THE DOCTOR OF LAW (J.D.) DEGREE

The regular or professional curriculum in the Law School is a three-year program leading to the degree of Doctor of Law (J.D.). The program is open to men and women who have received a Bachelor's degree from an approved college before beginning their study in the Law School, and to a limited number of highly qualified students after completion of three years of undergraduate studies. Students may begin the study of law only in the Autumn Quarter.

The entering class is limited to approximately 150 students. Students are selected on the basis of their college academic records, their performance on the Law School Admission Test (which is required of all applicants), and such other evidence of their academic and professional promise as may be available. Such evidence includes the letters of recommendation received from college instructors and others familiar with the applicant's personal qualifications and performance, relevant activities and achievements outside the classroom, and personal interviews. Prospective students are welcome to visit the School to attend classes, and to talk with the Dean of Students or another member of the Faculty Committee on Admissions. Appointments should be made in advance whenever possible, through the Office of the Dean of Students.

While superior academic performance in college is a general requirement for admission, the specific minimum standard is applied. The applicant's academic qualifications are judged not only by his over-all average but by a careful evaluation of his college record. The quality of the program pursued, evidence of strong improvement in the later years in college, and outstanding performances in particular subjects often weigh heavily in the judgment made by the faculty Committee on Admissions.

Because of the large number of applications that must be reviewed each year, it is desirable for candidates to apply early in the academic year prior to the year for which they seek admission. It is recommended that they take the Law School Admission Test in October. Each application is considered as soon as it is complete, and decisions are made at the earliest practicable time. The applicant is advised of the action in his case whenever a final decision has been made by the Committee on Admissions. Applications should be completed by February 1. Applications received after March 1 can be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A request for application forms should be addressed to the Dean of Students, The Law School, The University of Chicago, 1111 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637. The completed application form must be returned to the same office. At the same time an application fee of $15, in the form of a check or money order payable to The University of Chicago, must be sent to the University Cashier. The application fee is not refundable.

The applicant should register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) by completing and mailing the registration form supplied with each Law School Admission Test bulletin (see paragraph below). A transcript from each college or university attended should then be sent not to the Law School but directly to: LSDAS, Educational Testing Service, Box 944, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. The LSDAS will analyze the transcript and send a copy to this law school and others designated by the applicant on the registration form. If accepted, the applicant will be asked to submit a final transcript, showing the award of a Bachelor’s degree, directly to the Law School. Before that time, additional transcripts should be submitted only in response to a special request from the Law School.

The applicant must also arrange to take the Law School Admission Test and to have an official report of his scores on the test sent to the Law School. Application forms for the test and information about it may be obtained by writing to Law School Admission Test, Educational Testing Service, Box 944, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Applications to take the test must be received by the Educational Testing Service at least two weeks before the scheduled date of the test. The test is scheduled to be given at selected locations in the United States and abroad on October 16, 1971; December 18, 1971; February 12, 1972; April 8, 1972; and July 29, 1972. Applications to take the test at foreign centers must be received at least one month before the scheduled date. Requests for the establishment of special centers in the United States or Canada or for special examination dates must be received by the Educational Testing Service at least five weeks before the scheduled test date, and for special foreign centers at least eight weeks before the scheduled test date.

At the time of application to the Law School the applicant is asked to give the names of three persons who will furnish letters of recommendation about him. The applicant is responsible for seeing that these letters are mailed directly to the Law School. The letters of recommendation must be received before an application is considered complete.
Upon being notified of his admission, an applicant is required to pay an acceptance deposit of $100 in the form of a check or money order payable to The University of Chicago, to hold his place in the entering class. The Office of Student Housing assigns dormitory space in the order in which deposits are received by the University Cashier. The deadline for payment of the acceptance deposit is specified in the applicant’s letter of admission and will vary depending upon the date of the action on his application for admission or for a scholarship. The acceptance deposit is not refundable unless illness, induction into the military service, or other sufficient cause prevents an applicant from entering the Law School in the year for which he has been accepted. The deposit is applied against the tuition charge.

ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING

A student in good standing at an approved law school who has completed at least one year of law study may apply for admission to the Law School with advanced standing. The amount of transfer credit which may be recognized will be determined on the facts of each case. Ordinarily students admitted with advanced standing will be required to complete at least six quarters (two academic years) of residence at the Law School to qualify for the J.D. degree. A Bachelor’s degree from an approved college is a prerequisite to admission with advanced standing upon transfer from an American law school, and no transfer credit will be granted for legal studies for which credit toward a Bachelor’s degree has been received.

