

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE  
COLLEGE/SCHOOL OF LAW CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG*  
*2018-2020* or *LAW SCHOOL CATALOG 2018-2020***

**TYPE OF CHANGE:**<sup>1</sup>     Academic Change  
     Degree Program Change (THECB<sup>2</sup> form required)

**PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION:**<sup>3</sup>     Exclusive     General     Major

**1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.**

- Is this a new degree program? Yes  No
- Is this program being deleted? Yes  No
- Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes  No
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes  No

**2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE: THIS CHANGE INTRODUCES A NEW GRADING POLICY FOR STUDY ABROAD COURSES.**

**3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program   | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) |   |

**4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:**

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes  No   
If yes, then how would you do so? .....
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:

If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: No.

If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? No.

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc>

If yes, explain:

#### 5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: 9/7/17

Approved by whom: Asst. Dean Elizabeth Bangs

College approval date:

Approved by whom: Assoc. Dean Robert Chesney

Dean approval date:

Approved by whom: Dean Ward Farnsworth

#### PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:<sup>4</sup>

### Registration on the Pass Credit /Fail Basis

In general, students receive letter grades in law courses. The dean may determine that pass-credit/fail grading is preferable for a course. Courses that will be offered only on the pass credit/fail basis or for which pass credit/fail grading is an option will be announced before registration. The School of Law may limit the number of credits that a student can accumulate on a pass credit/fail basis.

A non-law graduate student who enrolls in a law school course offered for a letter grade may register on the pass credit/fail if permitted to do so by his or her graduate adviser.

In designated classes only, a law student may change registration in a class from the pass credit/fail basis to the letter-grade basis or from the letter-grade basis to the pass credit/fail until the deadline given in the Academic Calendar.

Study Abroad courses are offered on the Credit/No Credit basis.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/degree-program-changes> for detailed explanations.

<sup>2</sup> Submit required Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board forms to the provost's office ([lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu)); downloadable from URL <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/theccb-forms>

<sup>3</sup> **EXCLUSIVE:** of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is *seven calendar days*); **GENERAL:** of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*); *major* legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*).

<sup>4</sup> The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at:

<http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>

**Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes, and do not include hyperlinks in the catalog copy.** Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at [fc@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:fc@austin.utexas.edu). For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, [fc@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:fc@austin.utexas.edu), 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, [brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu), 475-7654.