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## Request and Report to Suspend Admission to a Degree, Major, Concentration, or Minor

**Temporary Suspension** – A request to suspend admission to a program for a semester, year, or more. Please fill out this form.

**Permanent Suspension (Non-Admission Designated Program)** – A request concerning a program that does not directly admit students. For example, the program may exist to award a degree to students who are not able to complete the requirements for their original program, but who have met the requirements for the Non-Admission Designated Program. Please fill out this form.

**Suspension of Admission to Eliminate or Replace a Program** – A request from a unit seeking to phase down and eliminate a program. For this request, this is not the appropriate form. Please contact Kathy Martensen for further guidance.

### Required Information for a Request of Suspension of Admission

1. **This proposal is for a (check one):** \_\_\_ Temporary Suspension \_\_\_X\_ Permanent Suspension (Non-Admit)
2. **This proposal is for a Suspension of a (check one):** \_X\_ Degree \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_ Concentration \_\_\_ Minor
3. **Proposal Title:** “Suspension of Admission to \_\_\_Joint Degree Program - JD/MS in Chemistry\_\_\_\_\_”
4. **Effective Catalog Term:** Fall 2021
5. **Sponsor Name (Department Head or Center Director):** Catherine Murphy
6. **Sponsor Email:** murphycj@illinois.edu
7. **College Contact:** Kelly Ritter
8. **College Contact Email:** ritterk@illinois.edu

### Justification of the Suspension

9. **Give a brief description of why the suspension is requested:** After discussion with our colleagues in Law, we decided to suspend the rarely used JD/MS joint degree program.
10. **If a temporary suspension, what is the anticipated duration of the suspension of admission?**

### Suspension Information

11. **Desired effective term and year for the suspension:** Fall 2021
12. **How many students are in the program now?** 0
13. **If a temporary suspension, are there plans to direct prospective students to a different program during the suspension period?** Yes / No
14. **Indicate any advising or other impact on continuing students in the suspended program:**
15. **How will you ensure that current students in the program will be able to continue their degree progress?**

### Instructional Resources

16. **Will there be any reduction in course offerings, other programs, or other concentrations by your department as a result of this suspension?** Yes / No

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## Instructional Resources (continued)

**17. Does this suspension affect other units on campus? Yes / No**

This is a joint degree program between Law and Chemistry. The decision to suspend admission was agreed jointly between our units. The Law contact is Dr. Virginia Vermillion, Assistant Dean for Academic Administration and Dean of Students. Key reasons for the suspension are as follows. In the past eight years, we have had only one student in the program. With that one student, we discovered that it is very difficult for a student to complete the Chemistry component of the JD/MS in the allotted time while taking a coherent set of Chemistry courses, noting that we have six Chemistry areas that are very different in course materials. For example, that one student had to stay an extra semester to finish, and in the end his courses were not at all a coherent set. We had made a plan for him when he started, but he was unable to take the courses we had selected. The main problem was that the times of the Law and Chemistry graduate courses conflict extensively. In Chemistry we offer each of our graduate courses only once a year and none in summer. Our Chemistry graduate student pool of ~300 consists almost entirely of PhD students, and our offerings works well for these students, so we cannot adjust our offerings to handle the very rare JD/MS student.

**18. Does this suspension affect students outside of the unit? Yes / No**

No current students are affected by this suspension.

**19. Catalog Page Text:** *The text below will appear on the Academic Catalog page for a temporary suspended program unless the sponsoring unit needs alternative text. If that is the case, provide the text below.*

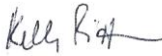
**This program is not accepting applications for academic year(s) XX-XY. Students already admitted to the program will continue under the current requirements [insert hyperlink].**

## Campus Workflow Notification



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Department head / Center director (or designee)

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Scott K. Silverman, Chemistry associate head  
Print name of Department head / Center director  
(or designee)

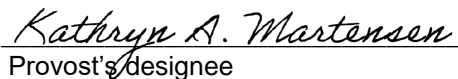


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College



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Graduate College (if graduate program)

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Council on Teacher Education (if teacher licensure program)

  
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Provost's designee

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Senate Committee on Educational Policy

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**Registrar's Office Only:**

Admission to this program is suspended as of \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Term | Year* *Term | Year*



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April 15, 2021

LAS Courses and Curricula Committee  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

To Whom it Concerns:

Please be advised that the University of Illinois College of Law approves the proposal to suspend the Joint Degree Program of Juris Doctor/Masters of Science in Chemistry. The College of Law concurs with the reasons stated in the formal proposal submitted by Chemistry on or about March 2, 2021. We agree with this suspension request for a time period of 5 years (AY 2021-22 through AY 2025-26), after which time the topic will be revisited.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions or any additional steps to suspend this Joint Degree beginning with the AY 2021-22 period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Virginia Vermillion'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Virginia M. Vermillion  
Dean of Students &  
Assistant Dean for Academic Administration