

JD/MS-GOAL DUAL DEGREE

Program Mission and Goals

The JD/MS-GOAL program is designed as a dual-degree program to prepare Creighton law students to assume leadership positions as attorneys working for government entities. Students in the program acquire valuable information and skills useful across the full array of government activity. While the program focuses primarily on the roles of lawyers within the federal government, GOAL graduates emerge from the program well equipped to succeed in state and local government as well. The program is both theoretical and practical: students develop a sophisticated construct of the role of lawyers in government and apply their learning during an intensive full-time externship in a federal governmental office. GOAL offers students:

- A legal/organizational framework for understanding the role of government counsel;
- A set of core competencies to understand and effectively participate as lawyers in leadership and organizational roles in government;
- An enhanced capacity for working as government lawyers in federal agencies;
- Practical skills and techniques in strategic planning, problem solving, collaboration, decision making, and consensus building;
- A detailed understanding of government standards of ethical conduct and ethical principles arising from core values of our society and the Jesuit tradition; and
- Tools to enhance performance and achieve desirable outcomes in career pursuits.
- Graduate in 3 years with dual JD/MS-GOAL degrees.

Program of Study

The degree is a Master of Science in Government Organization and Leadership (MS-GOAL). This degree requires completion of 35 credit hours, an externship in Washington D.C. and a major paper. Thirteen credit hours may be satisfied by courses taken for the JD degree. Five credit hours of GOAL courses may serve as credit toward the JD degree. The program includes a full-time externship at a government office in Washington, DC. While in DC, students take three classes, participate in conferences, networking events, and other opportunities as they arise.

JD and MS-GOAL Dual Degree Program requirements (35 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses Taught in Omaha		
LAW 307	Administrative Law	3
LAW 406	State and Local Governments in a Federal System	3
GOL 615	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Leadership Theory	3
GOL 690	Workshop: Emerging Perspectives on Governance	2
GOL 670	Government Organization and Research	1
Required Courses Taught in Washington, D.C.		
Courses taken Fall semester, 3rd year of Law School.		
GOL 710	Counsel Roles and Leadership in Government Agencies	3
GOL 720	Ethics in Government	2
GOL 730	Externship Program	11
Electives		

Select at least 7 credits of elective courses from the following. These courses, except for PLS courses, count toward both the J.D. and M.S. degrees.

LAW 309	Comparative Constitutional Law
LAW 311	Advanced Constitutional Law
LAW 339	Copyrights
LAW 346	Employment Discrimination
LAW 347	Health Care Insurance Law
LAW 349	Environmental and Natural Resources Law
LAW 350	Elder Law
LAW 351	Estate and Gift Taxation (Federal)
LAW 354	Energy Law
LAW 359	Food & Drug Law
LAW 361	Federal Courts: Jurisdiction and Procedure of the District Courts
LAW 362	Current Topics in Public Health Law
LAW 363	Federal Income Taxation
LAW 366	First Amendment Freedom of Speech
LAW 368	Health Information Privacy
LAW 370	Immigration Law
LAW 376	Health Care Organizations
LAW 379	Climate Change & International Environmental Law
LAW 380	Mergers and Acquisitions
LAW 382	International Criminal Law
LAW 387	Land Use Law
LAW 389	Race and Law
LAW 397	Legal Issues in Electronic Commerce
LAW 398	Employment Law
LAW 402	Law of Armed Conflict
LAW 403	Native American Law
LAW 413	Patent Law
LAW 423	International Law
LAW 432	Education Law
LAW 436	Securities Regulation
LAW 440	Trademarks and Unfair Competition
LAW 459	White Collar Crime
NCR 624	Dynamics of Conflict Resolution and Engagement

JD First-year Required Courses	32
JD Second-year Required Courses	22
JD Electives	35
35 elective credits (including the professional skills requirement) are normally required for the JD. 5 GOAL credits count toward JD electives.	
Total Credits	124