



Minimum Number of Classroom Credits Required for Graduation

- A. **Introduction:** Beginning with the class entering in summer 2005, of the 88 credit hours required for graduation, a student pursuing a J.D. degree in either the full-time or part-time program must complete a minimum of 65 credits (or approximately 45,000 minutes) of regularly scheduled coursework at the College of Law, in order to meet American Bar Association standards adopted in 2004. Students should be aware that not all credits they may take for graduation will count toward this 65-credit requirement.
- B. **Credits that do count toward the requirement:** Credits that do count toward the required 65 credits include credits earned through a regularly scheduled classroom course (except as noted below); a seminar; a course toward the J.D. degree taken at another law school, if approved in advance by the College of Law's Associate Dean of Academics; a qualified foreign study program offered by the College of Law or approved in advance by the College of Law's Associate Dean of Academics or Associate Dean of International and Cooperative Programs; and a clinical course that is conducted under the direct supervision of a full-time College of Law faculty member and that includes a significant classroom instructional component.
- C. **Credits that do not count toward the requirement:** Credits that do not count toward the required 65 credits include those earned through participation on the law review or another law journal; moot court; trial team, client skills board; participation in an advocacy competition; a course in another department of Stetson University, including MBA classes; independent research; directed study; and an internship or externship; a course that is called a clinic but that is not conducted under the direct supervision of a full-time College of Law faculty member or that does not include a significant classroom instructional component.
- D. **Questions:** Students who have questions about whether a particular course does or does not count toward the required 65 credits should speak with the Associate Dean of Academics or the Registrar.
- E. **Class sessions:** This policy does not require that College of Law faculty members hold class sessions for any specified number of sessions or minutes.
- F. **Relationship to Requirements for Degree Policy:** All students seeking the J.D. degree must complete 88 credit hours to graduate. This Minimum Classroom Credit policy does not alter the Requirements for Degree Policy, but rather clarifies that within those 88 credits, a student must complete at least 65 classroom credit hours.

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