

# Drake University Law School

## Student Handbook Supplement

### 2018-2019

The following Handbook changes have been approved and will be incorporated into the Handbook at the end of the Spring 2019 term.

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#### Updated 9-13-18

Effective September 13, 2018, the Professional Certificate has been eliminated.

#### 5.9 SCHOLARSHIP FOR DRAKE MJ OR CERTIFICATE HOURS

If a student earned at least six credits in law school courses towards an MJ ~~or professional certificate~~, and the student is later accepted into the JD program, the law school will provide a one-time scholarship for the JD program for the amount the student paid for six law school MJ ~~or professional certificate~~ credits. This scholarship would be granted in addition to any other scholarship but the combined scholarships may not exceed the cost of tuition.

An MJ ~~or professional certificate~~ program student who takes and earns at least a B in a law school course that is required for the JD degree will not be required to retake that course. Although credit towards the JD degree will not be given for the course taken before matriculation in the JD program, the ~~professional certificate or~~ MJ course may count towards requirements of law school certificate programs.

*(Updated 9/21/2017)*

*(Updated 9/13/2018)*

#### 8.2.1 SPECIAL GRADING CONSIDERATIONS

##### (1) MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE/~~PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE~~ IN COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT GRADING MODIFICATION

The Masters of Jurisprudence (“MJ”) degree is not granted for the purpose of practicing law. Consequently, candidates for that degree will be evaluated based on their performance in the context of preparation for work in other disciplines. MJ candidates, ~~and candidates for a Professional Certificate in Compliance and Risk Management, credits from which may be applied to an MJ in Compliance and Risk Management,~~ should be graded based on a level of competency appropriate for the study of law as a graduate discipline, not for their ability to pass a bar exam or practice law.

MJ ~~and Professional Certificate~~ candidates will be graded anonymously whenever possible. However, when there is only one MJ candidate in a class, anonymous grading will not be possible.

*(Updated 5/9/17)*

## (2) GRADING STANDARDS FOR LLM STUDENTS

LLM candidates will be graded in the same manner and for the same competency as JD candidates.

*(Updated 4/17/15)*

*(Updated 9/13/2018)*

### 12.3 MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M./M.J.) ~~AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT~~

#### 12.3.1 ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

##### (a) CREDIT HOURS

A candidate for the LL.M./M.J. degree in Compliance and Risk Management must successfully complete 24 semester hours of credit drawn from the Drake Law School and/or Drake College of Business and Public Administration (hereinafter “CBPA”) curriculum. ~~A candidate for the Professional Certificate in Compliance and Risk Management must successfully complete 12 semester hours of credit from the Drake Law School and/or Drake College of Business and Public Administration (hereinafter “CBPA”) curriculum as indicated in section 12.3.1(e).~~

##### *(1) JD and MJ Credits – (changing from JD to MJ)*

A student who begins study in the Drake J.D. program, but does not complete the J.D. degree requirements, may apply for admission into the Compliance and Risk Management M.J. ~~or Professional Certificate program~~. Students who are admitted to the Compliance and Risk Management M.J. ~~or Professional Certificate~~ program may request to have credits earned from J.D. courses applied towards the M.J. degree ~~or Professional Certificate~~. The Associate Dean will determine which J.D. courses may count towards the M.J. degree ~~or Professional Certificate~~. Grades from all Drake J.D. courses applied towards the M.J. degree ~~or Professional Certificate~~ will be included in computation of the M.J. ~~or Professional Certificate~~ cumulative GPA.

- (A) A student academically dismissed from the Drake Law School J.D. program who wishes to enroll in the M.J. program must submit an M.J. application for admission to be evaluated by the Admissions Committee. The applicant must demonstrate that the reason(s) for the prior dismissal will not adversely affect his or her ability to successfully complete the M.J. program. The applicant must submit a written explanation providing support for that claim. In the event an applicant is admitted to the M.J. program, the Associate Dean will determine which credits earned in the J.D. program (in courses where a C or better was earned) may apply towards the M.J. degree. No credit may be given towards the M.J. degree for any J.D. program course credit that is more than seven (7) years old.

##### *(2) JD and MJ Credits – (changing from MJ to JD, completing both degrees)*

A student who begins as an MJ student, and then becomes a JD student, can apply up to 9 credit hours - earned as a JD student towards the MJ degree requirement. The Associate Dean will determine whether a student can apply JD credits to an MJ degree, and which credits will be so applied is at the discretion of the Associate Dean. Any JD credits applied to a student's MJ degree shall be applied as graded credits.

*(Updated 5/4/18)*

(b) GRADING CONSIDERATIONS

See Sec. 8.2.1 (a) and (b) for information regarding grading standards for M.J., ~~Professional Certificate,~~ and LL.M students.

