

SJD Degree Timeline



YEAR ONE *residency*

- in consultation with Faculty Advisor, develop and submit Semester Progress Plan (available on SJD Program Blackboard site) at start of each semester;
- enroll in or audit WCL courses if deemed necessary by Advisor;
- meet with Advisor for guidance at least twice per semester;
- enroll in and complete WCL Research Seminar if deemed necessary by Advisor;
- attend AU dissertation workshop on main campus;
- begin research;
- attend all SJD Program roundtables, informal presentations, and oral defenses;
- complete and submit Certification of Completion of Residency Requirements form (available on Blackboard site) to SJD Program at end of first year.

YEAR TWO *research/writing*

- in consultation with Advisor, develop and submit Semester Progress Plan at start of each semester;
- continue research and writing;
- meet with Advisor for guidance at least twice per semester (telephone meetings OK for remote students);
- meet with key research librarians at Pence Law Library to identify relevant library resources and discuss research strategies;
- deliver informal research presentation (if not already done at end of Year One);
- attend all SJD Program roundtables, informal presentations, and defenses;
- assist Advisor in identifying candidates for Dissertation Examination Committee (consult *SJD Program Policies* for details).

YEAR THREE *writing/editing/defense*

- in consultation with Advisor, develop and submit Semester Progress Plan at start of each semester;
- meet with Advisor for guidance at least twice per semester (telephone meetings OK for remote students);
- attend all SJD Program roundtables, informal presentations, and defenses;
- submit dissertation review draft to Advisor (adhere to *Checklist for WCL SJD Dissertation Completion*, available on Blackboard site);
- incorporate Advisor's edits;
- submit penultimate dissertation draft to full Examination Committee, incorporate feedback, and obtain Committee's written approval to proceed to defense;
- arrange dissertation defense with Advisor and SJD Program administrators (*scheduling must be initiated at least two months in advance*);
- submit final dissertation.

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