

# PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION

## 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.). Admission to 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.

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. A personal interview is not required, but applicants are encouraged to arrange for an interview with a representative of the School when possible. For this purpose members of the faculty and the administrative staff visit a number of colleges each year. Visits to the School by prospective applicants are welcomed but should be arranged in advance.

While superior academic performance in college is a general requirement for admission, no specific minimum standard is applied. The applicant's academic qualifications are judged not only with reference to his overall 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 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 November. Each application is considered as soon as it is complete, and decisions are taken 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 filed not later than April 15.

### 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 Bursar of the University. The application fee is not refundable.

The applicant must request each college or university he has attended to send to the Law School an official transcript covering all work taken by him, both undergraduate and graduate. (Transcripts mailed directly by the applicant will not be sufficient.) The transcripts should cover all work completed to the date of application. Action may be taken on an application on the basis of three years of college grades, although such action may be conditioned upon the submission of a supplemental transcript showing satisfactory completion of later work.

The applicant must also arrange (usually in advance of formal application to the Law School) 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 08640. 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 on November 13, 1965, February 12, 1966, April 9, 1966, and August 6, 1966, at selected locations throughout the United States and at certain foreign centers. 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 can furnish letters of recommendation about him. The Law School corresponds directly with the persons named. 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 \$50 to hold his place in the entering class. 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. In no event will an applicant be required to make an acceptance deposit before April 1 or before receiving notification of action on a scholarship application. 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 ad-

vanced 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  $33\frac{3}{4}$  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, and 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.

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.

## THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Law School offers four 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; (3) the Comparative Law Program, intended primarily for students whose training has been in legal systems other than the common law; and (4) the Foreign Law Program, a program designed to give graduates of American law schools specialized competence in a foreign legal system and in international studies. Details about these programs are set out below.

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. Preliminary inquiries about such programs should be addressed to the following members of the Faculty: For Law and Economics, Professor Ronald H. Coase; for International Trade and Development, Professor Kenneth W. Dam; for Criminal Law and Criminology, Professor Norval R. Morris.

### 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. Admissions to the program are 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 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.

The program of graduate study is expected to occupy the student's full time during his academic year in residence at the School. Each student's course of study may include individual work under the direction of a member of the law faculty; courses and seminars in the Law School; and, when appropriate, related courses at the graduate level in other schools and divisions of the University. If a student elects individual work for credit, the supervising faculty member will submit a report to the Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Studies describing the nature of the work submitted and copies of papers submitted. All such papers will be deposited in the library of the Law School. If the student's program includes courses open to J.D. candidates, supplementary work in such courses may be required.

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 admitted to the J.S.D. program but who 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. Admissions to the program are 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 program of graduate study is expected to occupy the student's full time during his academic year in residence at the School. Each student's course of study may include individual work under the direction of a member of the law faculty; courses and seminars in the Law School; and, when appropriate, related courses at the graduate level in other schools of the University. If a student elects individual work for credit, the supervising faculty member will submit a report to the Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Studies describing the nature of the work submitted and copies of papers submitted. All such papers will be deposited in the library in the Law School. If the student's program includes courses open to J.D. candidates, supplementary work in such courses may be required.

Within two weeks after the beginning of the student's first academic quarter in residence the Chairman of the Committee on Graduate Studies will appoint a faculty dissertation committee to supervise the student's research program. The faculty dissertation committee will consist of three members, the chairman of which will be a member of the faculty of the Law School. Whenever appropriate, faculty members of other departments of the University may be appointed to serve on faculty dissertation committees. The student upon being notified of the appointment of the faculty dissertation committee will consult with the chairman on the choice of a dissertation topic and on all other matters deemed appropriate by the committee. At a time not later than the end of the first academic quarter in residence, the student will submit to the dissertation committee a dissertation topic and a tentative outline of the proposed dissertation in such form as required by the dissertation committee. Upon approval of the topic and outline by the dissertation committee, the chairman of that committee will file a statement of the dissertation topic and a copy of the tentative outline with the Committee on Graduate Studies.

Before the end of the second academic quarter in residence, the student will submit to the faculty dissertation committee a segment of his dissertation of such nature and length as in the opinion of the committee will provide a basis for judgment of the quality of the work in progress and of the likelihood of its being brought to successful completion. Upon receipt of the segment of the dissertation, the chairman will set a date for an oral examination on the dissertation outline and dissertation segment. The examination will be conducted by the faculty dissertation committee and such other members of the Law School faculty as elect to participate in the examination. Upon successful completion of the oral examination and the required academic work in residence, the student will be admitted to candidacy for the J.S.D. 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 permanently bound typewritten, printed, or litho-printed 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.

Bigelow Teaching Fellows accepted as candidates for the J.S.D. degree may satisfy one academic quarter of residence requirement during their three-quarter period as teaching fellows.

#### 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. To qualify for residence for a full quarter, the student must take and complete 12 or more course hours. 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.

*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 comple-

tion of three full quarters of residence such students will be given a certificate of attendance or a certificate for courses successfully completed.

## THE FOREIGN LAW PROGRAM

The Foreign Law Program is a two-year program of intensive training in the law and legal institutions of a single foreign legal system, supplemented by specialized study of international public and commercial law. The first year is spent at the University of Chicago Law School and the second year abroad. Admission is open to graduates of approved American law schools presenting superior academic records and evidence of sufficient competence in a foreign language to enable them to undertake the program of study.

The degree of Master of Comparative Law is awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed the two years of work required in the curriculum of the program. The first year of work consists of three full quarters of residence at the Law School during which 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 special arrangements for guidance and supervision, in a foreign country.

Upon 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.

## ADMISSION

Inquiries concerning admission to the Graduate Programs should be addressed to the Assistant Dean (Graduate Studies), The Law School, The University of Chicago, 1111 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Admission to the Graduate Programs, supervision of student's programs, and the administration of requirements for degrees is in the 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 apply generally to students in the Graduate Programs.