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Study Plan for 2-Year Juris Doctor (with Common Law LLB)

Students admitted from AY2025/2026 are required to pass a total of 84-86 units of courses as follows:

Year of Study (NUS Semester)	Course List	Course Units	Semester Load	Cumulative Units
Year 1/ 1 st semester (Sem 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5003 Law of Contract¹ LCJ5004 Law of Torts LCJ5015 Legal Analysis, Research & Communication LCJ5025 Singapore Law in Context 	8 8 4 4	20	20
Year 1/ 2 nd semester (Sem 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5001 Criminal Law LCJ5003 Law of Contract¹ LCJ5007 Constitutional & Administrative Law LCJ5005A Ethics Refresher Seminar I 	8 8 8 0	20	40
Year 2/ 3 rd semester (Sem 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5008 Company Law LCJ5011 Evidence LCJ5014 Principles of Property Law 	8 8 8	24	64
Year 2/ 4 th semester (Sem 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5006 Equity & Trusts LCJ5009 Pro Bono Service² LCJ5012 Trial Advocacy or LCJ5013 Corporate Deals LCJ5005B Ethics Refresher Seminar II Civil Law Elective Law Electives 	8 0 4 0 4-5 4-5	20-22	84-86 ³

JD students read courses with prefix LCJ (compulsory course) and LLJ (elective course). Courses in green are taught year-long and courses in blue are electives. Some compulsory courses must be read in the earlier semesters as they are prerequisites to other courses.

Students may apply to substitute compulsory courses with elective courses if they have read courses with overlapping content in their LLB or equivalent qualifications. Approval is at the Faculty's discretion. Write to lawgrad@nus.edu.sg before Year 1/1st semester to enquire.

- Year-long courses are taught over two semesters and the course units will be split across both semesters. Year-long courses must be read from Semester 1 of an academic year.
- Students will be automatically enrolled for LCJ5009 Pro Bono Service from Year 1 or 1st Semester of study and are expected to complete the requirements by Year 2 or 4th Semester of study:
 - In the first three semesters of study, the course will be graded 'IP' if it remains incomplete or 'CS' upon completion.
 - From the 4th semester of study, the course will be graded 'CU' if it remains incomplete or 'CS' upon completion.
 - Students will not be able to graduate if the course is graded 'CU' by the end of the graduating semester, even if they have completed the other requirements.
- Students are only allowed to complete up to 86 units of courses and will be required to drop any courses in excess.