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Transfers between the JD and JD/JID Programs

This memo addresses: (1) Transfer from the JD/JID Program to the JD Program and (2) Transfer from the JD Program to the JD/JID Program.

(1) Transfer from the JD/JID Program to the JD Program

The JD/JID program is a cohort based, limited enrollment and resource intensive program. It is the Faculty's expectation that students who enroll in the JD/JID program are committed to completing the four years of the program. At the same time, the Faculty recognizes that there may be extenuating circumstances that arise in a student's life after they begin the program. The Faculty has established a process for JD/JID students, who have completed their second year, to apply to transfer to the JD program. The operative section of the [*JD/JID Transfer Policy*](#) provides:

4.1 JD/JID students in good standing may apply to the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations and the Director, JD/JID program to transfer from the JD/JID into the JD once they have completed the first two years of the JD/JID.

4.2 Students applying to transfer from the JD/JID program to the JD program must demonstrate that extenuating circumstances have arisen during the course of their studies in the program and that transfer is justified because of health reasons, physical disability, exceptional family or financial hardship or other personal circumstances.

4.3 If the transfer application is approved by the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations and the Director, JD/JID program, the student will be deemed to have obtained standing in each of the first two years of the JD program, and will transfer into the third year of the JD program. The student will receive full credit for all the courses taken in the first two years of the JD/JID program.

If you are a 2L JD/JID student and are considering transferring to the JD program, please contact the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations (lawassoc@uvic.ca) to discuss your situation and to obtain advice regarding the application process.

There is currently no established process for transfer from the JD/JID program after 1L as JD/JID students take their first year contracts and torts courses in their second year of the program.

Please direct all questions about transferring to the JD program to the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations (lawassoc@uvic.ca).

(2) Transfer from the JD Program to the JD/JID Program

There is currently no established process for transfer from the JD program to the JD/JID program. A student who has completed 1L in the JD program will not have taken their Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Property Law courses transsystemically and cannot transfer into 2L in the JD/JID program. Transfer to the JD/JID Program, even if permitted on an exceptional basis, would likely require that a student retake the 1L transsystemic courses.

Please direct all questions about the possibility of transferring to the JD/JID program to the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations (lawassoc@uvic.ca).

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