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Program Status: **Active**

Academic Level: Law

Type of proposal: **Major/Field of Study**

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours, changing admission/graduation requirements, adding/changing Focused Study or Track)

Are you adding a concentration?
No

Are you adding or modifying a track?
No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?
No

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2020

College/School Code: School of Law (LAWW)

Department Code: Department of Law (LAWD)

Program Code: JD/MA Program

In Workflow

1. **LAWW Dean Initial**
2. **Director of Program Assessment and Review**
3. **Registrar Initial**
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5. **LAWD Chair**
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Alice Griffin (agriffin): Approved for Director of Program Assessment and Review

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Lisa Kulczak
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for Registrar Initial
4. 12/02/19 4:26 pm
Gary Gunderman
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5. 12/03/19 11:39 am
Will Foster
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for LAWD Chair
6. 12/03/19 12:22 pm
Will Foster
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for LAWW Dean
7. 12/03/19 1:11 pm
Jeannie Hulen
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9. 12/03/19 2:41 pm
Terry Martin
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for Provost Review

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Program Title

JD/MA Program

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

Yes

College(s)/School(s)

College/School Name

School of Law (LAWW)

What are the total
hours needed to
complete the
program?

36

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

J.D./M.A. Program

The ~~Department School~~ of Political Science, Law and the Graduate School, and ~~department of political science~~ provide the School of Law cooperate in offering ~~opportunity for~~ a dual degree program that allows a student to pursue the M.A. ~~J.D.~~ in Political Science and the J.D. degrees concurrently.

The program described below requires 36 hours as follows: ~~and M.A. in international law and politics. Students in this program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the Graduate School department of political science.~~ the student selects a) seminars in political science or equivalent courses in other departments approved by the graduate adviser in political science (total ~~A maximum~~ of 24 ~~12~~ hours including -- 3 hours of methods of approved, upper-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward the M.A., and 21 hours other graduate seminars six hours of which may be thesis credit; and b) twelve hours ~~a maximum~~ of elective ~~nine hours of approved graduate~~ courses taken in the law school in an area of concentration approved by the director of the M.A. ~~in political science may be used as credit toward the J.D. program.~~

Students must be admitted to the M.A. program and the School of Law. If a student seeks to enter the dual degree program after enrolling in either the law school or the M.A. program, he or she must obtain admission to the other degree program during the first year of study.

The School of Law accepts nine (9) semester hours of M.A. courses to satisfy requirements for the J.D. degree, which can be chosen from the following courses: PLSC 5503 Comparative Political Analysis, PLSC 5803 Seminar in International Politics, PLSC 5833 Seminar in Contemporary Problems, PLSC 5203 Seminar in American Political Institutions, PLSC 5213 Seminar in American Political Behavior, PLSC 5253 Politics of Race and Ethnicity, PLSC 4833 International Political Economy, and ECON 4633 International Trade. The Associate Dean

for Academic Affairs of the School of Law may approve new or alternative courses proposed to satisfy the requirements of the program for JD credit.

Students admitted to the dual degree program may commence their studies in either the law school or the M.A. program but must complete first year course requirements before taking courses in the other degree program. If they do not maintain the academic or ethical standards of either degree program, students may be terminated from the dual degree program. Students in good standing in one degree program but not in the other may be allowed to continue in the other program in which they have good standing and must meet the degree requirements of that program. If for any reason a student admitted to the dual degree program does not complete the M.A. degree, he or she cannot count nine hours of M.A. courses toward the J.D. degree. Likewise, M.A. students may not be able to count certain law courses if they decide to discontinue their studies in the law school. The J.D. will be awarded upon completion of all degree requirements; the M.A. will be awarded upon completion of the comprehensive examination and all required coursework, as well as the successful defense of a master's thesis, if applicable.

Mandatory Comprehensive Exam: All students will be required to take a written comprehensive examination covering their M.A. program or a six-hour thesis. The comprehensive exam will be graded by at least a three-person faculty committee selected by the M.A. Program Director. Students pursuing the thesis option are not required to take a written examination. Successful defense of their thesis satisfies this requirement.

In addition to the successful completion of all course requirements and a passing grade on the written comprehensive examination (if taken), each student must present a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00.

Thesis Option: Students pursuing the thesis option should consult the graduate coordinator of the political science department. The thesis committee ~~Students in this program~~ must be composed ~~admitted both to the School~~ of faculty members from both the School ~~Law and the Graduate School~~ department of Law and the Department of Political Science. ~~political science~~. Thesis credit is 6 hours.

Internship Option: Students may pursue an internship. Internship credit is variable and depends on the number of hours worked. Students in this option must consult with their J.D. and M.A. advisers. An internship work plan and expected academic work products will be developed.

~~degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about one academic year. The M.A. program offers a six-hour thesis or a paid, six-month internship.~~

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program	1-2 annually
Scheduled Program Review Date	2020-2021 (JD)
Program Goals and Objectives	

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The School of Law and the department of political science provide the opportunity for a dual J.D. and M.A. in law and politics. By taking coursework in both areas, students gain a combination of analytical and research skills applicable to either professional careers in public service or toward a doctoral degree.

Learning Outcomes

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- (1) Demonstrate a general knowledge about trends in both law and political science, including epistemological diversity when studying complex issues;
- (2) Demonstrate the ability to apply that knowledge to specific policy or political contexts by using qualitative and quantitative data, together with case analysis and legal precedent.
- (3) Demonstrate an understanding of local, regional, national, and global trends in areas such as governance and political economy, as well as complex policy issues involving sex, gender, race and ethnicity, class, and more;
- (4) Demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research, formulate arguments (legal and empirical), and communicate the results effectively in both oral and written form.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
<p>We propose broadening the range of graduate coursework in PLSC that can be applied toward the dual degree (9 hours of the JD). In addition to recommending PLSC 5503 Comparative Political Analysis, PLSC 5803 Seminar in International Politics, and PLSC 5833 Contemporary Problems as before, we also recommend: PLSC 5203 American Political Institutions, PLSC 5213 Seminar in American Political Behavior, PLSC 5253 Politics of Race and Ethnicity Seminar in Contemporary Problems, PLSC 4833 International Political Economy, and ECON 4633 International Trade.</p>	<p>In consultation with the Law School this past summer, the PLSC dept faculty seek to accommodate a broader range of student interests/broaden the program's appeal by expanding this dual degree to include coursework in addition to international relations.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/02/19 2:29 pm): Hyper-linked courses to reflect the accurate course title in the catalog text. Also, cleaned up the program requirements field to reflect only the revised requirements. Removed editorial comment of "Longer Description" and previous catalog copy. Both Fulbright College and the School of Law are encouraged to review it to confirm the revisions include the intended copy for the catalog.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/02/19 2:32 pm): Revised scheduled program review date.

Alice Griffin (agriffin) (12/02/19 2:35 pm): Revised user id. Replaced user identification number with user-name.

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