(c) REQUIREMENTS

~~A candidate for the Professional Certificate in Compliance and Risk Management must satisfy the following requirements:~~

- ~~1. Intro to Law (0 credits)~~
- ~~2. Operational Risk Management (CBPA course, 3 credits)~~
- ~~3. The Law of Compliance and Risk Management (3 credits)~~
- ~~4. Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CBPA course, 3 credits)~~
- ~~5. The Regulatory Process or Administrative Law (3 credits)~~

A candidate for the M.J. degree in Compliance and Risk Management must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Intro to Law (0 credits)
2. Operational Risk Management (CBPA course, 3 credits)
3. The Law of Compliance and Risk Management (3 credits)
4. Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CBPA course, 3 credits)
5. The Regulatory Process (3 credits)
6. The Law of Business Organizations (CBPA Course BLAW 250)(3 credits) or Business Associations (Law School course)(4 credits)
7. Foundations of Law (3 credits)
8. Sufficient additional elective credits to total 24.

A candidate for the LL.M. degree in Compliance and Risk Management must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Operational Risk Management (CBPA course, 3 credits)
2. The Law of Compliance and Risk Management (3 credits)
3. Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CBPA course, 3 credits)
4. Administrative Law or The Regulatory Process (3 credits)\*
5. The Law of Business Organizations (CBPA Course BLAW 250)(3 credits) or Business Associations (Law School course)(4 credits)\*
6. Foundations of Law (3 credits)\*
7. Sufficient additional elective credits to total 24.

The program director may individualize the above asterisked requirements for each student based on the following factors:

1. whether the student's law degree is from a domestic, foreign, common law, or civil law jurisdiction,
2. the classes the student completed in his or her previous law school studies and
3. the grades achieved in those classes, subject to the requirements of Faculty Handbook section 12.3.1(d)

(d) PREVIOUSLY AND CONCURRENTLY COMPLETED COURSEWORK

No candidate with a J.D. from an ABA-approved law school will be given credit toward an LL.M./M.J. degree for repeating work or a course already completed by the candidate toward fulfillment of the candidate's J.D. except as described in this section.

If a student is concurrently enrolled in the Compliance and Risk Management M.J. ~~or; LL.M. or Professional Certificate~~ program, and another Drake program (such as MBA or MPA, but not including the J.D. program) the three required CBPA Compliance courses (Operational Risk Management, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, and The Law of Business Organizations (BLAW 250) will be credited towards the student's Compliance degree/~~certificate~~ even if the student is also given credit for the course towards the student's other degree, so long as the student receives a grade **of B- or higher in the course.**

Any student who is not concurrently enrolled in the Compliance and Risk management M.J. ~~or; LL.M. or Professional Certificate~~ program, and another Drake program (such as MBA, MPA) must take the full number of credits required for their Compliance degree/~~certificate~~ in order to be awarded their Compliance degree/~~certificate~~. If a student has already taken a course required by the student's Compliance degree/~~certificate~~ program, and the student received a **grade of C (for law school classes) or B- (for CBPA classes) or higher**, the student will not be permitted to re-take the course as part of the Compliance M.J. ~~or; LL.M. or Certificate~~ program. Rather, the student must take elective credits to reach the required credit total. (For example, if a student took Operational Risk Management as part of an MBA program, received a B- or higher, and later applied to and was accepted into the Compliance ~~Professional Certificate~~ M.J. Program, the student would be required to take 3 credits of electives ~~to get the Professional Certificate in lieu of Operational Risk Management.~~) If a student has already taken a course required by the student's Compliance degree/~~certificate~~ program, such as Administrative Law or Operational Risk Management, and the student received a grade **of C- or below for law school classes, or C+ or below for CBPA classes**, the student will be required to re-take the course as part of the Compliance M.J. ~~or; LL.M. or Professional Certificate~~ program.

(e) RELATED COURSEWORK

Subject to approval by the Program Director, students may elect to take no more than 6 new semester hours of related coursework outside the LL.M./M.J. curriculum, including related upper level or graduate coursework at other academic units at Drake University.

*(Updated 9/26/17)*

*(Updated 10/19/17)*

*(Updated 12/14/17)*

*(Updated 9/13/18)*

### ***12.3.2 GPA REQUIREMENTS***

#### **(3) NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS**

To be in good academic standing, and therefore eligible to continue law studies, candidates for the LL.M./M.J. degree are required to have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the completion of each semester of classes.

#### **(4) NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS**

The minimum CGPA for students who are not natives of the United States and whose education was not in primarily English-speaking schools will be a 2.0. All other LL.M students are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

### ***12.3.3 TIMELINE TO COMPLETE DEGREE***

Subject to waiver by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, full-time students must complete the requirements for the LL.M./M.J. degree ~~or Professional Certificate~~ within two academic years and part-time students must complete the requirements within 84 months of starting their program.

### ***12.3.4 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***

1. Applicants for the LL.M. must hold a J.D. from an ABA accredited school, an LL.B., or an equivalent degree from a foreign law school.
2. Applicants for the M.J. must hold a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree from a foreign school.
3. The LL.M./M.J. and Certificate programs are open both to domestic and foreign students. Participants may enroll on either a full-time or part-time basis.

### ***12.3.5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY***

Foreign candidates for the LL.M./M.J. degree ~~or Professional Certificate~~ Program whose native language is not English must also submit documentation showing their TOEFL scores. As a general rule, applicants are required to have a TOEFL score of 250 or above for the computer-based test, 100 or above for the Internet-based test, or 600 or above for the written test. Only results from tests taken within two years from the date of application to the LL.M./M.J. program will be considered. The law school may request the applicant to participate in a telephone interview.