

**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM INVOLVING THE  
CIVIC LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION, MASTERS OF ARTS IN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND THE JURIS DOCTORATE,  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND COLLEGE OF LAW**

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

The Masters of Arts/Juris Doctorate joint degree program is a track in the Civic Leadership Program (see attached proposal) that provides qualified students with the opportunity to complete both degrees in just three years of post-baccalaureate study. UIUC students who have been named Civic Leadership Fellows in the fall of their junior year, and who have taken the LSAT by the time they are selected as a Fellow, are eligible for early admission into the College of Law. Students who are admitted into the College of Law still must apply for admission into the Graduate College and fulfill all of the requirements for the undergraduate coursework of the Civic Leadership Program as well as meet all of the requirements for the Political Science master's degree Concentration in Civic Leadership (see attached proposal).

It is possible for the joint degree program to be completed in just three years because the College of Law will recognize up to 12 hours of post-baccalaureate, 400- or 500-level course work taken in fulfillment of the Civic Leadership Program MA requirements. The joint program requires that the first year law program must be taken in its regular sequence. Also, to meet the College of Law's requirements that 78 hours of credit be taken in Law courses, third-year students will enroll in the Civic Leadership Practicum sequence (PS 517 and PS 518- 2 hours each semester) and Interdisciplinary Legal Research (LAW 597- 2 hours each semester) for a total of 8 hours.

The following schematic diagram illustrates the course of study for students pursuing the joint MA/Juris Doctorate degree. This joint course of study was approved by the College of Law faculty at its October 4, 2004 faculty meeting.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The availability of a joint program with the College of Law will provide qualified students with a set of tools and credentials that will enhance the achievement of the Civic Leadership Program' goals, as described in the attached proposals. It will also attract highly qualified students into the Civic Leadership, providing them with opportunities and insights that a normal law program would not.

## **BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

This joint program will be supported with funding from the Civic Leadership Program. See attached proposal.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** upon approval

## **STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:**

### **Political Science**

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## **Graduate Degree Programs**

The Department of Political Science offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of master of arts and doctor of philosophy.

## **Admission**

The Graduate College admission requirements apply for all programs. The student should have a minimum of 20 hours of undergraduate work in political science and cognate disciplines such as economics, psychology, finance, sociology, or history. All applicants are required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and an example of written work. A minimum paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 590 (243 on the computer-based test) is required of all international applicants whose native language is not English. Students are not normally admitted in the spring semester.

## **Graduate Teaching Experience**

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program and is essential for students whose career goals include college teaching.

## **Master of Arts**

Students enrolled in the Ph.D. program can usually earn a Master of Arts in Political Science within one year. It entails the completion of 32 graduate hours and the achievement of a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken. A master's paper is required.

### **Master of Arts- Concentration in Civic Leadership**

Students who have completed undergraduate coursework in the Civic Leadership Program and admitted into the Graduate College can usually earn a Master of Arts in Political Science, with a Concentration in Civic Leadership within one year. It entails the completion of 32 graduate hours and the achievement of a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken. A master's paper is required, which is fulfilled by the completion of a collaborative project undertaken as part of the Practicum in Civic Leadership.

Only UIUC students who have participated in the undergraduate portion of the Civic Leadership Program are eligible for admission in the graduate concentration in Civic Leadership. For information contact the Director, Civic Leadership Program, Department of Political Science.

### **M.A. Political Science, with a Civic Leadership Concentration, and Juris Doctorate Joint Degree Program**

The MA/JD joint degree program is a track in the Civic Leadership Program that provides qualified students with the opportunity to complete both degrees in just three years of post-baccalaureate study. UIUC students who have been named Civic Leadership Fellows in the fall of their junior year of undergraduate study, and who have taken the LSAT by the time they are selected as a Fellow, are eligible for early admission into the College of Law. For information contact the Director, Civic Leadership Program, Department of Political Science.

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

The course of study leading to a Ph.D. in Political Science requires a minimum of three years of full-time study, culminating in the successful defense of a doctoral dissertation. A minimum of 96 graduate hours of academic credit is required, 32 of which may be graduate hours of dissertation research. At least 64 of the 96 graduate hours must be taken in residence.

In addition to meeting Graduate College requirements, the Department of Political Science requires that students complete a "scope and methods"

sequence, acquire proficiency in analytic skills, and demonstrate expertise in several subfields within the discipline. The progress of doctoral candidates is monitored at various points in the program. In addition to an interim evaluation, students must pass a set of qualifying examinations and present a dissertation proposal. Once the doctoral dissertation is completed, the candidate must successfully complete an oral final defense.

Doctoral candidates concentrate in two of three fields of political study: American government and politics, comparative government and politics, and international relations. Expertise in a cognate field and appropriate research methods is demonstrated through advanced coursework.

## Financial Aid

Students accepted into the department's graduate program are eligible to apply for financial aid. Most incoming students with good credentials and continuing students demonstrating satisfactory progress will receive some type of financial aid, but the type and amount will vary. The Department of Political Science provides, on a competitive basis, aid packages up to \$17,000, plus waivers of tuition and some fees. Financial aid is usually a combination of fellowship money and assistantships. Limited amounts of aid are also available for dissertation field research, internships, and the presentation of papers at professional meetings. The University of Illinois is also a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, which provides predoctoral grants to facilitate research in developing countries.

### CLEARANCES:

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Department/Unit Head Date

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Date

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College of Law Date

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Graduate College Date

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Provost Date

## Law and Civic Leadership Course Schedule

### Junior Year

#### Fall Semester

Application, Interview, Admissions

#### Spring Semester

PS 456 Race, Ethnicity and Democratic Politics (3 hours)  
 PS 452 Normative Perspectives on American Politics (3 hours)  
 Economics elective (3 hours)  
 Non Governmental Institutions elective (3 hours)  
 Non-specified elective (3 hours)

### Senior Year

#### Fall Semester

PS 451 Citizens and Democratic Processes (3 hours)  
 PS 453 Ethics, Leadership and Democracy (3 hours)  
 PS 457 Democratic Governance in a Global Setting (4 hours)  
 Policymaking Process elective (3 hours)  
 Communications elective (3 hours)

#### Spring Semester

Internship (12 hours)

#### Summer of Senior Year

Internship

### First Post Baccalaureate Year

#### Fall Semester

First Year Law Curriculum (16 Hours)

#### Spring Semester

First Year Law Curriculum (16 Hours)

### Second Post Baccalaureate Year

#### Fall Semester

Optional Law Course #1 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #2 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #3 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #4 (3 hours)  
 PS 514 Foundations of Organizational Behavior (4 hours)

#### Spring Semester

Optional Law Course #5 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #6 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #7 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #8 (3 hours)  
 PS 515 Analytic Approaches to Problem Solving (4 hours)

### Third Post Baccalaureate Year

#### Fall Semester

Optional Law Course #9 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #10 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #11 (3 hours)  
 PS 455 Political Economy, Social Welfare and Democracy (4 hours)  
 LAW 597 Interdisciplinary Legal Research (2 hours)  
 PS 517 Civic Leadership Practicum, I (2 hours)

#### Spring Semester

Optional Law Course #12 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #13 (3 hours)  
 Optional Law Course #14 (3 hours)  
 PS 458 Technology, Society and Public Policy (4 hours) or substitute  
 LAW 597 Interdisciplinary Legal Research (2 hours)  
 PS 518 Civic Leadership Practicum, II (2 hours)