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**DATE:** May 20, 2003

**TO:** Rebecca Scott  
Senate Council

**FROM:** Lissa Holland  
Graduate Council

**The Graduate School**

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The Graduate Council met on May 1, 2003, and approved the following:

**PATTERSON SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LAW SCHOOL**

**Joint Degree Program – MA/Patterson School of Diplomacy and International  
Commerce with JD/University of Kentucky Law School**

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The University of Kentucky's College of Law and Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce would offer the opportunity to obtain the Masters of Arts (MA) and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees in a dual degree program. Because both schools recognize that some aspects of diplomacy and law are compatible and interrelated, the student can obtain both degrees in four years instead of the four and one-half years required if the degrees were pursued separately. As a result, the student would gain marketable skills and specialized employment opportunities, and do so in less time and with a smaller financial investment than might otherwise be required.

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May 1, 2003

Dr. Jeffrey B. Dembo, Chair  
Senate Council  
153 Bowman Hall  
CAMPUS 0059

Dear Dr. Dembo:

At its meeting on May 1, 2003, the Graduate Council approved, and recommends approval by the Senate Council, for the proposal from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce and the University of Kentucky Law School to create a joint JD/MA program.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

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Douglass S. Kalika, Acting Dean  
The Graduate School

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cc: Angel Clark  
Jaque Hager



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March 27, 2003

Doug Kalika  
Acting Dean,  
Graduate School  
University of Kentucky  
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Dear Doug;

Attached is the revised proposal for the joint JD-MA program submitted by the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce and the University of Kentucky Law School

The Patterson School Faculty fully concur with Associate Law School Dean Frost's characterization of the importance of this program to our two schools and the University. We therefore ask that you request approval of it by the Graduate Council and the University Senate.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Desch  
Professor and  
Director Graduate Studies



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March 25, 2003

Douglass S. Kalika  
Acting Dean  
University of Kentucky Graduate School  
351 Patterson Office Tower  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027

Dear Dean Kalika:

Attached is a proposal for a Joint Program in Law and Diplomacy submitted by the College of Law and the Patterson School of Diplomacy. This concurrent degree program is designed to permit interested students the opportunity to earn their degree of Juris Doctor from the College of Law and their Master of Arts Degree in a four year period.

The program recognizes the increasingly global nature of the practice of law and permits those interested in public and private international endeavors to obtain the necessary background in law. Thus the program provides a true interdisciplinary educational experience and will enrich both programs.

The Dean and the faculty of the College of Law have approved this proposal and submit it to you for your approval and that of the Graduate Council and the University Senate. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Christopher W. Frost

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

## Proposed Joint Program in Law and Diplomacy

### **BACKGROUND**

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### **PROGRAM OF STUDY**

To earn the JD/MA, the student must satisfy the requirements of both the law college and the Patterson School. Normally, the MA degree requires 30 credit hours and the College of Law 90 credit hours. For JD/MA students, however, each school accepts credit earned in the other school, allowing the student to complete the joint program after only 21 credit hours of graduate school course work and 87 credit hours of Law course work.

From the perspective of the Patterson School program, the JD program serves as 9 credit hours of course work toward the MA degree. The joint program student would be required to take up to three internationally-oriented law school courses identified by the Patterson School. From the College of Law perspective, the Patterson School course work satisfies three credit hours of electives toward the JD degree.

Once admitted, the student may elect to begin course work in either the law school or the Patterson School. In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, it is not advisable to mix Patterson and Law courses during any single semester. The student may follow one of two tracks:

*Track A*

*Year 1:* 29 credit hours of required first-year Law courses, including Legal Research and Writing

*Year 2:* 21-24 credit hours of required Patterson School courses

*Year 3:* Law electives

(Professional Responsibility - Law 835 - and completion of a substantial writing project are required in year 3 or 4. In addition, at least three law electives in years 3 and 4 must have an international orientation as determined by the Patterson School. The student may take the Patterson School comprehensive exams in the same semester he/she is taking the final course for the Patterson Program, or later, but not before.)

*Year 4:* Law electives

*Track B*

*Year 1:* 21-24 credit hours of required Patterson School courses

*Year 2:* 29 credit hours of required first-year Law courses, including Legal Research and Writing

*Year 3:* Law electives

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## **ADMISSIONS**

Students interested in the JD/MA program in law and diplomacy would apply formally and independently to both programs and meet the admission standards of each. Admission standards will be the same as if the student were applying solely to one program; however, the student

should note on all application forms that admission is being sought for the JD/MA dual degree program. The dual degree program is not suitable for part-time MA students. There is no part-time program at the College of Law.

A student currently enrolled in the JD or the Patterson School program may be considered for admission to the JD/MA Dual Degree Program. The application for admission must be approved by the program in which the student is not enrolled. The student would be eligible for consideration as a current student only if no more than one full-time semester has been completed. The JD/MA program would not be available if the student has already earned one of the degrees.

