

Program Change Request

Deactivation Proposal

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Viewing: **10KS0335MS &**

**10KU0385JD : JP: Chemistry, MS
& Law, JD**

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Changes proposed by: Scott Silverman

Catalog Pages
Using this
Program

[Law, JD & Chemistry, MS](#)

Proposal Type:

In Workflow

1. **U Program Review**
2. **1413 Head**
3. **SOCS Head**
4. **KV Dean**
5. **University Librarian**
6. **Grad_College**
7. **Provost**
8. **Senate EPC**
9. Senate
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11. Board of Trustees
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13. HLC
14. DMI

Approval Path

1. 11/12/21 2:27 pm
Deb Forgacs
(dforgacs):
Approved for U
Program Review
2. 11/16/21 8:57 pm
Scott Silverman
(sks): Approved
for 1413 Head
3. 11/17/21 8:35 am
Karla Denzler
(denzler):
Approved for
SOCS Head
4. 11/17/21 11:20
am
Stephen Downie
(sdownie):
Approved for KV
Dean
5. 11/17/21 12:41
pm

John Wilkin
(jpwilkin):
Approved for
University
Librarian

6. 12/08/21 2:46 pm

Allison McKinney
(agrindly):

Approved for
Grad_College

7. 12/08/21 5:06 pm

Kathy Martensen
(kmartens):

Approved for
Provost

History

1. Mar 12, 2021 by
Deb Forgacs
(dforgacs)

2. Jun 10, 2021 by
Emily Stuby
(eastuby)

Joint Program (ex. Master of Public Health & PhD. in Community Health)

This proposal is
for a:

Revision

[Phase Down/Elimination](#)

Administration Details

Official Program Name JP: Chemistry, MS & Law, JD

Sponsor College Liberal Arts & Sciences

Sponsor Department Chemistry

Sponsor Name [Catherine J. Murphy](#)

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College Budget
Officer

College Budget
Officer Email

List the role for rollbacks (which role will edit the proposal on questions from EPC, e.g., Dept Head or Initiator) and/or any additional stakeholders. *Purpose: List here who will do the editing work if proposal needs rolled back. And any other stakeholders.*

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

Yes

Interdisciplinary Colleges and Departments (list other colleges/departments which are involved other than the sponsor chose above)

Please describe the oversight/governance for this program, e.g., traditional departmental/college governance. Inclusion of/roles of elected faculty committees? Inclusion of/roles of any advisory committees.

The JD portion of the program is administered by the College of Law. The MS portion of the program is administered by the Department of Chemistry.

College Law

Department Law

Is there an additional department involved in governance?

No

Proposal Title

Effective Catalog Fall 2022
Term

Provide a brief, concise description (not justification) of your proposal.

Eliminate the JD/MS Law/Chemistry joint degree program

List here any related proposals/revisions and their keys. *Example: This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145) and the Concentration B proposal (key 203).*

Program Justification

Why are these changes necessary?

The Law/Chemistry JD/MS joint degree program, administered jointly by the College of Law and the Department of Chemistry, was functionally discontinued in Fall 2021. Currently there are no students in the program. With approval by the campus Senate, we formally suspended admission to the program in April 2021, and after further deliberation and upon request of the OVCR, we now propose to eliminate the program altogether. Enrollment in this JD/MS joint degree program was always quite low, e.g., only one student in the last nine years. 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 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 work well for these students, so we cannot adjust our offerings to handle the very rare JD/MS student. Given all of these considerations, both units now agree that there is insufficient value in retaining this program.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

Does the program include other courses/subjects impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

No

Program Regulation and Assessment

Briefly describe the plan to assess and improve student learning, including the program's learning objectives; when, how, and where these learning objectives will be assessed; what metrics will be used to signify student's achievement of the stated learning objectives; and the process to ensure assessment results are used to improve student learning. (Describe how the program is aligned with or meets licensure, certification, and/or entitlement requirements, if applicable).

N/A

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

"Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source: <https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PrivateAdminRules2017.pdf>). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees, if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

All proposals must attach the new or revised version of the Academic Catalog program of study entry. Contact your college office if you have questions.

Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Text for Overview tab on the Catalog Page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the new catalog page for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Chemistry (may include up to 12 hours of thesis credit)		32
Law		78
Total Hours		122

Other Requirements

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall	12 (8 in CHEM)
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Program Relationships

Identify the existing programs to be joined:

Corresponding Program(s)
Chemistry, MS
Law, JD

Program Features

Academic Level Graduate
 Professional

What is the typical time to completion of this program?

N/A

What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?

N/A

What is the N/A
required GPA?

Is This a Teacher Certification Program?

No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

No

Delivery Method

This program is
available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Institutional Context

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Describe the historical and university context of the program's development. Include a short summary of any existing program(s) upon which this program will be built.

Explain the nature and degree of overlap with existing programs and, if such overlap exists, document consultation with the impacted program's home department(s).

University of Illinois

State of Illinois

Indicate which of the following goals of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Strategic Initiative are supported by this program: (choose all that apply)

Describe how the proposed program supports these goals.

Admission Requirements

Desired Effective Admissions Term Fall ~~2020~~ 2022

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

Describe how critical academic functions such as admissions and student advising are managed.

Enrollment

List the prerequisites including course titles and number of credit hours for each prerequisite course, and whether or not these prerequisites count in the total hours required for the minor.

Number of Students in Program (estimate)

Describe how this revision will impact enrollment and degrees awarded.

Minimal impact (see justification)

Year One Estimate

5th Year Estimate (or when fully implemented)

Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded

Year One Estimate

5th Year Estimate (or when fully implemented)

What is the matriculation term for this program?
Fall

Budget

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Attach letters of support

What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?

No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

No

Resource Implications

Facilities

Will the program require new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities?

No

Technology

Will the program need additional technology beyond what is currently available for the unit?

No

Non-Technical Resources

Will the program require additional supplies, services or equipment (non-technical)?

No

Resources

For each of these items, be sure to include in the response if the proposed new program or change will result in replacement of another program(s). If so, which program(s), what is the anticipated impact on faculty, students, and instructional resources? Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement from faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

Attach File(s) [JD MS Chemistry elimination letterfromCollegeofLaw.docx](#)

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc. Describe how the unit will support student advising, including job placement and/or admission to advanced studies.

Minimal impact (see justification)

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Minimal impact (see justification)

EP Documentation

EP Control Number EP.22.079

Attach
Rollback/Approval
Notices

This proposal No
requires HLC
inquiry

DMI Documentation

Attach Final
Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook
Name
NONE:Chem (MS)/Law (JD)-UIUC (10KS8101NONE)

Program Code: 10KS0335MS & 10KU0385JD

Minor Code	Conc Code	Degree Code	Major Code
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Senate Approval

Date

Senate

Conference

Approval Date

BOT Approval

Date

IBHE Approval

Date

HLC Approval

Date

Effective Date:

Attached

Document

Justification for

this request

Program Reviewer

Comments

Kathy Martensen (kmartens) (11/11/21 12:22 pm): Letter of support from College of Law is attached in the Resources section per request of Virginia Vermillion.

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

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

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.*

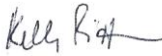
This program is not accepting applications for academic year(s) XX-XY. Students already admitted to the program will continue under the current requirements [insert hyperlink].

Campus Workflow Notification



Department head / Center director (or designee)

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

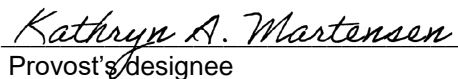


College



Graduate College (if graduate program)

Council on Teacher Education (if teacher licensure program)



Provost's designee

Senate Committee on Educational Policy

Registrar's Office Only:

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



COLLEGE OF LAW

504 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

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.

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



COLLEGE OF LAW

504 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820

November 10, 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 eliminate the Joint Degree Program of Juris Doctor/Masters of Science in Chemistry.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are any questions or any additional steps to eliminate this Joint Degree program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Virginia M. Vermillion'.

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

