LAW, JD AND LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Library & Information Science (on campus & online) and the Juris Doctor in Law (on campus)

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The J.D./M.S.L.I.S. program allows students who are interested in a career in law librarianship to simultaneously pursue a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Science in Library Information Science degree. Others interested in the practice of law specializing in information policy or intellectual property law may find this program to be of use.

The program requires:
1. Ninety hours of Law course work, up to 12 hours of which may be fulfilled by course work taken in the School of Information Sciences or otherwise pursuant to a course of study leading to the M.S. degree.
2. Forty hours of Library and Information Science course work, up to 12 hours of which may be fulfilled by course work taken in Law relating to legal research, copyright or related intellectual property law fields, or information and idea dissemination and related fields in the law.

The minimum number of credit hours for the joint degree is 118. The core requirements and total number of hours to obtain a degree in each existing program remain unchanged. The essence of this proposal is the cross-counting of relevant courses in each program toward the total number of hours or units required in the other. The program is structured to allow students to earn both degrees in less time than is required to earn each degree separately. Students interested in either of these programs must apply to both schools separately.

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