FACULTY OF LAW

Revisions to the Diplôme de Français Juridique

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The Diplôme de Français Juridique is a three-year limited-enrollment program offered in conjunction with the JD program. It is administered by the Faculty of Law in cooperation with the Department of French Studies.

Open only to students registered full-time in the Faculty of Law, this program is designed to meet the needs of students who have a background in French and who wish to achieve a high level of fluency in written and spoken French for professional reasons.

Structure of the Program
The program is administered on behalf of the Faculty of Law by a Director appointed by the Faculty of Law. The program is designed to be completed at the same time as the JD program. Students who successfully complete the Diplôme program and the JD program are entitled to receive the JD degree and the Diplôme de Français Juridique. Throughout the program, a student is ~~deemed to be~~ registered in the Faculty of Law.

Application and Registration
Application for admission to the program may be made ~~by applicants~~ ***after acceptance in***to the first year of the JD program. Application forms are available from, and should be submitted to, the Faculty of Law***'s Admission Office***. The only entry date for the program is at the commencement of a student's JD program.

~~Applicants must meet with the Director of the program at the commencement of the JD program. They will be informed by the Director if they are tentatively admitted.~~ ***Admission to the program will be approved by the Director.*** Students must satisfactorily complete the French proficiency exam prior to being admitted to the program. ~~The exam is to be completed prior to registering in any course in the French Department.~~ Details about the writing of the proficiency exam are available from the Faculty of Law***'s International Programs Office***.

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Program of Study
Year One
In the first year, students complete the regular first year JD program (with the exception of ~~(i) Foundations of Canadian Law and (ii)~~ Legal Ethics and Professionalism) and take ~~French 2900~~ ***French 2905A/B (Language and Reading) and 2906 A/B*** (Language ~~Grammar~~ ***and Expression***). ~~In exceptional circumstances, a student who has not taken French 1900E or French 1910 may be permitted by the Director to take French 1910 instead of French 290, in which case the latter course must be taken during the summer following first year, in addition to the regular summer program described below.~~

A student who has already taken French 290~~0~~***5/2906(or the equivalent)*** may be admitted to the program, in which case another French course selected by the Director, in consultation with the Department of French Studies, will be substituted for French 290~~0~~***5/06***.

Summer Following Year One
During the summer following Year ~~1~~***One***, students attend Western's Trois-Pistoles Summer School and ~~take French 2410E (French Canadian Civilization) French 3270F and 3271G (Culture and Literature in Society: Quebec and French-Canada~~ ***enrol in a 3000 or 4000-level course as approved by the Director.***

Year Two
In second year, students take ~~Foundations of Canadian Law,~~ Legal Ethics and Professionalism, three upper-year core curriculum law courses, at least ~~two~~ ***three*** credit hours of elective courses, a January Term law course, Law 5735 (Français Juridique) and six credit hours in Law or law-related courses taught in French, whether in the French Studies Department, the Faculty of Law, or any other department of the University with the approval of the Director.

Year Three
During one term, students must ***apply for and be approved to*** ~~attend the Faculty of Law, L'Université Laval in The University of Western Ontario/Laval University Law Exchange Program (or an equivalent~~ ***participate in a*** French language law exchange program~~)~~, and ~~take~~ ***successfully complete a fulltime*** course~~s~~***load as*** approved by the Director. During the other term, students take at least ~~four~~***fif***teen credit hours in the Faculty of Law.

The Year Two and Year Three Faculty of Law courses must include the ~~two compulsory~~ upper-year ~~courses and at least three core group courses~~ ***compulsory and core course requirements of the JD program.***

Progression Standards
The normal progression standards applicable to the JD program apply to the ***Diplôme*** program.

Special Exceptions
Students who are unable to take part in the summer language program at Trois-Pistoles may substitute such other equivalent experience as may be approved by the Director. The sequence of the course pattern can be altered with the permission of the Director.

Revisions to the JD Program Upper-Year Curriculum

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In first year, students take ~~seven~~ ***six*** required courses: Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law; Legal Ethics and Professionalism; ~~Foundations of Canadian Law;~~ Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy; Property and Torts. These are full-year courses except Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy (Fall and January terms only).

Students in their second and third years must take fourteen to sixteen course credit hours in each term, with a minimum of twenty-nine hours and a maximum of thirty-one hours in the two terms combined; students may take more than thirty-one credit hours only with the permission of the Associate Dean (Academic).

Students must, after first year, take Civil Procedure, Corporate Law, ***Administrative Law*** and ~~three~~***two*** of the following courses: ~~Administrative Law,~~ Evidence, Income Taxation, Public International Law, and Trusts.

The regular winter term in the Faculty of Law is divided into two terms. The January Term runs for the four weeks after classes begin in January. Students enrolled in first year will work exclusively in small groups developing research, writing, and advocacy skills during the January Term.

Students in second and third year will select one from a range of optional January courses. These options are ordinarily restricted to no more than twenty-five students, and offer a major writing or other active learning component. Students will fulfill their remaining course requirements for the year during the Spring Term.

In second or third year a student must take at least one course that requires a written essay worth at least two credit hours.

Note: In each of second and third years, a student may take courses outside the Law School up to the equivalent of six credit hours, but no more than four such hours in any one term. The approval of the course instructor and the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Law must be obtained.