The University of Chicago Law School has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since the School was founded in 1902. It has been on the approved list of the American Bar Association since the standards of that association were adopted in 1921.

II. General Statement

The undergraduate curriculum of the Law School is designed to provide the essential training required in preparation for the practice of law, and for scholarly work in law. Emphasis is placed on a knowledge of the history, principles, and purposes of legal institutions, the operation of these institutions in the modern world, and the development of skills of legal craftsmanship. The basic curriculum incorporates the traditional legal fields and disciplines essential to the work of the law. Where relevant and practicable, the data and theories of the social sciences are used to further the study of law. The usual, although not exclusive, form of instruction is the case method; emphasis is also placed on individual instruction through a legal writing and research program that is required of every student. Opportunity for specialization is provided in the second and third years of each student's program. The graduate program is planned to provide opportunity and guidance for research in law. A special graduate program exists for foreign students whose undergraduate law training has not been primarily in the field of the common law and who desire to do research in comparative law, and for graduates of American law schools who seek training in the civil law. The research work of the School is intended to further the knowledge of legal institutions, to enrich the instructional program of the School, and to contribute to the administration of justice.

III. Suggestions for Pre-legal Study

The Law School does not require that applicants for admission present college credit in any specified subjects. A broad general education is thought more important for the student of law than specialized study in fields closely related to law.

Such a general education should include study of the social sciences, including economics, political science, and history; the humanities, especially philosophy and literature; and the elements of physical and biological science and mathematics. It is also of great importance that a law student should have acquired habits of precision, fluency, and economy in writing and speaking.

A suggested reading list for students interested in the study of law is available from the Dean of Students of the Law School.

IV. Admission of Students

All applications for admission are subject to the approval of the faculty. The first-year class in the undergraduate (J.D.) program is limited to approximately 140 students.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE UNDERGRADUATE (J.D.) PROGRAM

Application for admission to the J.D. Program may be made by students who will have received a Bachelor's degree from an approved college prior to beginning their study in the Law School. It is not required that applicants for admission present college credit in any specified subjects.

Students are selected principally upon the basis of their college records, the material
furnished in their applications for admission, and the results shown on the Law School Admission Test. In special cases a personal interview with the applicant may be required. Preliminary questions concerning admission to the Law School and requests for copies of the application form should be addressed to the Dean of Students, The Law School, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Completed applications, official transcripts of all college and university records, and letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Law School.

Arrangements should be made by applicants to take the Law School Admission Test administered by the Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau St., Princeton, New Jersey. The results of this test should be reported directly to the Dean of Students, The Law School, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637. The Law School Admission Test will be given at selected locations throughout the country on November 14, 1964; February 13, 1965; April 10, 1965; and July 17, 1965.

Graduates of an approved law school whose studies have been primarily in the common law may apply for admission to the third year of the undergraduate school as candidates for the J.D. degree.

Graduates of an approved foreign law school whose studies have not been primarily in the common law may apply for admission as candidates for the J.D. degree in regular course. The requirements for this degree may be met in part for such students by the recognition of credits not to exceed 45 course hours (11 ¾ units), if performance in residence demonstrates the effective value of the student’s work in a foreign system.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE GRADUATE (L.L.M.) (J.S.D.) PROGRAM

Application for admission to the graduate (LL.M.) (J.S.D.) program is limited to students who are the holders of a first degree in law from an approved law school, whose undergraduate work has been primarily in the common law, and who are qualified for advanced research in law. The degree of Master of Laws (L.L.M.) is awarded only to students who have been admitted to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.S.D.).

Application for admission must be made upon a form obtained from the Dean of Students, The Law School, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Graduates of an approved foreign law school whose studies have not been primarily in the common law may apply for admission to the program designed to give a one-year introduction to Anglo-American law. Upon completion of this program, such students will be given a certificate of attendance and a certificate for courses successfully completed.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE GRADUATE (M.COMPL.L.) (D.COMPL.L.) COMPARATIVE LAW AND FOREIGN LAW PROGRAMS

Application for admission to the Graduate (M.Compl.L.) (D.Compl.L.) Comparative Law and Foreign Law programs is limited to the following students:

1. For the Graduate Comparative Law Program, those students who are graduates of an approved foreign law school, and whose previous training, though not in the common law, qualifies them to undertake advanced research in law.
2. For the Foreign Law Program, those students who will have received a first degree in law from an approved American law school prior to beginning their studies in the Foreign Law Program.

