



Republic of the Philippines
 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)

No. 17

Series of 2008

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES RELATIVE TO THE OFFERING OF THE BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B) PROGRAM AND JURIS DOCTOR (JD) DEGREE PROGRAM

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and pursuant to **Commission en banc Resolution No. 104-2008**, and to ensure correct interpretation on the offering of the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree program and Juris Doctor (JD) degree program, the following are issued:

1. The Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree program and Juris Doctor (JD) degree program are both professional degree programs. The JD degree program follows an enriched law curriculum where courses are expanded to include both the core bar subjects and elective subjects designed to allow students to specialize in certain fields of law and it requires a thesis. For purposes of clarity and guidance, *the Model Law Curriculum under DECS Order No. 27 series of 1989 and the JD curriculum presently offered by institutions authorized by the CHED to offer JD program are hereby provided (please find attached comparison of curriculum for LL.B. and JD);*

No. of Units	JD program of University of Batangas	JD program of Ateneo De Manila University	LL.B. Model Curriculum (DECS Order No. 21, s. 1989)
<i>First Yr- 1st Sem</i>	<i>18 units</i>	<i>19 units</i>	<i>15 units</i>
<i>First Yr- 2nd Sem</i>	<i>18 units</i>	<i>19 units</i>	<i>15 units</i>
<i>Second Yr- 1st Sem</i>	<i>18 units</i>	<i>18 units</i>	<i>15 units</i>
<i>Second Yr- 2nd Sem</i>	<i>17 units</i>	<i>18 units</i>	<i>17 units</i>
<i>Third Yr- 1st Sem</i>	<i>19 units</i>	<i>20 units</i>	<i>18 units</i>
<i>Third Yr- 2nd Sem</i>	<i>21 units</i>	<i>20 units</i>	<i>16 units</i>
<i>Fourth Yr- 1st Sem</i>	<i>24 units</i>	<i>19 units</i>	<i>18 units</i>
<i>Fourth Yr- 2nd Sem</i>	<i>19 units</i>	<i>20 units</i>	<i>18 units</i>
TOTAL	154 units	153 units	132 units

2. Both Bachelor of Laws degree and Juris Doctor degree are not Doctorate degree or Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. They are both basic law degrees and are qualified to pursue Master of Laws program. However, pursuant to **CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, Series of 2002**, a holder of the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree or of a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree who has successfully passed the Bar Examination conducted by the Supreme Court of the Philippines and has taken his/her oath or has been admitted to the practice of law may be considered as having the equivalent of a Master's Degree for the purpose of evaluating qualification for promotion and in determining compensation;
3. Graduates of Bachelor of Laws degree and Juris Doctor degree may avail themselves of the benefits of academic equivalency granted by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

For information and guidance of all concerned.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2008, in the Pasig City, Philippines.

For the Commission:


