

JURIS DOCTOR: DANIEL WEBSTER SCHOLAR HONORS (J.D.)

<https://law.unh.edu/academics/daniel-webster-scholar-honors-program>

Description

The Daniel Webster Scholar (DWS) Honors Program is practice-based program designed to make students client-ready upon graduation. Students admitted to the program take six DWS-specific courses that involve substantial simulation. These courses are Pretrial Advocacy; Trial Advocacy; Negotiations and Dispute Resolution; Business Transactions; a miniseries covering six areas, including Family Law, and Conflict of Laws; and a client counseling capstone course that integrates and builds upon the skills the students have already learned through the program.

Students apply to the program at the end of their 1L year and begin in the Fall 2L semester. Students who participate in the program do not take the traditional bar examination but rather are evaluated for bar admission based on their performance during the two-year program—the program itself serving as a variant of the bar examination.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
LCR 905	Criminal Law	3
LGP 909	Civil Procedure	4
LGP 918	Constitutional Law I	3
LGP 900	The Legal Profession	1
LGP 920	Contracts	4
LGP 952	Property	4
LGP 960	Torts	3
LSK 921	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I	3
LSK 922	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II	3
Perspectives Course		
LPI 912	Fundamentals of Law Practice	3
or LIP 944	Fundamentals of Intellectual Property	
Upper Level Required Courses		
LDWS 901	DWS Trial Advocacy	3
LDWS 902	DWS Business Transactions	3
LDWS 903	DWS Miniseries	2
LDWS 904	DWS Negotiations & ADR	3
LDWS 905	DWS Capstone	2
LDWS 942	DWS Pretrial Advocacy (Satisfies Upper Level Writing)	4
LBS 907	Business Associations I	3
LGP 924	Evidence	3
LCR 906	Criminal Procedure: The Law of Criminal Investigation	3
LGP 921	Constitutional Law II	3
LGP 951	Professional Responsibility	3
Upper Level Perspectives Courses		
LGP 903	Administrative Process	3
or LBS 932	Personal Income Taxation	
Upper Level Writing Requirement		2
Upper Level Experiential Learning Requirement		6
Daniel Webster Scholar Honors students must complete six credits of experiential course work in either a Legal Residency or Clinical work and studies		
Elective Courses		11
Total Credits		85

Degree Plan

First Year

Fall		Credits
LGP 909	Civil Procedure	4
LGP 920	Contracts	4
LSK 921	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I	3
LGP 900	The Legal Profession	1
LGP 960	Torts	3
Credits		15

Spring

LGP 918	Constitutional Law I	3
LCR 905	Criminal Law	3
LPI 912	Fundamentals of Law Practice	3
or LIP 944	or Fundamentals of Intellectual Property	
LSK 922	Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II	3
LGP 952	Property	4
Credits		16

Second Year

Fall

LDWS 942	DWS Pretrial Advocacy	4
LGP 921	Constitutional Law II	3
LGP 951	Professional Responsibility	3
or LGP 924	or Evidence	
LGP 903	Administrative Process	3
or LBS 907	or Business Associations I	
LBS 932	Personal Income Taxation	3
Credits		16

Spring

LDWS 901	DWS Trial Advocacy	3
LDWS 903	DWS Miniseries	2
LDWS 904	DWS Negotiations & ADR	3
LGP 951	Professional Responsibility	3
or LGP 924	or Evidence	
LGP 903	Administrative Process	3
or LBS 907	or Business Associations I	
Credits		14

Third Year

Fall

LDWS 902	DWS Business Transactions	3
LCR 906	Criminal Procedure: The Law of Criminal Investigation	3
Legal Residency or Law Clinic		6
Elective Courses		0-5
Credits		12-17

Spring

LDWS 905	DWS Capstone	2
Legal Residency or Law Clinic		6
Elective Courses		4-9
Credits		12-17
Total Credits		85-95

Student Learning Outcomes

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- Legal analysis and reasoning: Graduates will be able to identify, comprehend, and apply the relevant substantive and procedural laws to solve a legal issue, informed by an understanding of the diversity of viewpoints on and contexts for any issue.
- Written and oral communication: Graduates will be able to present material effectively in these formats for both objective analytical and advocacy purposes across a range of settings, including in the courtroom.
- Professionalism: Graduates will be able to act in an ethical, respectful, and self-aware manner with all other stakeholders, including clients, employers, and the court.
- Legal research: Graduates will be able to navigate and assess relevant legal authorities using appropriate tools.
- Public service: Graduates will be able to contribute productively to strengthening the justice system, with a sensitivity toward the needs of people facing societal barriers.
- Problem solving: Graduates will be able to engage in focused and pragmatic collaboration toward goals.
- Client counseling and management: Graduates will be able to provide trustworthy and responsive action upon clients' matters.
- Factual investigation and analysis: Graduates will be able to implement a strategic plan for information-gathering, which includes the ability to iterate on the plan as needed, and evaluate the results of the information obtained.