

# LAW/CYBERSECURITY - JOINT DEGREE (JD/MS)

Offered jointly with DePaul's Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM), the JD/MS in Cybersecurity integrates legal education with graduate study in computer science and allows students to complete a professional and graduate degree concurrently in less time than it would take to complete each program separately, typically within four years.

The program is structured for students who seek to develop technical expertise alongside legal training in areas such as software development, high-technology innovation, information processing, internet and telecommunications services and digital media.

Coursework addresses legal and technological issues involving intellectual property acquisition and licensing, the assertion and defense of intellectual property rights, regulation of information use and protection and contractual and business practices in technology-driven sectors. Areas of study may include, information technologies, e-discovery, network security, digital media and related computer science fields.

## Patent Bar Eligibility

Some students in the program may seek to qualify for the patent bar. Membership in the patent bar is required only to file and prosecute patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and is not required for general patent law practice. The MS in Cybersecurity does not itself confer eligibility to sit for the patent bar examination, but relevant coursework may assist students in meeting applicable requirements.

Students should consult the United States Patent and Trademark Office's General Requirements Bulletin ([https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uspto.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2FOED\\_GRB.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CWPFEIFFE%40depaul.edu%7C869a4a965c0d46df563f08de9f1b3ba1%7C750d3a3f1f464da28a647605e%7CCTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAOTlJxAW4zMilslkFOl11WFBpcisidUjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=w2SlmRhzy9kpoBBd1FNP%2FqPWNJpkbar22qZUFSHXCg%3D&reserved=0](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uspto.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2FOED_GRB.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CWPFEIFFE%40depaul.edu%7C869a4a965c0d46df563f08de9f1b3ba1%7C750d3a3f1f464da28a647605e%7CCTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAOTlJxAW4zMilslkFOl11WFBpcisidUjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=w2SlmRhzy9kpoBBd1FNP%2FqPWNJpkbar22qZUFSHXCg%3D&reserved=0)) for current eligibility standards.

Program Requirements	Semester Hours
JD Requirements	76
<b>Total hours required</b>	<b>76</b>

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
MS Requirements	36
<b>Total hours required</b>	<b>36</b>

JD students will be able to:

- Solve legal problems by applying foundational knowledge of civil procedure, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, property law, and torts.
- Solve legal problems by applying foundational knowledge of the rules regulating the legal profession.
- Identify and apply relevant legal authority.
- Communicate clearly in speech and writing.

- Demonstrate the fundamental professional lawyering skills for competent and ethical participation as a member of the legal profession.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of cross-cultural competence in the legal profession and the obligation of lawyers to promote a justice system that provides equal access and eliminates bias and all forms of invidious discrimination, including racism, in the law.

Cybersecurity students will be able to:

- Identify the information security services provided by "Confidentiality," "Integrity," and "Availability" (CIA).
- Develop a security awareness program adapted to the different stakeholder of an enterprise.
- Evaluate sets of security controls to enforce security policies.
- Select appropriate tools and methods to conduct a proper incident response and forensic investigation in an enterprise environment.

## Core Required Courses

Course	Title	Semester Hours
LAW 101	APPLIED LEGAL SKILLS *	1
LAW 105	CONTRACTS *	4
LAW 112	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION I *	2
LAW 115	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION III	3
LAW 119	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS II *	3
LAW 120	CIVIL PROCEDURE *	4
LAW 130	PREPARING TO PRACTICE I *	0
LAW 131	PREPARING TO PRACTICE II *	0
LAW 140	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW *	4
LAW 160	PROPERTY *	4
LAW 170	TORT LAW *	4
LAW 481	LEGAL PROFESSION or LAW 252 APPLIED LEGAL ETHICS	3
LAW 506	CRIMINAL LAW *	3

\* Courses that are counted toward the BA for students in the 3+3 (BA/JD) program. These courses will be completed in the combined final year of the undergraduate degree and first year of the law degree.

