



## SAMPLE DEGREE AUDIT

### Student Degree Detail – Ralphie “The Buffalo” (123456789)

#### Notes and Reminders

- Incomplete coursework is not included in total credit calculation.

#### Basic Details -Student

- First Name: Ralph
- Preferred Name: Ralphie
- Last Name: The Buffalo
- Student ID: 123456789
- Class Level: 1L

This degree audit is meant to be a guide and is not an official record. It assumes successful completion of all coursework currently in progress. Students are responsible for reading, understanding, and following the Law School Rules to meet all degree requirements. Degree audits do not cover dual degrees or certificates at this time.

#### Basic Details – Degree/Certificate

- Degree/Certificate Name: JD – 89 Credit Hours
- Degree/Certificate Description: 89 Credit Hour JD-Normal
- Credit Hours Earned: 16 completed + 14 enrolled = 30 completed after current term and future enrolled terms/89 required (59 needed)
- GPA: 3.3

#### Missing Requirement Summary

Requirement Name	Requirement Description	Credit Hours Needed
JD - 2L/3L Course - Evidence (LAWS 6353 or 6363)	Completion of Evidence Requirement	3
JD - 2L/3L Course - Legal Ethics (LAWS 6103)	Completion of Legal Ethics Requirement	3
JD - 2L/3L Seminar (LAWS 8XXX)	Completion of Seminar Requirement	2
JD - Experiential Learning Requirement	Completion of Experiential Learning Req.	6
Required Credit Hours	Minimum Credit Hours Not Currently Met	59

#### Cap Summary

Cap Name	Cap Description	Credit Hours / Cap
JD - 14 Credit Hour Cap	14 Credit Hour Cap	0 / 14
JD - 7 Hours Between Barristers' Council and Comp.	7 Hour Sub-Cap B/T BC, Moot, and Mock Trial	0 / 7
JD - 10 Hours Between Journals, Comp., and Barristers' Council	10 Hour Sub-Cap for Journals, Comp., and BC	0 / 10

#### Sub-Cap Summary

Sub-Cap Name	Sub-Cap Description	Credit Hours / Cap
JD - Sub-Cap - Externships	Externships	0 / 7
JD - Sub-Cap - Ind Legal Research	Independent Legal Research	0 / 3
JD - Sub-Cap - Journals Only	Sub-Cap for Journals	0 / 6
JD - Sub-Cap - Non-Law Courses	Non-Law Courses	0 / 6

Students at Colorado Law must complete the required 1L curriculum during their first year of law school. This includes the following courses and results in 31 completed credits after the first year. This does not include any optional 1L electives a student may take in their first year.

**Fall Semester:**

Civil Procedure (LAWS 5303)  
Contracts (LAWS 5121)  
Legal Writing I (LAW 5226)  
Legislation and Regulation (LAWS 5205)  
Torts (LAWS 5425)

**Spring Semester:**

Constitutional Law (LAWS 6005)  
Criminal Law (LAWS 5503)  
Legal Writing II (LAWS 5223)  
Property (LAWS 5624)  
Foundations of Legal Research (LAWS 5646), required starting Fall 2024

**Graduation Requirements:**

To receive a Juris Doctor degree, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete at least 89 total credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater.
- All degree requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of “D minus” or greater.
- Complete all required courses in the first-year (1L) curriculum as well as Legal Ethics and Professionalism (LAWS 6103), Evidence LAWS 6353 or 6363, one seminar course (designated as LAWS 8000-8999).
- Complete at least six credits in clinics, externships or courses designated as “simulation courses.” Only four of the six credits may be earned through externship coursework.

**Credit Caps:**

- Students must earn a minimum of seventy-five out of the required 89 credits from regular class sessions. The Law School Rules limits the number of courses and activities which do not have a significant classroom component such as journals, competitions, and externships. Clinics do not count towards the 14-credit cap.
- Up to total 14 credits may be earned through journals, competitions, independent legal research, courtroom observation courses, externships, graduate coursework through CU or at another department/school/university.

**Further considerations for the 14-credit cap:**

- Up to **five credits** can be counted for competitions, or up to seven if two of those credits are for Barristers’ Council.
- Up to a total of **ten credits** can be counted between journal, competition, and Barristers’ Council credit.
- Up to **three credits** can be counted for independent legal research (requires prior planning and approval).
- Up to **six credits** for non-law, graduate-level coursework that is pre-approved. A minimum grade of a “B” must be earned in the course, which is then converted to a “pass” on the law school transcript.
- Up to four externship credits can be earned in a semester and up to **seven total externship credits**. Alternatively, it is possible to do a single seven or ten-credit externship at a Colorado or national/international site with prior approval.
- There is not a limit on the number of pass/graded courses a student can take and count towards graduation. However, many pass/graded courses are part of the 14-credit cap.

Keep the 14-credit cap rules in mind as you plan your law school coursework. Credits earned in excess of any of these caps will NOT count towards the 89 needed to graduate. For example, if you take 16 credits worth of “14-credit cap coursework” only 14 will count towards graduation and you will need to take two additional credits in uncapped courses to graduate.

**Non-Law Courses:**

Students who wish to take graduate-level, non-law coursework must complete a complete petition by the announced deadline. The course must be non-duplicative of offered law school courses, but related to the study of law. Undergraduate courses, music, gym, or other subjects not related to law cannot be petitioned. Students should carefully consider their ability and willingness to take a graduate-level, non-law course before submitting a petition.

**Study Abroad Considerations:**

Coursework through a study abroad exchange program is not subject to the 14-credit cap. However, students who choose to attend another ABA-approved law school (non-exchange program) may do so with prior approval, but the coursework is subject to the 14-credit cap. Students who do this must also take a leave of absence from Colorado Law while they are visiting a different law school. Consult the Law Registrar before pursuing any study abroad opportunities.

**Maximum Term Enrollment:**

The Law School Rules do not permit students to enroll in more than 18 credits at a time. Fallsession and wintersession courses do not count towards that semester's 18-credit cap IF the faculty member requires all coursework to be complete before the start of the fall or spring semester. Example: It is possible for students to take up to 20 total credits spring term if they take LAWS 6109 Trial Advocacy (2 credits) as a pre-term course followed by 18 credits for the full semester. Wintersession Trial Advocacy is part of spring term/spring tuition.