Application for admission to the Graduate Comparative Law and Foreign Law programs must be made upon a form obtained from the Dean of Students, The Law School, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

V. Requirements for Degrees

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.) is awarded to students who (1) have been in residence for nine full quarters; (2) have shown by their standing in course examinations and by their individual investigations and reports a mastery of the fields for which they receive the requisite units of credit; (3) have shown an adequate mastery of English; and (4) have successfully completed the work in the elective seminars or equivalent individual work approved by the faculty. A single course unit is the equivalent of four hours per week for one quarter. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete 12 or more course hours (3 course units). Credit for 135 course hours (33 3/4 course units) and the maintenance of the required academic standing are needed for graduation. The degree of Doctor of Law, cum laude, is awarded to candidates who have satisfied the requirements with distinction. Graduates of an approved law school admitted as candidates for the J.D. degree must be in residence for three full quarters, have received credit for 44 course hours (11 course units), and have maintained the required academic standing.

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

The degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) is awarded to students who have completed with distinction the residence work required for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence and, after submission and approval of a detailed outline and partial draft of a dissertation, have been admitted to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence.

The degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.S.D.) is awarded to students who have been in residence for three full consecutive quarters, have completed their studies with distinction, and, after admission to candidacy for the degree, have submitted a dissertation that is accepted by the faculty as a creditable contribution to legal science. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete 12 or more course hours (3 course units). The rules relating to examinations, grading, and maintenance of academic standing are applicable to candidates for the LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees. The program is individually arranged with the student’s faculty adviser and is expected to occupy the student’s full time. The work may include any seminar or course open to undergraduates, with such supplementary work as may be required. It may consist of independent study or research as may be individually arranged. If the work in residence is completed with distinction, and a detailed outline and partial draft of the dissertation are submitted and approved, the student will be admitted as a candidate for the doctorate. Thereafter the candidate’s dissertation must be submitted to the faculty for its approval within a reasonable period of time as set by the candidate’s dissertation committee.

Students receiving the J.D. degree from this Law School and accepted as candidates for the J.S.D. degree may apply to the Committee on Graduate Studies for permission to satisfy up to two academic quarters of the residence requirement through off-campus
activities approved in advance by the Committee. This application must be made prior to the award of the J.D. degree. Bigelow Teaching Fellows accepted as candidates for the J.S.D. degree may satisfy one academic quarter of the residence requirement during their three-quarter period as teaching fellows.

GRADUATE RULES

A more detailed set of rules and regulations relating to graduate study and dissertation requirements may be obtained on request from the Dean of Students.

THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

A certificate of attendance or a certificate for courses successfully completed will be given to graduates of foreign law schools who have been admitted to the Certificate Program, have been in residence for three full quarters, and have participated in the seminar in Problems of American Law for Foreign Students (572).

THE GRADUATE COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM

In the Graduate Comparative Law Program, the degree of Master of Comparative Law (M.Comp.L.) is awarded to students who have completed with distinction the residence work required for the degree of Doctor of Comparative Law (D.Comp.L.).

The degree of Doctor of Comparative Law is awarded to students who have been in residence for three full consecutive quarters, have completed their studies with distinction, and, after admission to candidacy for the degree, have submitted a dissertation that is accepted by the faculty as a creditable contribution to the literature of comparative law. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete 12 or more course hours (3 course units). The rules relating to examinations, grading, and maintenance of academic standing are applicable to candidates for the M.Comp.L. and D.Comp.L. degrees, except that students whose native tongue is other than English may receive extra time on examinations with the consent of the instructor. The program is individually arranged with the student's faculty adviser and is expected to occupy the student's full time. At least half of the student's work in residence must be devoted to some phases of Anglo-American law. If the work in residence is completed with distinction, and a detailed outline and partial draft of the dissertation are submitted and approved, the student will be admitted as a candidate for the doctorate. Thereafter the candidate's dissertation must be submitted to the faculty for its approval within a reasonable period of time as set by the candidate's dissertation committee.

THE FOREIGN LAW PROGRAM

In the Foreign Law Program, the degree of Master of Comparative Law (M.Comp.L.) is awarded to students who have successfully completed the two years of work as required in the curriculum of the program. The first year of work consists of three quarters of residence at the University of Chicago Law School, during which period a major portion of the student's time will be spent in intensive and systematic study of the private law of France or Germany. The second year of work will be carried on, under guidance and supervision, in a foreign country. Upon the successful completion of the curriculum of the Foreign Law Program and the submission, within a reasonable period of time thereafter as set by the faculty, of a dissertation that is considered by the faculty to be a significant contribution, the candidate will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Comparative Law (D.Comp.L.).