

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (JSD)

2019

An applicant must submit the following:

1. JSD application, dated and signed. You may access the application through a link online at www.law.ua.edu/apply. The Admissions Committee encourages you to apply in the fall to ensure time to process visas and other special documents.
2. US \$40 Application Fee (made payable to The University of Alabama). You may pay by check, money order, or Visa, MasterCard, and Discover online. Do not send cash. This fee cannot be waived and is non-refundable. If paying by credit card, please pay online: <http://www.law.ua.edu/jsdappfee>.
3. Transcripts, certificates, and diplomas from all colleges and/or universities that you have attended, including transcripts, certificates, and diplomas from the institution(s) that conferred your first degree in law and your LLM degree (or from the institution that will confer your LLM degree, if you are currently enrolled an LLM program). It is recommended that applicants use the LLM CAS International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service in addition to the Document Assembly Service. LSAC requires an additional fee for this service. However, official transcripts, certificates, and diplomas from all institutions that you have attended may be sent directly to the Law School. If sent to the Law School, these must come directly from each educational institution and must be certified by the dean or registrar of each institution and translated in English.
4. Résumé. Please attach a résumé describing your academic and professional background. Please list any scholarly publications or other original work you have published.
5. Personal Statement. Please submit a statement of your background, of why you wish to enroll in the JSD Program, and of your career expectations.
6. Plan of Study and Dissertation Topic Proposal. Please submit a plan of study and a description of the topic of your proposed dissertation. Include the names of one or two University of Alabama School of Law faculty members who have agreed to supervise your dissertation. The Admissions Committee and the Director of International Programs are available to assist you in identifying faculty members who may agree to supervise your proposed dissertation. You may also be asked to submit an example of scholarly work.
7. Provide at least two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic or scholarly qualifications. The letters must be sent directly to the Law School Admissions Office or to LSAC to include in your LLM CAS. If you attended the University of Alabama School of Law International LLM Program, the letters of recommendation for your LLM application fulfill this requirement if you have been out of the program for less than a semester (excluding summer sessions) at the time of application. If you have been out of the International LLM Program at this Law School longer than a semester, you must submit two letters of recommendation from recommenders different than those submitted for your LLM application.
8. Completed I-20/DS-2019 Request Form. Please read all instructions very carefully. This document is available under the International LLM section of the Law School website at http://international.ua.edu/files/2017/09/I-20_DS-2019_Request_Form.pdf. This document is submitted directly to the Law School Admissions Office.
9. Supplementary page providing details if you answer Yes to any portion of the Disciplinary and Criminal History section. If you have questions about any part of this section, please call the Law School Admissions Office. You should be aware that state bar associations may require disclosure of all criminal matters and may consider these matters in bar admissions decisions. In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

10. Official TOEFL report or IELTS score if language of instruction was not English. The TOEFL report must come directly from Educational Testing Services (ETS). The scores may be sent to LSAC to include with your LLM CAS file or directly to the Law School Admissions Office.
11. Copy of the front and back of your resident card or your visa, whichever is applicable.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that all required materials are received by the Admissions Office no later than May 1, 2019.