

## **Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Psychology Joint Degree Program**

Under the joint degree program, a student can obtain both degrees in less time than it would take to obtain each degree if pursued consecutively. Essential criteria relating to the joint degree program are as follows:

1. Candidates for the program must meet the entrance requirements for and be accepted by both Colleges. Both Colleges must be informed by the student at the time of application to the second program that the student intends to pursue the joint degree.
2. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned one degree.
3. For law students, enrollment in the M.S. program is required no later than the completion of 63 credit hours in the J.D. program. For M.S. students, enrollment in the J.D. program is required no later than the third semester after beginning the M.S. program. For purposes of this paragraph, a summer session is counted as half a semester.
4. A student must satisfy the curriculum requirements for each degree before either degree is awarded. The College of Arts and Sciences will allow 9 credit hours toward the M.S. degree for successful completion of 9 credit hours of upper level law school electives from a list of courses approved by the Chair of the Department of Psychology. These 9 credit hours of law classes will be in lieu of 9 hours of courses required for the M.S. degree with the specialization in Legal Psychology as approved for each student by the Legal Psychology faculty committee, but not to include the required statistics classes of Proseminars. If the student is pursuing a non-thesis M.S. with the specialization in Legal Psychology, 6 of the 9 credit hours of law classes will be in lieu of the six credit hours normally allotted to the thesis. Reciprocally, law students may receive 9 hours of credit toward the satisfaction of the J.D. degree for courses taken in the M.S. curriculum upon completion of the M.S. degree curriculum with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
5. A student enrolled in the joint degree program may begin the student's studies in either College, but full-time law students must take the first two semesters of law study consecutively and part-time students must take the first three semesters of law study consecutively. Students admitted to one College but electing to begin study in the other College under the joint degree program may enter the second College thereafter without once again qualifying for admission so long as they have notified the second College before the end of the first week of the first semester in the second College and are in good academic standing when studies commence in the second College.
6. A student enrolled in the joint degree program will not receive either degree until the student has satisfied all of the requirements for both degrees, or until the student has satisfied the requirements of one of the degrees as if the student had not been a joint degree candidate.
7. Students in the joint degree program will be eligible for the graduate teaching assistantships and research assistantships in the College of Arts and Sciences on the same basis as other M.S. students, subject to the guidelines and restrictions set by the College of Arts and Sciences