

**APPROVED BY SENATE****10/19/2015**

## Revised Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

**PROPOSAL TITLE:** Elimination of the Joint J.D./Ph.D. Degree Program in Law and Philosophy

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** For a number of years, the College of Law and the Department of Philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences have offered students the option of a Law and Philosophy J.D./Ph.D. joint degree program.. Students in this program were required to apply and be admitted to both the Philosophy Ph.D. program and to the College of Law. Students in the program normally began in Philosophy, taking 48 hours of appropriate graduate courses, moved to the College of Law where they completed their J.D., and then returned to Philosophy to complete their remaining requirements for the Ph.D. The Department of Philosophy and the College of Law would like to discontinue this joint degree program for the following reasons:

- 1) The program requires Philosophy to provide waiver-generating appointments to students and for the College of Law to forego a portion of its normal tuition income. This is the only joint degree program for which the College of Law forgoes tuition. This funding model is no longer viable for either unit.
- 2) Continuing the program is unlikely to promote the goal of attracting joint degree students who can compete credibly on the teaching market.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The decision to discontinue the program was supported unanimously by the Joint J.D./Ph.D. Degree Committee (comprised of College of Law and Department of Philosophy faculty) and by the Executive Committee of the Department of Philosophy. This change was also presented to The full College of Law faculty, and no objections were raised after opportunity for discussion. and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences also supports s this change.

**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:** Discontinuing this program will free up resources that can be used to serve other students in both units.

Two students are currently pursuing this joint program, but should be largely unaffected by plans to end it. One has already completed the J.D., and the other will complete the

J.D. by 2016 with financial support from the College of Law that is consistent with the terms of the program. Philosophy will continue to honor its financial commitments to both students in accordance with the terms of the program as they existed when the students entered.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2015

**STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:** See attached.

**CLEARANCES:**

Signatures:

Unit Representative: Kirk Sanders, Interim Chair

6/4/14

Date:

see email

College Representative: Law

11/11/14

Date:

College Representative: LAS

9/15/15

Date:

Graduate College Representative:

## Edits to the Philosophy Graduate Program listing

### Philosophy

[www.philosophy.illinois.edu/](http://www.philosophy.illinois.edu/)

Interim Chair of the Department: Kirk Sanders  
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**Major:** Philosophy

**Degrees Offered:** M.A. and Ph.D.

**Graduate Concentration:** Medieval Studies (available to all degrees)

~~Joint Degree Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Philosophy and Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Law through joint Law and Philosophy program~~

**Joint Degree Program:** Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the [Medical Scholars Program](#)

### Graduate Degree Programs

The normal program of graduate study in philosophy is directed toward the Ph.D. The M.A. degree is awarded after completing Stage One. Only under exceptional circumstances and without any commitment of financial aid, students may be allowed to seek only the Master of Arts degree. This happens only rarely. Students seeking solely an M.A. degree are encouraged to apply elsewhere.

### Admission

The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Applicants should have had a course in symbolic logic and general courses in the history of ancient and early modern philosophy. Students deficient in these areas may be admitted, but they are required to remedy their deficiencies by taking such courses in their first year. Applicants should also have done some coursework in such central areas of philosophical inquiry as ethics and the theory of knowledge. All applications for admission must be supported by three letters of recommendation from persons qualified to comment on the applicant's aptitude for graduate study in philosophy. All applicants are also required to take the general aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and to submit their scores. They are further required to submit a sample of their written work in philosophy (10-20 pages). International applicants whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and submit their scores; a score of at least 600 on the paper-based test (115 on the computer-based test) is required for regular admission. In addition, these students must demonstrate competence in oral English before they will be allowed to assist as preceptors for the department, as described in the [information for teaching assistants](#).

The deadline for applications is January 1 for admission in the following fall semester. Students are not normally permitted to start the program in the spring semester. For additional information see the department's [information for prospective graduate students](#).

