



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW

# S.J.D. | Doctor of Juridical Science

## Get a world-class legal education at the KU School of Law.

Complete your studies at one of the few schools in the United States to offer a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) degree. KU Law's S.J.D. program is designed for students who are interested in deep legal research and writing. Graduates go on to careers as senior public officials or legal scholars. Candidates must hold either a basic law degree (LL.B.) and a master's in law (LL.M.), or a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school.

## Program Outline

### First Year (16 credits):

- 6 credit hours of coursework in fall/spring
- S.J.D. First-Year Seminar
- Begin work on S.J.D. dissertation
- Complete Interim Review

### Second Year (4 credits):

- Advanced S.J.D. Seminar in fall/spring
- Continue to research and write dissertation

### Third Year (2 credits):

- Complete S.J.D. dissertation

## Dissertation

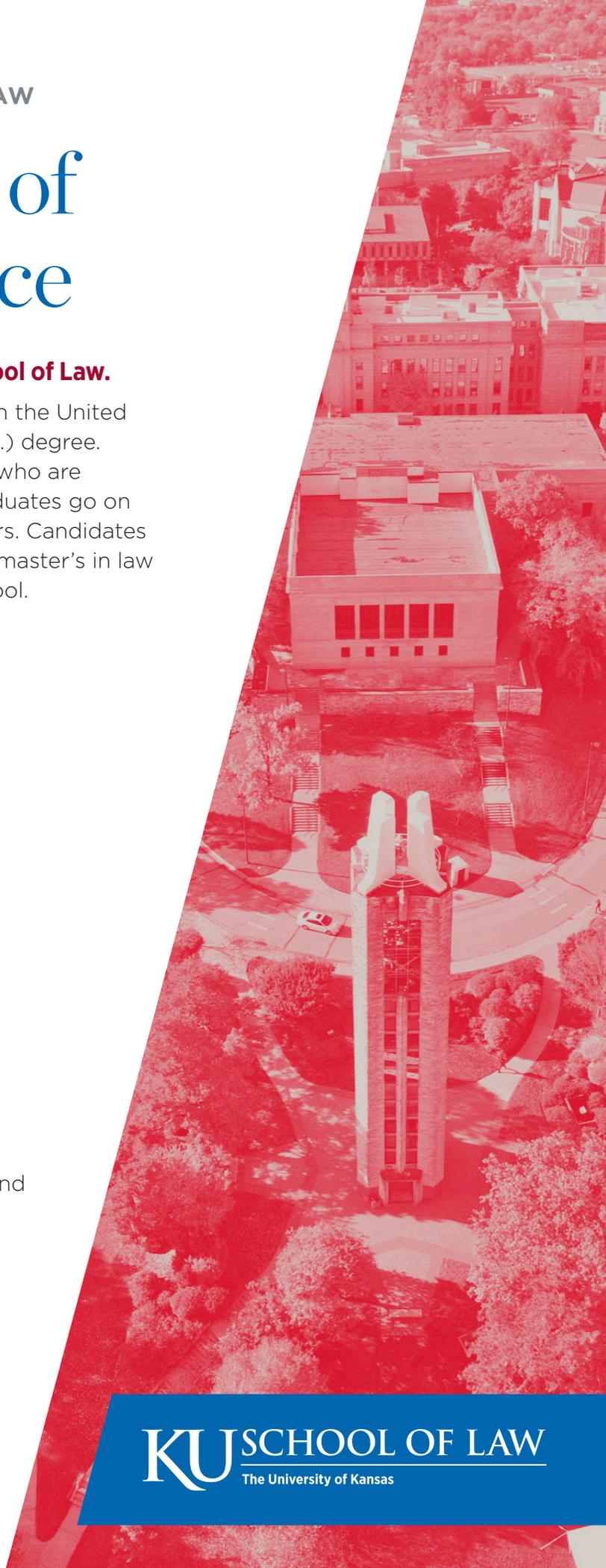
S.J.D. candidates compose a thoughtful, original dissertation proposal before beginning their studies. Students research, write and defend their dissertation with the support of faculty advisors and a dissertation committee.

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# WHY KU LAW: S.J.D. HIGHLIGHTS

## FACULTY CONNECTION

The S.J.D. cohort at KU Law is small, which means the program can be designed specifically to meet students' needs. First-year candidates enroll in an S.J.D. Seminar course that provides an introduction to the American legal system and academic writing. During a second-year Advanced S.J.D. Seminar, students conduct research and writing for their dissertations.

## EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

KU Law consistently ranks among the top law schools in the U.S. for faculty scholarship. Our professors are experts in their fields who are recognized nationally and internationally for their research.

## INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The KU School of Law is an integral part of the University of Kansas, the state's flagship research institution. KU belongs to the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), a group of 62 American and Canadian schools that represent the highest levels of higher education. Other AAU members include Harvard, Stanford, UC-Berkeley and MIT.

## GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

KU Law S.J.D. graduates become part of a community of more than 8,000 Jayhawk lawyers. S.J.D. graduates work in prominent academic and government positions in China, India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Japan.

## AFFORDABLE PRICE

KU Law is regularly ranked as one of the top value for-money schools in the U.S. Graduates receive an excellent, practice-ready legal education, and not overwhelming debt.

## LOCATION

Lawrence, Kansas is a safe, historic college town with a population of nearly 100,000. Just 40 miles east of Lawrence is Kansas City, offering shopping, entertainment and an international airport with direct flights to both coasts and most major U.S. cities. The state capital, Topeka, is 20 miles west of Lawrence.



## RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Personalized Academic Advising

Each S.J.D. candidate is assigned a faculty committee chair when they're admitted to guide the process of researching and writing a dissertation.

### One-to-One Career Coaching

International students at KU Law enjoy full access to the law school's Career Services Office. The office helps connect students to training, resources and knowledge to help them advance their legal careers. Additionally, S.J.D. students receive faculty guidance on topics including teaching, researching and publishing.

### KU International Support Services

As the main resource for KU's international population, International Support Services (ISS) serves students throughout their KU career. ISS services include cultural events, a student resource coordinator, and immigration advisors. [iss.ku.edu](https://iss.ku.edu)

### Supplemental English Assistance

S.J.D. candidates also enjoy access to the resources of KU's Applied English Center. KU Law works with the Center to offer programming for international students, in addition to the personalized attention all our students receive from faculty and staff. [aec.ku.edu](https://aec.ku.edu)