HISTORY AND LAW (M.A./J.D. JOINT DEGREE)

A joint degree is one in which some courses may be taken for credit applicable to both degrees. The joint degree program in law and history leads to the receipt of a J.D. from the Law School and an M.A. from the History Department of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Law students may apply to the History Department for admission to the M.A. program, and upon admission may enroll in history courses after successful completion of their first year of legal studies. In the M.A. program, students may focus their studies on chronological history, including Roman, Western European and American backgrounds of law; on subjects related to specific areas of law practice such as labor, business or political history; or on the historical context of the lawyer’s role in public policy making in domestic and international affairs. The joint degree program can be completed in three-and-one-half to four years of full-time study.