### Degree Requirements

\*For additional details and requirements refer to the department's [Graduate Program Regulations](#) and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

## Master of Arts

The M.A. degree is awarded after completing Stage I. Students may not apply to the M.A. degree program.

Required Courses:	Required Hours
Hours in regularly scheduled courses (excluding PHIL 583 and 590)	24-32
Directed Research, PHIL 590, or Independent Study, PHIL 583	0-8
<b>Total Hours</b>	32
<b>Minimum Number of 500-level Hours Required Overall (excluding 583 and 590):</b>	12
<b>Other Requirements:*</b>	
A one-year residence requirement	
Submission of a substantial essay and passing an oral examination on this essay OR admission to Stage II.	
<b>Minimum GPA:</b>	3.25

Students qualify for the M.A. degree by earning at least 32 hours of graduate credit with at least a 3.25 grade point average (A = 4.0), as specified above.

## Doctor of Philosophy

Required Courses:	Required Hours
A course distribution requirement: Two graduate-level courses must be taken in each of the department's main areas of concentration: value theory, history of philosophy, and metaphysics-epistemology-philosophy of mind.	0-24, some hours may be completed during Stage I
Students must demonstrate competence in symbolic logic, either by passing an approved course in the subject or by passing a proficiency examination administered by the department.	0-4
Regular Seminars	12-24 min, some hours may be completed during Stage I
Minor area outside of Philosophy (max hours allowed 8, unless an extra-departmental minor is declared and fulfilled, then max 16)	0-16, amounts over 8 require approval
<b>Language Requirement:</b> Students must demonstrate competence in one of the four basic philosophical languages: German, French, Greek, or Latin. See the department for details.	0

<b>Thesis Hours Required – PHIL 599 (min/max applied toward degree):</b>	16 min
<b>Total Hours</b>	64
<b>Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:</b>	48
<b>Other Requirements:*</b>	
The max. limit of 583 (Independent Study) hours that can be used to satisfy Ph.D. requirements is 12. Participation in a dissertation seminar is required each term in the Third Stage, as is participation in one regular seminar per year.	
<b>Minimum GPA:</b>	3.25
<b>Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD?</b>	No, but Masters level requirements must be met (32 hours)
<b>Qualifying Exam Required</b>	No
<b>Preliminary Exam Required</b>	Yes
<b>Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required</b>	Yes
<b>Dissertation Deposit Required</b>	Yes

The Ph.D. program has three stages. The first stage is completed when a student has earned 32 hours of graduate credit, or it may be deemed completed if the student has received a master's degree in philosophy elsewhere. The second stage is completed when the student has earned 32 additional hours (or, having received a master's degree previously, has earned and has been allowed transfer credit for a total of 64 hours) and has satisfied the preliminary examination requirement, a course distribution requirement, a foreign language requirement, and a logic requirement. Of the 64 hours required for the Ph.D. (beyond the MA level requirements), only 12 can be in Independent Study courses (Philosophy 583), and at least 20 must be earned in regular seminars. The third stage is completed when the student has earned another 32 hours of graduate credit (usually in seminars and thesis research) and has satisfied the thesis and doctoral oral examination requirements (see below). Also required in the Third Stage is participation in a dissertation-writing seminar each term and participation in one regular seminar per year. Third-stage regular seminar participation is typically for 2 hours credit, thus totaling 4 hours beyond the 20 hours (min) of seminars required for Stage 2. A minimum grade point average of 3.25 (A = 4.0) is required for the Ph.D. degree. Candidates must also satisfy the Graduate College residence requirement.

Candidates **need not** take work in a minor field outside the department. In cases in which advanced study in philosophy would be enhanced by study in a related discipline, students may use such related coursework to satisfy the credit requirements for the degree, limited to 8 hours. If a student wishes the work to count as an extra-departmental minor, the minimum number of hours accepted is 8 and the maximum is 16.