## Experiential Education Requirement

Students must complete at least six credit hours of experiential education courses from the list of approved courses below. Most, but not all, courses are offered for three credit hours. A single course may not be used to satisfy both the Experiential Education and Advanced Writing requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select at least six credit hours of the following:		6
LAW 121	ADVANCED BRIEF WRITING	
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	
LAW 246	PATENT & TRADEMARK SEARCHING	

LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC (Spring Only)
LAW 287	ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC (Spring Only)
LAW 288	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW FIELD WORK
LAW 290	ANATOMY OF A DEAL: FROM INCEPTION TO CLOSING
LAW 312	TRIAL ADVOCACY II
LAW 319	PROSECUTING & DEFENDING CRIMINAL CASES
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
LAW 369	LITIGATION LAB
LAW 400	BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND DOCUMENTATION
LAW 419	LITIGATION STRATEGY: PRE-TRIAL, CIVIL
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I
LAW 438	MEDIATION
LAW 450	TRIAL ADVOCACY I
LAW 453	COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
LAW 460	BUSINESS PLANNING
LAW 469	LITIGATION STRATEGY: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAW 475	NEGOTIATIONS
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II
LAW 524	EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM
LAW 538	NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM
LAW 555	ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH
LAW 564	EXTERNSHIP SEMINAR
LAW 566	FIELD CLINIC SEMINAR
LAW 567	FIELD CLINIC PRACTICE
LAW 641	PRACTICAL LEGAL RESEARCH
LAW 712	THE PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE LAW
LAW 751	HEALTH LAW MOOT COURT

### Advanced Writing Requirement

A single course may not be used to satisfy both the Experiential Education and Advanced Writing requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select one of the following:		
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	
LAW 227	CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 427	APPELLATE TECHNIQUE	
LAW 428	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I (Advanced Criminal Appeals ONLY)	
LAW 455	LEGAL DRAFTING	
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II (Advanced Criminal Appeals ONLY)	

LAW 559 FOREIGN EXCHANGE: MADRID, SPAIN (Master's Thesis)

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement

JD students must complete one course from the list of approved courses below. These courses include substantial engagement with the legal system's relationship with social inequality, racism, and/or other forms of bias; and/or include substantial opportunities for students to learn about and practice skills in cross-cultural competence.

Courses that meet both the Diversity Requirement and the Experiential Education Requirement can be counted for both requirements. Courses that meet both the Diversity Requirement and the Advanced Writing Requirement can be counted for both requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select at least one of the following:		
LAW 202	EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION	2-3
LAW 206	SEX, GENDER, AND THE LAW	
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	
LAW 227	CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 232	CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE & THE LAW	
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (Critical Race Theory; Citizenship; Crimmigration; Feminist Jurisprudence; When Justice Fails; or other approved topic)	
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC	
LAW 301	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW ( Trauma-Informed Lawyering; Human Rights in Latin America; Transnational Criminal Law; Reproduction and the Law; or other approved topic)	
LAW 313	JUVENILE JUSTICE	
LAW 321	ADOPTION LAW	
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
LAW 372	ELECTION LAW	
LAW 378	ANTISEMITISM, THE HOLOCAUST, AND THE LAW	
LAW 390	POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE	
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I (Asylum and Immigration Law; Civil Litigation; Civil Rights; Croak Civil; Croak Criminal; Criminal Appeals)	
LAW 434	PUBLIC HEALTH LAW	
LAW 449	PREDATORY LENDING	
LAW 477	FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION	
LAW 482	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS I	
LAW 487	HOUSING LAW	
LAW 498	EDUCATION LAW & POLICY	
LAW 501	RACE, RACISM AND UNITED STATES LAW	
LAW 502	HATE CRIME LAW	

