

**ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES**

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

**SECTION I: Approvals**

Department / Program Chair _____	Date Submitted _____	Graduate Council Chair _____	Date _____
College Dean _____	Date _____	Faculty Senate Chair _____	Date _____
Honors College Dean _____	Date _____	Provost _____	Date _____
Core Curriculum Committee _____	Date _____	Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date _____	
University Course and Programs Committee _____	Date _____	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date _____	

**SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information**

Academic Unit:       Major/Field of Study     Minor       Other Unit \_\_\_\_\_  Policy  
 Level:                 Undergraduate       Graduate       Law      Effective Catalog Year \_\_\_\_\_

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name            **JD**

College, School, Division **LAW**

Department Code **LAWW**

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) **LAWWJD**

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) \_\_\_\_\_

Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program

CIP Code **22.0101**

Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name \_\_\_\_\_

When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

**SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit**

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE  
[http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa\\_academicproposals.aspx](http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx)

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit**

Code/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Catalog Year \_\_\_\_\_

No new students admitted to program after Term: \_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: \_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies**

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: **The School of Law and the School of Social Work will provide the opportunity for a dual degree in J.D. and M.S.W. Students in this dual program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the M.S.W. program. A maximum of 6 hours of approved, unner-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward**

**the M.S.W., and a maximum of 12 hours of approved graduate courses in Social Work may be used as credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about 1 academic year.**

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

## **SECTION VI: Justification**

*Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)*

**The University of Arkansas was an early adopter of interdisciplinary work and continues to be a leader in interdisciplinary research, programs, and dual degree opportunities. Both students and faculty are drawn to interdisciplinary work as it provides a depth and breadth of research topics and projects and more accurately reflects current standards in the profession and the need for a more holistic approach to practice.**

**In keeping with this history, the School of Law and the School of Social Work have jointly developed a dual degree to prepare University of Arkansas students with combined skills in the professional practice of social work and law. The JD/MSW dual degree program is intended for persons who wish to combine social work knowledge and intervention skills with legal knowledge and practice skills to better serve their clients or constituencies. Graduates of this program will be ready to assume positions as leaders in law and social policy.**

**For example, a JD/MSW dual degree graduate may pursue a career as a public defender. While working on criminal matters, the public defender will inevitably be faced with clients whose issues exceed far beyond the confines of the case at hand. Current practice encourages client-centered, holistic representation. The JD/MSW dual degree graduate is trained not only to handle the criminal case but to identify these non-legal issues and connect clients to services that can meet those needs and hopefully reduce the possibility of future contact with the criminal justice system.**

**A JD/MSW dual degree graduate may also choose to work in the area of non-profit management. Social workers frequently staff non-profit agencies and are often chosen as leaders in the non-profit world, working as CEOs, Directors or Managers. JD/MSW dual degree graduates are particularly well suited for these leadership roles. Their social work training provides a deeper understanding of the work of the agency and client services, while their knowledge of the law assists them in making more informed decisions about policy, funding, human resources, and legislative advocacy.**

**The School of Law and the School of Social Work will provide the opportunity for a dual degree in J.D. and M.S.W. Students in this dual degree program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the M.S.W. program. A maximum of 6 hours of approved, upper-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward the M.S.W., and a maximum of 12 hours of approved graduate courses in Social Work may be used as credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about 1 academic year.**

### **Program Objectives**

- 1. To educate practitioners in social work and law to be able to effectively utilize the problem-solving strategies and techniques of both disciplines to the benefit of their clients, their colleagues, and the community.**
- 2. To provide the core curriculum necessary for the education of students in each profession while enabling them to focus on areas of knowledge and practice that correspond to their professional goals.**
- 3. To facilitate integration of the two disciplines through experiential learning opportunities.**
- 4. To promote a philosophy of interdisciplinary collaboration between law and social work professionals and create a**

**4. To prepare practitioners who have a commitment to a human condition that is free from violence, oppression, and discrimination, and that protects and promotes the development of all people.**

**Fiscal Impact**

**No additional fiscal impact as a result of creating of this MSW/JD dual program is anticipated. Students will complete courses already in existence in both programs. No new courses will be created as a result of this proposal. As such, no new faculty lines or additional staff resources are requested at this time. Because the number of students admitted to each program is not expected to change, there will be no change in the number of students in class. Additionally, based on information from other established programs, no more than 2-3 students per year are expected to be admitted to the JD/MSW dual degree program.**

**SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format**

*In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.*

**Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:**

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

**For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.**

**For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.**

**For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.**

**For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.**

**SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office**

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJ \_\_\_\_\_ CIP \_\_\_\_\_ CRTS \_\_\_\_\_

DGRE \_\_\_\_\_ PGCT \_\_\_\_\_ OFFC&CRTY VALID \_\_\_\_\_

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Notification to:

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