After satisfying these requirements, a candidate for the Ph.D. must submit an acceptable dissertation and pass a final, oral examination on the thesis. The acceptability of the thesis is judged and the final examination administered by the candidate's doctoral committee.

Ph.D. candidates who wish simultaneously to pursue advanced degrees in other disciplines (e.g., medicine or law) are permitted to do so.

### Language Requirement

Every student must demonstrate competence in one of the four basic philosophical languages (French, German, Latin, or Greek) or else satisfy an alternative requirement (as described below), before advancing to the Third Stage of the program. In the case of French this may be done by passing FR 501 with a grade of B or better or by passing an examination administered by the Department of French. In the case of German this may be done by passing GER 501 with a grade of B or better or by passing an examination administered by the Department of German. In the case of Latin this may be done by passing with a grade of B or better any LAT course at the 300-, 400-, or 500-level (with the exception of LAT 471, 475, and 478). In the case of Greek this may be done by passing with a grade of B or better any GRK course at the 400- or 500-level (with the exception of GRK 403 and GRK 404). Alternatively students may pass a proficiency examination in Latin or Greek administered by the Department of the Classics, the form of which must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.

To substitute a language other than one of the basic four, a student must first obtain approval of his or her adviser and of the Graduate Program Committee. Such approval normally will be granted only where the language is directly relevant to the student's work in philosophy.

The student may petition the Graduate Program Committee to replace the language requirement by an approved program of study in her or his area of research. This petition must include a written justification by the student or the advisor. If written by the student, the justification must be approved by the student's advisor. This program of study should be deemed more useful to the student's research than a study of one the philosophical languages. It may, for example, involve intensive study of specific methods that will greatly enhance the student's research, such as scientific, mathematical, or statistical methods, or it may involve obtaining crucial knowledge of some field outside of philosophy, such as concentrated studies in law, psychology, or religion.

### Joint Degree Program

For the [Ph.D.-J.D. dual degree program](#), the specific requirements of both Philosophy and Law programs must be met. But 16 hours of Law courses can be counted toward the Philosophy, and 16 hours of Philosophy courses can be counted toward the Law degree. Students enrolled in the Ph.D.-J.D. program take an average of seven years to complete both degrees. This program allows an exception to the simultaneous conferral rule in that the J.D. may be conferred prior to completion of the Ph.D. degree. The first year of the program is typically spent meeting requirements of the Philosophy degree.

Students in the [Medical Scholars Program](#) are expected to fulfill all the degree requirements of both the College of Medicine and the second discipline. At their discretion, some Ph.D. programs allow a limited number of medical school classes (up to 12 hours) to count toward completion of the graduate degree. Faculty advisors from the medical school and from the graduate units help students set realistic long-term study plans that integrate the two curricula. Students enrolled in the Ph.D.-M.D. program take an average of eight years, including summers, to complete both degrees. The first year of the program is typically spent meeting requirements of the Philosophy degree.

### Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

## **Financial Aid**

Students admitted to the Ph.D. program are offered financial aid, in the form of fellowships or assistantships, which cover living expenses and include a waiver of tuition and service fees. This aid will usually be continued for up to five years provided the student is making normal progress. Further details are given in the department's [graduate regulations](#).

### **Edits to the Law Graduate Program listing**

The professional J.D. in Law can be earned jointly with the following graduate degrees:

[Business Administration, M.B.A.](#)

[Chemistry, M.S.](#)

[Computer Science, M.C.S.](#)

[Human Resources and Industrial Relations, M.H.R.I.R.](#)

[Journalism, M.S.](#)

[Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, M.S.](#)

[Philosophy, Ph.D.](#)

[Political Science, M.A. with Civic Leadership Concentration](#)

[Political Science, Ph.D.](#)

[Urban Planning, M.U.P.](#)

Medical Scholars Program: Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Law and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the [Medical Scholars Program](#)

# LAW APPROVAL

**Carney, Karen M**

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**From:** Sharpe, Jamelle C  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 5:42 PM  
**To:** Carney, Karen M  
**Subject:** Re: ending a program

Hi.