LAW 503	CIVIL RIGHTS
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II (Asylum and Immigration Law; Civil Litigation; Civil Rights; Croak Civil; Croak Criminal; Criminal Appeals)
LAW 516	IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY
LAW 517	ASYLUM AND REFUGEE LAW AND POLICY
LAW 523	MISSION-BASED LAWYERING: LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR
LAW 529	CHILDREN & THE LAW
LAW 546	POVERTY LAW
LAW 567	FIELD CLINIC PRACTICE (Family Law)
LAW 583	STUDY ABROAD: MADRID, SPAIN
LAW 585	STUDY ABROAD: HEREDIA, COSTA RICA
LAW 587	GLOBAL GOVERNANCE DURING TIMES OF CRISIS
LAW 588	STUDY ABROAD: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
LAW 593	STUDY ABROAD: HAVANA, CUBA
LAW 702	ELDER LAW
LAW 706	HEALTH POLICY AND THE LAW
LAW 709	HEALTH EQUITY AND THE LAW
LAW 716	DISABILITY LAW

## Electives

Elective courses are open to all students who meet the prerequisites for the course in question. For information on specializations, see the section on Certificates.

## Credit Hour Limitations

### Non-Classroom Credit Hours: 12-Credit Limit

A JD student may earn a maximum of 12 credit hours for non-classroom (indirect instruction) courses. Courses that count toward the 12-credit non-classroom limit include the following:

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Limit of 12 credit hours of the following:		12
LAW 114	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS TEACHING ASSISTANTS	
LAW 204	LAW REVIEW	
LAW 217	JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE	
LAW 224	ASP TA	
LAW 236	JOURNAL OF SPORTS LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS	
LAW 298	GENERAL TEACHING ASSISTANT	
LAW 303	BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LAW JOURNAL	
LAW 336	JOURNAL OF ART TECHNOLOGY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EDITORIAL BOARD	
LAW 411	GUIDED RESEARCH	
LAW 428	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
LAW 436	JOURNAL OF HEALTH CARE LAW EDITORIAL BOARD	
LAW 524	INTERNSHIP PROGRAM	

LAW 536	NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
LAW 539	INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION
LAW 567	FIELD CLINIC PRACTICE
LAW 961	INTENSIVE EXTERNSHIP

## Distance Education Credit Limit

JD students may earn a maximum of 28 credit hours toward the JD degree for distance education courses. The College of Law offers both fully online and hybrid courses. A hybrid course is a course in which some, but not all, of the instructional time is online. All fully-online courses, and some hybrid courses, qualify as distance education courses.

## Degree Requirements

The following rules apply to this joint degree:

- Students may substitute up to 16 CDM credit hours for up to 10 of the 86 required law semester hours, reducing their law course requirements to 76 semester hours. However, students cannot substitute CDM credit hours for required courses in the College of Law, such as Legal Profession or Advanced Writing Requirement courses.
- Only CDM courses taken after enrollment in the College of Law may be substituted for law courses.
- Students may substitute up to 8 law semester hours for up to 3 CDM master's degree courses, reducing their CDM course requirements to 9 courses plus any necessary introductory courses.
- Students must graduate from both schools on the same date, in the same semester/quarter, and in the same year. Double counting of credit hours occurs only after the student concurrently completes both degree programs. Students should consult with the joint degree advisors regarding any questions about coordinating the completion of the two degrees.
- Students must adhere to CDM introductory course grade requirements as specified for their CDM major.
- Students also adhere to CDM grade and GPA requirements as specified for their CDM major in all CDM courses beyond the introductory courses.
- CDM requires that students must maintain a GPA of 2.50 or higher while pursuing their joint degrees.

## Graduation Requirements

The joint degree candidate must complete all CDM requirements at the end of the fall quarter and all law requirements at the end of the fall semester to be eligible for a December degree award. Students who plan to graduate in spring must complete their CDM coursework by the end of the spring quarter and their law requirements by the end of the spring semester to be eligible for a spring degree award. Students who complete CDM requirements in the spring that they expect to graduate may not have their degrees granted in time to be certified for the July bar exam. Students cannot be certified for admission to the Bar and sit for the bar exam until all degree requirements are completed for both degrees.

## Course Requirements

Full-time students must complete the regular first year JD program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 before being admitted to the Joint Degree. Part-time students must complete at least three law semesters with a minimum GPA of 3.0 before being admitted to the Joint Degree. The second and third years provide some flexibility to tailor a student's program. For

example, students might take three law courses in the Fall Semester and two law courses in the Spring Semester, while taking one CDM course in the Fall Quarter, two CDM courses in the Winter Quarter, and two CDM courses in the Spring Quarter. The fourth year might consist of three law courses in the Fall Semester, one CDM course in the Fall Quarter, three CDM courses in the Winter Quarter, and three CDM courses in the Spring Quarter.

