

RESIDENCY AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1** The Degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred upon:
- (a)** Students who have satisfied the entrance requirements and have successfully completed the full course of instruction, consisting of all first-year required courses and not less than 60 hours beyond the first year (including all second-year required courses and the professional skills course requirement); and upon
 - (b)** Students who, having been regularly admitted to advanced standing, have satisfactorily completed that part of the course for which they were not given credit on entrance. Such students must have completed at least the final two semesters in residence. (See also Rules 2.1 - 2.5)
- 7.2** A student admitted with no advanced standing is required to complete at least six semesters in residence in order to qualify for a degree.
- 7.3** Second- and third-year students must carry a schedule of at least 10 semester hours in order to earn a semester of residency. (See also Rule 6.2.)
- 7.4** Upon a showing of extraordinary personal hardship, a student who has senior standing with a grade average of at least 2.0 will be granted permission to attend another AALS accredited law school for the purpose of completing his or her third year of law school. Hours completed at that school with a grade of "C" (or equivalent) and above will be applied toward the graduation requirements at Creighton University. The student will remain subject to Creighton University Law School's Academic Rules, including Rule 2.2 (more than 13 hours failure rule).
- 7.5** No more than three semesters of residency and no more than 45 credit hours may be transferred from another ABA approved law school. No credit shall be transferred for any course in which a grade of less than C was received. Grades received at another law school shall not be counted in ascertaining the student's cumulative law school average at Creighton. (See also Rule 5.4.)
- 7.6** All full-time students must register for at least 10 hours of Law School course work during six consecutive Fall and Spring Semesters and complete the requirements for a J.D. degree in three years. During one of a student's last four Law School semesters, a combined degree program student may take at the partnering school or college all or part of the 10 hours required to be classified as a full-time law student. However, in order for the semester to count towards the six semester residency requirement under Rule 7.2, the student in the combined degree program must pay full-time law school tuition regardless of how many law hours the student takes. All part-time students must enroll in consecutive Fall and Spring Semesters and complete the requirements for the J.D. degree in not more than six years. Exceptions to this normal progression rule may be granted by the Dean, on a prior written request for a leave of absence. A student who

does not enroll for a semester and who has not received the Dean's permission to take a leave of absence will be withdrawn from the Law School.