Yes, that's fine.

Jamelle

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 18, 2014, at 5:40 PM, "Carney, Karen M" <kmcarney@illinois.edu> wrote:

>  
> Thanks. Just to confirm, is it OK if we include a copy of this email with our proposal as evidence of Law's support?

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> Karen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sharpe, Jamelle C

> Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2014 2:44 PM

> To: Carney, Karen M

> Subject: Re: ending a program

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> Hi Karen. The College of Law is fine with the proposal you sent over. Thanks for taking care of this.

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> Best,

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> Jamelle

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Aug 7, 2014, at 5:02 PM, "Carney, Karen M" <kmcarney@illinois.edu> wrote:

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>> Not a problem. We will probably not take this to our C & C Committee for a few weeks.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Sharpe, Jamelle C

>> Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:15 PM

>> To: Carney, Karen M

>> Subject: RE: ending a program

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>> Hi Karen.

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>> I thought I'd be able to discuss this with our Dean John Colombo, who is on vacation. I was unable to get a hold of him today, but will try again tomorrow. Hopefully, we'll be able to move on to the next step soon.

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>> Best,  
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>> Jamelle  
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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Carney, Karen M  
>> Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:32 AM  
>> To: Sharpe, Jamelle C  
>> Subject: RE: ending a program  
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>> Thanks!  
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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Sharpe, Jamelle C  
>> Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:40 AM  
>> To: Carney, Karen M  
>> Subject: RE: ending a program  
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>> Hi Karen.  
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>> Thanks for working on this, and for sending it along. I'll review the attached document and get back to you before the close of business today.  
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>> Thanks!  
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>> Jamelle  
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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Carney, Karen M  
>> Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 5:15 PM  
>> To: Sharpe, Jamelle C  
>> Cc: Kuntz, Kristi A; Elli, Amy Lawrence; Sanders, Kirk; Perry, Curtis; Tarr, Erin Michelle  
>> Subject: FW: ending a program  
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>> Dean Sharpe:  
>>  
>> I wanted to touch base with you about the proposal to eliminate the joint JD/PhD program in Law and Philosophy; we were both part of an email exchange about this that took place earlier this year.  
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>> Kirk Sanders and I have worked to finalize the attached proposal, which we plan to take to our LAS Courses and Curriculum committee early this fall. Since the proposal indicates that the College of Law also supports this change, I wanted to make sure you had an opportunity to review the proposal and to sign off on it. (Alternatively, you could send an email or letter to indicate the College of Law's support, which we can attach to the proposal.)  
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>> Please let me know how you'd like to proceed.  
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>> Karen  
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>> Karen M. Carney  
>> Associate Dean  
>> College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
>> 2090 Lincoln Hall, MC-448

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September 21, 2015

Bettina Francis, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Francis:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the joint J.D./Ph.D. program in Law and Philosophy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Martensen".

Kathryn A. Martensen  
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: K. Carney  
K. Sanders  
J. Hart  
A. McKinney

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Dear Kathy,

John D'Angelo  
Mathematics

Enclosed please find the proposal from the Department of Philosophy to eliminate the joint J.D./Ph.D. program in Law and Philosophy.

Nicki Engensteth  
Food Science & Human Nutrition

The proposal was received by the Graduate College on November 6, 2014. It was forwarded to the Program Subcommittee for review at the November 18, 2014 meeting. The Program Subcommittee approved the proposal to move forward to the Graduate College Executive committee pending the receipt of the addition of an explanation regarding how the termination of the program will affect current students or students who have stopped out and may return to finish.

Susan Fowler  
Special Education

A revised proposal was received on August 28, 2015. The Graduate College Executive Committee reviewed and approved the proposal on September 11, 2015.

Rutilio Fratti  
Biochemistry

I send the proposal to you now for further review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JCH".

John C. Hart  
Executive Associate Dean  
Graduate College

c: K. Sanders

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