This schedule allows for completion of the JD as well as completion of 11-15 CDM courses (the MS program plus 2-6 introductory courses) in four years. It is possible that, because of prerequisite coursework, the program may take some students more than four years. Since each student will require a different number of CDM introductory courses and each student will select courses based on semester/quarter availability, any particular curriculum might be different from the above-described curriculum. Students are encouraged to select courses with the assistance of the program advisors at both the College of Law and CDM.

### CDM Requirements for an MS Degree

For the CDM portion of the joint degree, the student must complete the MS degree requirements as listed in the catalog for that degree program.

Twelve graduate quarter hours taken from elective courses in the degree must instead be fulfilled by courses from the Certificate in Intellectual Property. These courses will also count toward the JD degree. (If the MS degree program has fewer than twelve quarter hours of elective courses, the student's CDM MS program advisor may approve additional advanced courses to be fulfilled by the IP certificate courses to reach a total of 12 quarter hours.)

Students with a GPA of 3.9 or higher will graduate from CDM with distinction.

### College of Law Certificate Programs

In addition to the Joint Degree, students may obtain one of the Certificates offered by the College of Law, providing that they have met the requirements for the Certificate.

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## Degree Requirements

### Course Requirements

No Introductory Course may be substituted for any other course at any level.

The Introductory, Foundation, Advanced and Major Elective course selections are determined by the concentration chosen.

### Introductory Courses

Introductory courses may be waived for any of the following conditions:

- The student has the appropriate course work to satisfy an Introductory Course.
- The student has appropriate and verified professional experience to satisfy an Introductory Course.
- If an exam is available, the student passes a Graduate Assessment Examination (GAE) in the Introductory Course area.

## Foundation Courses

Students must achieve an average GPA of 3.0 or better in the five Foundation Courses. Students who do not meet the Foundation Courses' GPA requirement must retake the course with the lowest grade. If a number of such courses exist, it is up to the student to choose which class to retake. Only the higher grade will count toward the average grade for the purpose of completing the GPA Requirement. Students who do not meet the GPA requirements are encouraged to talk to their faculty advisor to discuss their options. To progress to the Advanced Courses of the degree, a student must complete the Introductory and Foundation Courses.

## Degree Requirements

Students in this degree program must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 48 graduate credit hours in addition to any required introductory courses of the designated degree program.
- Complete all graduate courses and requirements listed in the designated degree program.
- Earn a grade of C- or better in all courses of the designated degree program.
- Achieve a GPA of 3.0 or better among the five foundation courses.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Students pursuing a second (or more) graduate degree may not double count or retake any course that applied toward the completion of a prior graduate degree. If a required course in the second degree was already completed and applied toward a previous degree, the student must meet with a faculty advisor to discuss a new course to be completed and substituted in the new degree. This rule also applies to cross-listed courses, which are considered to be the same course but offered under different subjects.
- Students pursuing a second master's degree must complete a minimum of 48 graduate credit hours beyond their first designated degree program in addition to any required introductory courses in their second designated degree program.

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## Concentration Requirements

Concentrations, tracks and specializations provide focus to the degree. In addition to any degree requirements, students are required to choose one of the following:

- Artificial Intelligence Engineering Concentration, Cybersecurity (MS) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/cybersecurity-ms/artificial-intelligence-engineering-concentration-cybersecurity-ms/>)
- Computer Security Concentration, Cybersecurity (MS) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/cybersecurity-ms/computer-security-concentration-cybersecurity-ms/>)
- Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Concentration, Cybersecurity (MS) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/cybersecurity-ms/governance-risk-management-compliance-concentration-cybersecurity-ms/>)
- Networking and Infrastructure Concentration, Cybersecurity (MS) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/cybersecurity-ms/networking-infrastructure-concentration-cybersecurity-ms/>)