ROMULO L. NERI
Chairman

COMPARISON OF JD PROGRAM AND LL.B. PROGRAM

JD PROGRAM OF UNIVERSITY OF BATANGAS			JD PROGRAM OF ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY			MODEL CURRICULUM DECS ORDER No. 27, s. 1989					
FIRST YEAR											
1ST SEM COURSE	UNIT	2ND SEM COURSE	UNIT	1ST SEM COURSE	UNIT	2ND SEM COURSE	UNIT	TOTAL			
Constitutional Law 1	3	Constitutional Law 1	3	Introduction to Law & Legal Research	2	Obligations and Contracts	5	Persons & Family Relations	4	Obligations & Contracts	5
Criminal Law 1	3	Criminal Law 2	3	Persons & Family Relations	4	Constitutional Law 2	3	Constitutional Law	3	Criminal Law II	3
Introduction to Law & Legal Research	2	Labor Law 2	3	Constitutional Law 1	3	Criminal Law 2	3	Criminal Law 1	3	Constitutional Law II	3
Labor Law 1	2	Legal Ethics	2	Criminal Law 1	3	Labor Law 2	3	Legal Profession	1	Legal Writing	2
Persons & Family Relations	4	Legal Writing	2	Labor Law 1	3	Legal Technique and Logic	2	Legal Research	2	Legal Ethics	2
Philosophy of Law & Legal History	2	Obligations & Contracts	5	Philosophy of Law	2	Legal Writing	2	Statutory Construction	2		
Statutory Construction	2			Statutory Construction	2	Theology and the Law	1				
				Legal Profession	1						
TOTAL	18	TOTAL	18	TOTAL	19	TOTAL	19	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
SECOND YEAR											
Criminal Procedure	2	Administrative Law	2	Criminal Procedure	2	Civil Procedure	4	Property	4	Negotiable Instruments Law	3
Forensic Medicine	1	Agency	1	Negotiable Instruments	3	Corporation Law	4	Land Titles & Deeds	1	Credit Transactions	3
Land Titles & Deeds	1	Banking Laws	2	Property	4	Taxation 1	2	Sales	2	Administrative Law	2
Law on Public Corporation	2	Civil Procedure	4	Sales	2	Administrative law, Law on Public Officers & Election Laws	3	Criminal Procedure	2	Civil Procedure	4
Negotiable Instruments	3	Copyright & Intellectual Property	2	Security Transactions	3	Agency	1	Labor Standards	2	Transportation	2
Property	4	Legal Accounting	2	Land Titles	1	Public Intl. Law	2	Elective/Practicum I	2	Public International Law	2
Sales	2	Public International Law	2	Forensic Medicine	1	Legal Ethics	2	Elective II	2	Elective/Practicum II	1
Security & Credit Transactions	3	Taxation 1	2	Social Philosophy	2						
		Transportation	2								
TOTAL	18	TOTAL	17	TOTAL	18	TOTAL	18	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	17

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JD PROGRAM OF UNIVERSITY OF BATANGAS			JD PROGRAM OF ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY			MODEL CURRICULUM DECS ORDER No. 27, s. 1989					
1ST SEM COURSE	2ND SEM COURSE	UNIT	1ST SEM COURSE	2ND SEM COURSE	UNIT	1ST SEM COURSE	2ND SEM COURSE	UNIT			
THIRD YEAR											
Insurance	Agrarian Laws and Social Legislations	2	Succession	Evidence	4	Succession	Business Organization	4			
Legal Counseling	Conflict of Laws	2	Taxation II	Special Proceedings	3	Legal Counseling	Evidence	4			
Partnership	Corporation Law	2	Insurance	Transportation	2	Business Organization (PAT)	Torts & Damages	2			
Succession	Election Law	4	Partnership	Conflict of Laws	2	Taxation I	Legal Reforms	1			
Admiralty	Evidence	2	Torts	Legal Forms	2	Labor Relations	Taxation II	3			
Taxation 2	Legal Forms	3	Fundamentals of Thesis Writing	Problem Areas in Legal Ethics	1	Insurance	Problem Areas in Legal Ethics	2			
Torts	Special Proceedings	2	Electives	Electives	6	Elective/Practicum III					
Trial technique	Thesis Writing	2									
TOTAL	TOTAL	19	TOTAL	TOTAL	20	TOTAL	TOTAL	18			
FOURTH YEAR											
Arbitration Laws and Collective Bargaining	Civil Law Review 2	2	Civil Law Review I	Civil Law Review II	4	Civil Law Review I	Civil Law Review II	4			
Civil Law Review 1	Commercial Law Review	4	Constitutional Law Review	Commercial Law Review	4	Constitutional Law Review	Remedial Law Review	4			
Constitutional Law Review	Practice Court 2	4	Criminal Law Review	Remedial Law Review	4	Criminal Law Review	Commercial Law Review	4			
Corporate Practice	Real State Transactions	2	Practice Court 1	Practice Court II	2	Legla Medicine	Conflict of Laws	2			
Criminal Law Review	Remedial Law Review	4	Electives	Electives	5	Labor Law Review	Practice Court II	2			
Labor Law Review	Taxation Law Review	3				Elective/Practicum IV	Elective	2			
Practice Court 1		2				Practice Court I					
Thesis Writing 2		3				(Practicum V)					
TOTAL	TOTAL	24	TOTAL	TOTAL	19	TOTAL	TOTAL	18			
GRAND TOTAL NO. OF UNITS			154 Units			153 Units			132 Units		