A graduate of an approved law school whose studies have been primarily in the common law may apply for admission as a third-year student and may become a candidate for the J.D. degree. Such a candidate must complete a minimum of three quarters of residence in the Law School and a minimum of 44 course hours, in a program approved by the faculty, to qualify for the degree.

A graduate of an approved foreign law school whose studies have not been primarily in the common law may apply for admission as a candidate for the J.D. degree in regular course. In the case of such a candidate the requirements for the degree may be met in part by the recognition of credits of up to 45 course hours if performance while in residence in the Law School demonstrates the effective value of the student’s earlier legal studies in a foreign system.

Inquiries and requests for application forms concerning admission with advanced standing should be addressed to the Dean of Students of the Law School.
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE J.D. DEGREE

To receive the J.D. degree a student must have been in residence for nine full quarters, maintained satisfactory academic standing, and received credit for the prescribed courses and other required units of credit. A total of 135 course hours, or 33\(\frac{1}{4}\) course units, is required. (Credit in the Law School is ordinarily measured in course hours but for certain purposes is expressed in course units. A single course unit is the equivalent of four course hours, or four hours per week for one quarter.) To qualify for residence for a full quarter a student must take and complete 12 or more course hours.

In each course, seminar, or other credit work the student receives a final grade according to the following scale: A, 80 and above; B, 74–79; C, 68–73; D, 60–67; F, below 60. (Grades are recorded as numerical grades in the Office of the Law School and as letter grades in the Office of the Registrar of the University.) A grade of 60 or above is required for credit for the work involved.

To maintain satisfactory academic standing a student must receive a weighted grade average of 68 or more for the work of each academic year. In addition, a student who receives two failing final grades in any one academic year, or three failing final grades during his period of residence at the Law School, will not have maintained satisfactory academic standing. Maintenance of satisfactory academic standing is a prerequisite to continuation in the School as well as for graduation.

Regular class attendance is required as a condition of receiving credit for work done. The privilege of membership in the School may be withdrawn for unsatisfactory class work or attendance.

After the first four weeks of any quarter a student is not permitted to withdraw from a course, seminar, or special work for which he has registered that quarter except with the permission of the Dean of Students.

The degree of Doctor of Law *cum laude* is awarded to candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the degree with distinction. The achievement of a weighted grade average of 78 or better is considered to be completion of the requirements with distinction.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students in the Law School may, with the permission of the Graduate School of Business, become candidates for the M.B.A. degree while pursuing their work toward the J.D. degree. By attending the Graduate School of Business during the summer quarters and by using certain courses in partial satisfaction of the requirements for both degrees, such
a student may be able to earn both the J.D. and M.B.A. degrees in four calendar years or less. For detailed information about these arrangements, applicants should consult the Dean of Students in the Law School.

Students in the Law School may become candidates for advanced degrees in other fields and earn credit toward such degrees by study during the regular summer quarters of the University while enrolled in the Law School, where the requirements and offerings of the particular department involved are compatible with such work. Arrangements for such combined programs should be made during the first year of law study, in consultation with the Dean of the Law School and the appropriate officer of the other department.

PREPARATION FOR LAW STUDY

The Law School does not require that applicants for admission present college credits in any specified subjects. An excellent general education is thought more important for the student of law than specialized study in fields closely related to the law. Ideally such an education should include some study of history and of the social sciences, while not neglecting literature, philosophy, or other humane fields. It should serve to develop the capacity for logical precision; demonstrated competence in mathematics or the physical sciences is to be valued for this among other reasons. Increasingly a mastery of some foreign language is useful in the study of law as the ability to learn about other legal systems becomes more important to our society. But, just as there are many different roads to the acquisition of an inquiring, disciplined, cultivated mind, so there are different ways in which a student may acquire a valuable foundation for the study of law. Perhaps of greatest importance is that the student should have acquired habits of precision, fluency, and economy in speaking and writing.

THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Law School offers three regular programs of study beyond the first degree in law leading to advanced degrees. These are (1) the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program, providing a year of advanced study for Anglo-American law graduates; (2) the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.S.D.) Program, under which Anglo-American graduates may engage in advanced study and research; and (3) the Comparative Law Program, intended primarily for students whose training has been in legal systems other than the common law.

In addition to these regular programs the Law School is prepared to arrange, for especially qualified graduate students or established scholars,
special programs of study and research in the fields of Law and Economics, International Trade and Development, and Criminal Law and Criminology. A number of fellowships for such study are available.

