access to justice. c) A commitment to ongoing service to the legal profession. d) A commitment to service to their communities. e) An ability to work and serve collaboratively with others.

LEARNING OUTCOME & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) CERTIFICATE

LEARNING OUTCOME FOR THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) CERTIFICATE	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA <i>Certificate holders will demonstrate achievement of this outcome by exhibiting:</i>
STUDENTS COMPLETING THE ADR CERTIFICATE WILL, IN ADDITION TO THE J.D. DEGREE PROGRAM OUTCOMES, UNDERSTAND AND BE ABLE TO EMPLOY ADR PROCEDURES.	a) A knowledge of non-litigated dispute resolution options; b) An ability to identify appropriate dispute resolution options for particular circumstances; c) A knowledge of and an ability to use various negotiation bargaining styles and techniques; and d) An ability to mediate general civil disputes, including writing mediated settlement agreements.

LEARNING OUTCOME & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR THE LL.M. IN ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION¹

LEARNING OUTCOME FOR THE LL.M. IN ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA <i>Graduates of the LL.M. in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution degree program will demonstrate achievement of this outcome by exhibiting:</i>
GRADUATES OF THE LL.M. IN ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEGREE PROGRAM WILL UNDERSTAND AND BE ABLE TO UTILIZE ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES.	a) A knowledge of the range of litigated and non-litigated dispute resolution options; b) An ability to identify appropriate dispute resolution options for particular circumstances; c) A knowledge of and an ability to use various negotiation bargaining styles and techniques; and d) An ability to employ trial advocacy skills.

¹ The LL.M. in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution only is available to students who will complete the degree program by May 2019.

LEARNING OUTCOME & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR THE LL.M. IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION²

LEARNING OUTCOME FOR THE LL.M. IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA <i>Graduates of the LL.M. in Dispute Resolution degree program will demonstrate achievement of this outcome by exhibiting:</i>
GRADUATES OF THE LL.M. IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEGREE PROGRAM WILL UNDERSTAND THE THEORY UNDERPINNING NON-LITIGATED AND LITIGATED DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES AND BE ABLE TO UTILIZE VARIOUS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES.	a) A knowledge of the range of litigated and non-litigated dispute resolution options; b) An ability to identify appropriate dispute resolution options for particular circumstances; c) A knowledge of and an ability to use various facilitation and mediation techniques and negotiation bargaining styles; and d) An understanding of the cognitive and emotional aspects of the escalation/de-escalation of disputes.

² The LL.M. in Dispute Resolution is available to students who apply on or after August 1, 2017.