

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.)

Admission Requirements

The S.J.D. program at Penn State Dickinson Law is highly selective with limited admission each year. In order to be accepted into the S.J.D. degree, applicants must have already earned an LL.B., B.A., or J.D. degree in law, or its equivalent, from a duly accredited or recognized national or international institution of higher education, as well as either an LL.M. degree from Dickinson Law or another American Bar Association-accredited law school in the U.S. or a duly accredited or recognized foreign law faculty, or another degree equivalent to at least a master's degree in law.

For admission into the S.J.D. Program, each applicant must be matched with a primary faculty supervisor responsible for overseeing their dissertation research. Thus, submitting a comprehensive research proposal that aligns with the expertise of a Dickinson Law faculty member is essential. Applicants should indicate their interest in a co-supervisor at the time of application. For a list of faculty members currently supervising S.J.D. students or interested in accepting new S.J.D. students, please consult Supervising S.J.D. Faculty (<https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/academics/sjd-program/supervising-faculty>).