GRADUATE WORK

College graduates, who are also graduates of a law school whose professional standards are equivalent to those required for membership in the Association of American Law Schools, and who give promise of ability to make a creditable contribution to legal scholarship, will, upon application, in the discretion of the Law Faculty, be admitted as candidates for the degree of J.S.D.

One fellowship paying $200 and tuition fees for a year is available to candidates for this degree, and may be awarded to a suitable applicant in the discretion of the Law Faculty. Applications therefor should be made not later than June 15. Directions for making such applications will be sent upon request.

ROUTINE OF ENTRANCE

Applications and correspondence should be addressed to the University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Ill. A student from another institution should present his diploma or certificate of graduation; or, if he does not hold a degree equivalent to three years of college work in the University, he should bring a detailed statement of his work. Blank forms for such statements will be sent upon application. All credentials should be presented at the office of the Dean. In cases of doubt, correspondence is invited upon these matters before the student presents himself for admission. Directions for matriculation and registration will be furnished in the Dean’s office.

DEGREES

Academic degrees.—The University permits 9 majors (one year) of work in the Law School to be counted toward the degree of A.B., Ph.B., or S.B. by candidates for the degree of J.D., who do not already hold degrees which would admit them to the Graduate Schools of the University, whether their preceding college work was taken here or elsewhere, provided only that the college work, if done elsewhere, be acceptable for advanced standing, and that the specific requirements as to courses and quality of work done here for the particular degree sought be satisfied in each case. Subject to these requirements a student admitted with a maximum of 27 majors (three years) of credit from other colleges may obtain a college degree after the completion of one year of law work, but meanwhile must also register with the Dean of the College in which he desires to take this degree, who will determine what steps must be taken to comply with requirements. Part or all of a year’s work in law may be offered in fulfilment of the college requirement for sequences of courses. A circular stating the specific requirements for college degrees will be sent upon application.

A minimum residence of three quarters in the University is required of candidates for academic degrees, and both an academic and a law degree will not be conferred for less than six quarters of residence.

Professional law degrees.—The degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) is conferred upon candidates therefor who are college graduates and have completed the professional course with an average standing 10 points above the passing mark. Law credit obtained here or elsewhere by examinations taken before a student has taken 24 majors of college work will not be counted toward this degree.

The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) is conferred upon candidates therefor who have completed the professional course with an average standing 10 points above the passing mark. Law work done elsewhere by students while inadmissible here for
this degree will be credited toward it only upon examinations taken after they become admissible.

To obtain either of the professional degrees it is necessary to complete 27 majors of law work, distributed over nine quarters of law school residence, of which at least 12 majors of work and four quarters of residence (including the last quarter for which credit is given) must have been at this School and not counted toward a law degree elsewhere. Graduates of approved law schools may obtain a degree in three quarters for 9 majors of work.

Candidates for either of the professional degrees who complete the course with high distinction will receive the degree cum laude.

No professional degree will be conferred upon any student markedly deficient in English, and no student may receive both a first academic and a professional degree in the same quarter.

Graduate law degree.—The degree of Juris Scientiae Doctor (J.S.D.) will be conferred upon candidates therefor upon the fulfilment of the following requirements:

1. At least three quarters of residence at this School, not more than one of which may be a Summer Quarter.
2. The investigation, under the direction of the Faculty, of an approved subject, and the submission of a printed dissertation thereon, which, in the judgment of the Faculty, constitutes a creditable contribution to legal scholarship.
3. The satisfactory completion of such other studies as the Faculty may in each case prescribe.

REGULATIONS

Law students who are candidates for an academic degree from the University must conform to the general rules and regulations governing Senior College students.

In any one quarter first-year students may not register for more than 3 majors, nor other students for more than 3½ majors, of work without the consent of the Dean.

Students may not take examinations (except to remove conditions or for advanced standing) in more than 10½ majors of resident work in any three consecutive quarters.

Examinations upon the work of a former year are counted as of that year.

The work of the first year is required. The second- and third-year courses are elective and need not be taken in any fixed order.

To obtain credit toward a law degree for any work done in the School, students must pass the regular examinations, which are by printed questions to be answered in writing. Examinations in courses continuing more than one quarter will usually be held only at the completion of the course, and credit for the first part of a course is always provisional until its completion. No special examinations will be given, nor will partial credit be allowed for any uncompleted course, or for one in which the student has not passed in the examination. Additional examinations in first-year subjects only will be held the last week in September for admission to advanced standing and for the removal of conditions. Application for admission to these examinations should be made not later than September 15. Other conditions may be removed or advanced standing obtained at the regular examinations.

A student who has had but one examination in a course in which his grade is below the average required for a degree may take a second examination therein whenever it is regularly given, and his second grade shall replace the first. Two successive conditions in a course or a single grade more than 10 points below the passing mark is treated as a failure, and no re-examination in that course is allowed unless it is retaken in class.