Admission to the Graduate Programs, supervision of students' programs, and the administration of requirements for degrees is in charge of the faculty Committee on Graduate Studies. The grading system and the requirements for satisfactory academic standing applicable to students in the J.D. program are applicable to students in the Graduate Programs, except where higher requirements are imposed by the rules of the Graduate Programs. Students whose native tongue is other than English may receive extra time on examinations with the written permission of the instructor concerned.

THE MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

The graduate program leading to the LL.M. degree makes available to qualified law graduates a year of advanced study in the Law School. The program provides an opportunity for law graduates who wish to develop specialized interests, who desire to supplement their undergraduate legal education, and who may wish to engage in individual research. The program is limited to students (1) who have obtained an undergraduate degree from an approved school of Anglo-American law, (2) whose undergraduate record displays high scholarly aptitude, and (3) who display qualities of maturity and serious purpose sufficient to justify the expectation that they will satisfactorily complete the requirements for the LL.M. degree.

The degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) is awarded to students who have been in residence for three full consecutive academic quarters, have completed their studies with a B average or above, and have satisfactorily completed in the course of their studies a substantial research paper under the supervision of a member of the law faculty. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete the equivalent of 12 or more course hours. Credit for 36 course hours and the maintenance of satisfactory academic standing are needed to qualify for the degree.

Students admitted to candidacy for the J.S.D. degree will be awarded the LL.M. degree following completion of the year in residence. Students who have been admitted to the J.S.D. program but are denied admittance to candidacy for the J.S.D. degree, and who have satisfied the requirements for the LL.M. degree, may be awarded the LL.M. degree upon recommendation of the Committee on Graduate Studies and favorable action by the faculty.
THE DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE PROGRAM

The graduate program leading to the J.S.D. degree is intended to give superior law graduates an opportunity to secure advanced and specialized training, to cultivate their capacities for significant independent research, and to contribute to the development of legal scholarship. The program is limited to students (1) who have obtained an undergraduate law degree from an approved school of Anglo-American law, (2) whose undergraduate record displays outstanding scholarly aptitude, (3) who at the time of their admission demonstrate well-defined research interests, and (4) who display qualities of maturity and serious purpose sufficient to justify the expectation that they will successfully complete the requirements of the doctorate.

The degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.S.D.) is awarded to students who have been in residence for three full consecutive academic quarters, have completed their studies with a B average or above, and, after admission to candidacy for the degree, have submitted a dissertation that is accepted by the faculty as a creditable contribution to legal scholarship. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete the equivalent of 12 or more course hours. Credit for 36 course hours and the maintenance of satisfactory academic standing are needed to qualify for the degree.

The dissertation must be submitted to the Committee on Graduate Studies within five years after the completion of the period in residence. To be acceptable, the dissertation must constitute a creditable contribution to legal scholarship and must be in publishable form. Three typewritten, printed, or lithoprinted copies must be deposited with the Committee on Graduate Studies not later than five weeks before the date of the convocation at which the degree is to be granted. Dissertations must conform to requirements of form established by the Committee on Graduate Studies and the Dissertation Secretary of the University.

THE COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM

The graduate Comparative Law Program makes available to law graduates trained primarily in foreign legal systems the opportunity to acquire a knowledge of American law and legal institutions, to pursue comparative studies in their fields of special interest, and to engage in research in such fields. The degrees awarded in this program are the Master of Comparative Law (M.Comp.L.) and the Doctor of Comparative Law (D.Comp.L.).
Admission to the Comparative Law Program is open to students who are graduates of approved foreign law schools and whose credentials establish to the satisfaction of the Committee on Graduate Studies that they are qualified to undertake advanced study and research in law.

The degree of Master of Comparative Law is awarded to students who have completed with distinction the residence work required for the degree of Doctor of Comparative Law and who are recommended for the M.Comp.L. degree by the Committee on Graduate Studies and by the faculty.

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. Dissertations must conform to requirements of form established by the faculty and the Dissertation Secretary of the University. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete 12 or more course hours. 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.

Certificate program.—Graduates of approved foreign law schools whose studies have not been primarily in the common law may apply for admission to a program designed to give a one-year introduction to Anglo-American law. Upon completion of a year's work such students will be given a certificate of attendance or a certificate for courses successfully completed.

ADMISSION

Inquiries concerning admission to the Graduate Programs should be addressed to the Chairman, Committee on Graduate Studies, The Law School, The University of Chicago, 1111 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Applications for admission should be completed by April 1 before the Autumn Quarter for which the student desires admission.