DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.)

Program Requirements

As a rule, students in the S.J.D. program spend their first year in residence at Dickinson Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, during which time they will enroll in the Research Methods Seminar and any other course that their Faculty Advisors deem appropriate, all on a Pass-Fail basis. They will also work on research and writing toward their Candidacy Submissions.

By the end of the individuals' first academic year in residence but no later than the second semester of the second academic year in residence, students in the program will submit their "Candidacy Submissions," which shall include a chapter of their dissertation proposals, or equivalent papers, along with detailed bibliographies and outlines of their entire dissertations and orally present those to their respective Candidacy Committees.

Learn more information about the S.J.D. degree requirements, including the timelines for those requirements (https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/sjd-degree-requirements/).