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Study Plan for 3-Year Juris Doctor

Students admitted from AY2025/2026 are required to pass a total of 120-124 units of courses as follows:

Year of Study (NUS Semester)	Course List	Course Units	Semester Load	Cumulative Units
Year 1/ 1st semester (Sem 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5003 Law of Contract¹ LCJ5004 Law of Torts LCJ5016 Legal Analysis, Research & Communication¹ LCJ5025 Singapore Law in Context 	8 8 8 4	20	20
Year 1/ 2nd semester (Sem 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5001 Criminal Law LCJ5002 Introduction to Legal Theory LCJ5003 Law of Contract¹ LCJ5016 Legal Analysis, Research & Communication¹ 	8 4 8 8	20	40
Year 2/ 3rd semester (Sem 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5008 Company Law LCJ5014 Principles of Property Law LCJ5010 Legal Systems of Asia <u>or Civil Law Elective²</u> 	8 8 4-5	20-21	60-61
Year 2/ 4th semester (Sem 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5006 Equity & Trusts LCJ5007 Constitutional & Administrative Law LCJ5009 Pro Bono Service⁴ LCJ5012 Trial Advocacy <u>or</u> LCJ5013 Corporate Deals LCJ5005A Ethics Seminar I 	8 8 0 4 0	20	80-81
Year 3/ 5th semester (Sem 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5011 Evidence <u>Law Electives including Civil Law Elective³</u> 	8 12-15	20-23	100-104
Year 3/ 6th semester (Sem 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCJ5005B Ethics Seminar II <u>Law Electives</u> 	0 20-23	20-23	120-124 ⁵

JD students read courses with prefix LCJ5 (compulsory course) and LLJ5 (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.

1. *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.*
2. *Students must complete at least one Civil Law Elective as a graduation requirement.*
 - *It is recommended that they read LCJ5010 Legal Systems of Asia (LSA).*
 - *Students who choose not to read LSA may replace it with a Civil Law Elective but should note that the prerequisites for some Civil Law Electives stipulate the completion of core compulsory courses such as Company Law. Students should consult the Director of the JD Programme when in doubt.*
3. *Students who have read a Civil Law Elective in Year 2 may read any Law Electives instead.*

4. *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.*
5. *Students are only allowed to complete up to 124 units of courses and will be required to drop any courses in excess.*