



## Syracuse University College of Law

### *Joint Degree Programs*

Syracuse University College of Law students who desire a greater degree of specialization have a wide range of interdisciplinary opportunities from which to select. In a joint degree program, a student may pursue a J.D. and a related master's or doctoral degree concurrently. The joint degree programs are structured so students can earn both degrees in substantially less time than would be required to earn each degree separately. Students enrolled in a joint degree program must complete their first year of study in the College of Law. Students must apply and be admitted to both programs separately. Because a joint degree program involves reciprocal application of electives, students are not awarded either degree until the requirements for both degrees are completed.

### **Juris Doctor and Public Diplomacy**

The Juris Doctor/Public Diplomacy is a combined degree which is conferred by the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, and the College of Law. Students enrolled in these programs may obtain their J.D. and M.A. in International Relations and M.S. in Public Relations in substantially less time than would be necessary if each program was separately pursued.

Students who want to be considered for admission to the J.D./Public Diplomacy program must first gain admission to the regular program of each participating academic unit. The most common pattern of entry is one in which a first-year law student applies for admission to the Public Diplomacy program. In this situation, the applicant will submit an Internal Application for Admission, along with a personal statement, an updated resume, a new letter of recommendation, GRE scores, and all copies of all previous materials submitted with the application to the College of Law directly to the Newhouse School. In your statement of purpose, please include the following information: Describe your main academic interests, why you wish to study for the degree you have chosen, why you wish to study at Syracuse University, any work or international experience you may have, and plans for the future after you receive your degree. The GRE is required for all applications. The application deadline is January 15. Applications received after January 15 will be considered on a space-available basis only. If a student is accepted for the Public Diplomacy joint degree program, then s/he must contact the Office of Student Affairs to begin the College of Law approval process. Students must be approved through both the department of the joint degree program and the College of Law. The approval request is submitted through the Student Services Request Form and must include a comprehensive plan outlining how the student will meet each program's requirements throughout their time at the College of Law.

The College of Law allows 15 credit hours toward the J.D., taken in Public Diplomacy if pursuant to an approved program. The basis for awarding credit hours is set out in the College of Law *Handbook of Academic Rules*, Rule E.6. There are 130 credit hours that must be completed to earn the J.D./Public Diplomacy (72-Law and 58-Public Diplomacy), rather than the 145 credits required if the degrees were independently pursued.

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