

Columbia Law School

JD Guidelines for completing the Certificate of Attendance section of the NYS Bar Examination Application

The applicant's study of law at an ABA approved law school must satisfy the eligibility requirements of Section 520.3 of the NY Rules of the Court of Appeals. Therefore, applicants will need to answer specific questions about the number of credits they completed in various types of offerings, including professional responsibility, clinical coursework, field placement programs, and externships.

While completing the Certificate of Attendance section, applicants should review the following:

1. [Instructions for Juris Doctor Applicants for Completion of Questions on Bar Exam Application](#)
2. Transcript via Degree History in [Lawnet](#)
3. Degree Requirement Status (DRS) in [Lawnet](#)

Certificate of Attendance Questions:

Question 1: ABA Law School (school where JD was awarded)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Question 2: Credit Awarded toward the Juris Doctor degree

This information can be found by viewing your DRS.

✓ Minimum Academic Points

Required	Completed	In Progress
84	72	12

Add these two numbers for total
i.e. $72 + 12 = 84$

84 (or more)

Question 3: *Did you receive transfer credit from attendance at the U.S. campus another law school (either ABA-approved or unapproved)?*

Answer YES if you completed your 1L studies at another Law School. Otherwise, answer NO.

3a. *If yes, what U.S. Law School?*

Provide U.S. Law School Name

3b. *If yes, how many total credit were accepted for transfer?*

This information can be found by viewing your transcript via Degree History.

32 (or fewer)

The screenshot shows a web interface for a law school transcript. On the left, there is a search bar with 'Student name: [hidden]' and a list of semesters: Spring 2019, January 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, January 2018, and Fall 2017. On the right, there is a 'print this page' icon and a button labeled 'Print JD Program Transcript' circled in blue. Below this, a text box says 'Select Print JD Program Transcript to view full transcript with transfer points.' The main content area is titled 'COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL GRADES' and shows 'Juris Doctor Program :'. Under 'Transfer Credits:', there is a table with columns for 'Course' and 'Credit'. The courses listed are Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Moot Court, Property, and Torts. The 'Total Transfer Points: 32.0' is circled in red. A red line connects this circled text to the '32 (or fewer)' answer box above.

Question 4: *Were you admitted to the JD program with advanced standing based on prior law School study in a foreign country?*

Answer YES if you were admitted through the London LL.B./JD or LL.M./JD Dual Degree Program. Otherwise, answer NO.

Question 5: Credits Awarded for Stand-Alone Professional Responsibility Course(s)

This information can be found by viewing your DRS and transcript via Degree History.

✓ Professional Responsibility Course

Required	Completed	In Progress
1	1	0

Courses counted toward that requirement:

Course ID	Course Title
Fall 2018	
LAW -L6367 -001	Professional Responsibility for the Transactional Lawyer

← Review transcript to confirm law points.

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Question 6: Credits Awarded for Clinical Coursework in Law School (Rule 520.3[c][2])

This information can be found by viewing your DRS.

✓ Minimum Academic Points

Required	Completed	In Progress
84	70	14

Limits/Restrictions on Non-Classroom Credits:

- Non-Regularly Scheduled Classes
- Clinics, Externships and other Non-Regularly Scheduled Classes ← Expand selection
- Faculty-Directed Reading Groups

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Clinics, Externships and other Non-Regularly Scheduled Classes

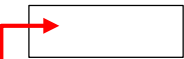
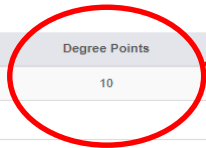
Maximum Points	Registered Points	Degree Points
30	19	19

☰ Courses

☑ Clinical Courses ← Expand selection

Maximum Points	Registered Points	Degree Points
None	10	10

☰ Courses



Question 7: Credits Awarded for Field Placement Programs or Externship (Rule 520.3[c][3])

This information can be found by viewing your DRS.

7a: Credits Awarded, if any, for a Classroom Instructional Component of Field Placement Program or Externship.

This information can be found by viewing your DRS.

Externships  Expand selection

Maximum Points	Registered Points	Degree Points
None	9	9

Courses  Expand selection

Course ID	Course Title	Registered Points
Spring 2018		
LAW -L6793 -001	S. Immigration Law and the Family Court Act	2.0
LAW -L6793 -002	S. Immigration Law and the Family Court Act - Fieldwork	3.0
Fall 2017		
LAW -L6792 -001	Externship: Bronx Defenders on Holistic Defense	2.0
LAW -L6792 -002	Externship: Bronx Defenders on Holistic Defense - Fieldwork	2.0

Add the points of all classroom instructional components (section 1 of each course).



Question 8: Credits Awarded for Joint Degree Courses or Other Non-Law Courses Taught Outside of the Law School (Rule 520.3[c][5]).
This information can be found by viewing your DRS.



Non-Regularly Scheduled Classes

Maximum Points	Registered Points	Degree Points
20	9	9

Courses

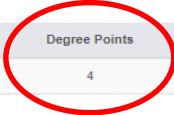
Service as Teaching fellow

Supervised work on upper-level Moot court

Independent work on Journals or upper-level Moot court

Non-law courses  Expand selection

Maximum Points	Registered Points	Degree Points
12	4	4



Courses

Research as Unpaid Faculty Assistant

Supervised Research

Externships - Fieldwork

Question 9: Did you receive credit for any coursework conducted by Distance Education?

NO

Based on the April 21, 2020 [Court Order](#) announced by the Court of Appeals, Spring 2020 courses that were converted to distance education do NOT need to be counted towards the 15-credit hour limitation on distance education courses contained in section 520.3[c][6][i].

9a. If yes, how many credits were awarded for Distance Education courses (this includes live audiovisual or online web-conferencing, correspondence or pre-recorded lectures)? (See Rule 520.3[c][6])

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Question 10: Number of Calendar Months for Completion of Juris Doctor degree (520.3[d][4]).

10a. Enter the month and year the applicant first commenced the study of law whether at your current law school or at another law school from which you received transfer credit.

Enter August 2017 if you commenced your law studies at Columbia Law School.

Otherwise, enter the month and year you commenced your law studies at your first law school.

10b. Enter the month and year the applicant completed all coursework for the Juris Doctor degree.

Note this is NOT necessary the same as the month of graduation.

All students graduating in May 2020 should enter May 2020.

Probono Scholars should enter June 2020.