## **ADVISING**

The Director of Graduate Studies of the Patterson School and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Law serve as an advising team for the student, each in their respective schools.

## **TUITION**

During the period of MA enrollment, the student will pay fees and tuition at the Graduate School rate. During the period of Law School enrollment, the student will pay fees and tuition at College of Law rates.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

(1) A Graduate School application, official GRE scores, two official transcripts from each undergraduate school attended and official TOEFL scores (for international students) must be sent to:

*Graduate School Admissions  
351 Patterson Office Tower  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0027  
Phone: (859) 257-4613  
Fax: (859) 323-1928*

(2) A Patterson School Admission application, transcripts and GRE scores plus four letters of recommendation must be sent to:

Director of Graduate Studies  
Patterson School of Diplomacy and  
International Commerce  
455 Patterson Office Tower  
Lexington, KY 40506-0027  
Phone: (859) 257-4666  
Fax: (859) 257-4676

(3) For the College of Law, a Law School application and personal statement, official LSAT scores and Law School Data Assembly Service report, letters of recommendation and any other materials as described in the law Bulletin must be sent to:

*Law Admissions  
209 Law Building  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0048  
Phone: (859) 257-6770  
Fax: (859)323-1061*

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### *Grade Point Average*

Grade point averages are calculated independently by the College of Law and the Graduate School. Dual-degree students must remain in compliance with the academic standards of each degree granting unit. As Law students, dual degree students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for College of Law course work. The Graduate School requires a minimum grade point average of 3.0, which is calculated solely on the basis of course work completed in the Graduate School. College of Law course credits will be transferred to the Graduate school on the basis of the following criteria:

1. No Grade below “C” will be transferred to the Graduate School;
2. No more than 2 grades of “C” will be allowed to transfer to the Graduate School;
3. Any “C” that is transferred to the Graduate School must be balanced by an equivalent number of “A”’s from (a) College of Law courses eligible for credit in the Graduate School under this program, or (b) by Graduate School courses completed under this program;
4. College of Law grades will be converted to Graduate School grades by disregarding any “+” or “-” increment (for example, College of Law grades of “C+” or “C-” shall count as a Graduate School grade of “C”).

Graduate School credit will be accepted in the College of Law as 3 pass fail credit hours awarded on the completion of the entire Graduate School program. If the student fails to complete the requirements for the Master of Arts degree under this program, no Graduate School



credits shall be accepted for College of Law purposes. Credits earned through completion of the Master of Arts Degree will be accepted by the College of Law on a pass/fail basis and will not affect the student's College of Law grade point average.

### *Comprehensive Examination*

The JD/MA student will be eligible to sit for final comprehensive examinations for the MA degree during the semester they take their final class(es) for the MA degree,

### *Granting of JD/MA Degrees*

Upon satisfactory completion of all degree requirements of both schools, the student will be granted both the JD and MA degrees.

### *Failure to Complete JD/MA Requirements*

If the student does not complete the law component, the student will have the option of completing the standard MA program requirements and receiving only the MA degree.

College of Law credit given for MA course work is provisional upon completion of the dual degree program. If the student does not complete the MA requirements, the student will not be credited with any hours of MA course work toward the JD degree.

## **INFORMATION**

For additional information on the MA or JD programs, please contact:

Associate Dean Drusilla Bakert  
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*University of Kentucky*  
*Lexington, KY 40506-0048*  
*Phone: (859) 257-1678*  
*Fax: (859) 323-1061*  
*E-Mail: dbakert@pop.uky.edu*  
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## **COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS**

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity/affirmative action University. It is the policy of the University not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, beliefs or disability in its educational program, employment policies, financial aid or other school-administered programs.

## **POLICY CHANGES**

All statements in this publication are announcements of present policy only and are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
INVESTIGATOR REPORT**

Course/Courses/Program: P26; Joint JD - MA in Diplomacy

Category (check one):  New  Change  Drop

Date for Council Review: May 1, 2003

Recommendation (circle one):  Approve  Approve with Reservation  Disapprove

Investigator's Signature: 

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The following questions are included as an outline only. Be as specific and as brief as possible. If the investigation was routine, please indicate this. Attach supplements as needed. Please return the form to Lissa Holland, 355 P.O.T., 0027, at least two days before the next Council meeting.

1 List any modifications made in the course proposal as submitted originally and reason(s) why.

2. If no modifications were made, review considerations which arose during the investigation and the resolutions.

The program is modeled after the JD/MPA program, so the nature of the program and course sequencing are familiar. Two tracks are allowed, where the MA courses could be taken either in the student's first year or second year. The degrees taken separately would take 5 years and the joint program reduces that by one semester. Presently, there are 3 or 4 students interested and possibly a slightly larger number may be the steady-state flow of students into the program. No additional resources are required for the program.

3. List contact(s) with program units and the considerations discussed therein.

I spoke with Michael Desch, Director Graduate Studies of the Patterson School.

4. Additional information as needed.