Dear J.D./Ph.D. Government Student:

As a J.D./Ph.D. Government student, your experience at Georgetown Law will be shaped by the interdisciplinary nature of your program of study as well as your membership in two academic communities with distinct rules, procedures, and cultures. The academic careers of J.D./Ph.D. Government students are primarily administered by the policies of Georgetown Law and the Department of Government as articulated in the Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies, the Graduate School Bulletin and Catalog, and the Government Department Graduate Program Handbook. The handbook you are currently reading addresses areas in which unique policies have been developed to meet the particular needs of J.D./Ph.D. Government and other joint degree students.

Specifically, this handbook contains: (1) Georgetown Law and Main Campus academic calendars, (2) a roster of administrators in the program, (3) summaries of policies and procedures that affect J.D./Government students, and (4) a listing of program requirements. A checklist of J.D./Government degree requirements is included as an Appendix to assist you with planning your program of study.

The nature of a joint degree program demands that students keep up with the administrative details of both programs. Both programs will communicate with you via your Georgetown e-mail account. Important Law Center deadlines are also posted via the Master Calendar online at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-services/registrar/course-registration/Academic-Calendars.cfm.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the material that follows or if I can be of assistance. It is important to keep this handbook throughout your program. Students will be informed of any policy changes by e-mail. Please contact me at (202) 662-9041 or ew484@law.georgetown.edu to schedule an advising appointment.

Sincerely,
Emily Wack
Director, J.D. Programs
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# JOINT DEGREE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-services/registrar/course-registration/Academic-Calendars.cfm](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-services/registrar/course-registration/Academic-Calendars.cfm) (Law) and [https://registrar.georgetown.edu/academic-calendars/maincampus](https://registrar.georgetown.edu/academic-calendars/maincampus) (Main Campus)

## Fall 2016

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* Special Rules apply to “Mini-Courses” starting after the Add/Drop period—see course descriptions in the Curriculum Guide for details.
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† Mandatory attendance is required at all Week One class sessions, first-year and upperclass, Monday–Friday.
§ Some clinics may require their students to begin clinic activities this week.
** Unless earlier due date set by the professor.
†† Unless other due date set by professor.
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III. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The J.D./Ph.D. Government program awards the Juris Doctor and a Doctorate in Government (with an M.A. en passant). Students may enroll in the J.D./Ph.D. Government joint degree program on a full-time or part-time basis. The program allows students to specialize in American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, or Political Theory. J.D./Ph.D. students must satisfactorily complete requirements for both the J.D. and the Ph.D. degrees. Separate diplomas will be awarded, and upon satisfactory completion of the program, a Joint Degree Certificate will also be awarded. A Masters degree is awarded en passant to students enrolled in the Ph.D. program upon completion of 48 academic credits, the course distribution requirements in the Government program, and at least 6 credits of upperclass J.D. coursework.

Students in the joint degree program are required to take the first year of law school as an intact block. This school year may be taken prior to or after completing one year of Government coursework as an intact block, but no earlier or later. A typical distribution of course requirements appears under Section IV. D, the Program Requirements Grid, of this handbook.

J.D./Ph.D. Government students must complete all required courses and the total number of academic credits for graduation (76 credits in law and 48 credits in Government for the M.A., with 9 credits of Government coursework counted toward the J.D., and an additional 15 credits for the Ph.D. in the fields of Comparative Government, International Relations, or Political Theory, or an additional 18 credits for the Ph.D. in American Government). Approximately 21 J.D. credits will count toward the Ph.D. degree. Therefore, 27 credits are unique to the Ph.D. program. J.D./Ph.D. Government students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00/4.00 in their Government program and the required minimum cumulative grade point average for the J.D. program. Additional degree requirements can be found below.

Note: This joint-degree program is offered to part-time as well as full-time J.D. students. Part-time students should schedule a meeting with Emily Wack in the Office of J.D. Academic Services to discuss their academic schedule, as they may require more time to complete both degrees than is specified in this Handbook.

A. Georgetown Law Requirements

Georgetown Law students must earn at least 85 credits to graduate with the J.D. degree. As a joint J.D./Ph.D. Government student, 9 credits of Government coursework will count towards the 85 credits needed to earn the J.D. degree. Therefore, J.D./Ph.D. Government students must complete 76 Georgetown Law credits for the J.D. portion of this joint degree.

J.D./Ph.D. Government students must complete the following requirements of the J.D. program: (1) the required first-year program; (2) a professional responsibility course; (3) the upperclass
legal writing requirement; and (4) for students matriculating in Fall 2016 or later, 6 credits of experiential coursework. All graduation requirements are described in detail in the Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies at [http://www.law.georgetown.edu/go/handbook](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/go/handbook).

B. Government Degree Requirements

1. Major and Minor Fields

Ph.D. students must complete six courses in a major field (American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, or Political Theory). In addition, the Government program waives the minor comprehensive exam requirement for students who earn a B+ or better in three law courses.

2. Theory and Methods Requirement

All students must complete five courses in “Theory and Methods.” These courses must include:

- GOVT-780, Fundamentals of Political Theory
- GOVT-701, Analysis of Political Data
- GOVT-702, Advanced Political Analysis
- And two additional courses in political theory or methods

3. Foreign Language Requirement

The Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory major fields typically require competence in a foreign language. Students should consult the Government Department’s [Graduate Program Handbook](https://government.georgetown.edu/phd) (available on their webpage at [https://government.georgetown.edu/phd](https://government.georgetown.edu/phd)) for field-specific language requirements.

4. Comprehensive Exams

Most Ph.D. students are required to take comprehensive examinations in one major and one minor field. J.D./Ph.D. Government students fulfill their minor requirement by earning a B+ or better in three law courses, in which case no separate comprehensive exam is required. J.D./Ph.D. Government students must take the comprehensive exam in their major field once they have completed the relevant coursework.
5. Thesis

Please see the Government Department’s Graduate Program Handbook for details about Dissertation Proposal, Committees, and Defenses.

6. Ph.D. Qualifying Appraisal

After completing 12 credit hours of Ph.D. coursework, Ph.D. students are evaluated by a qualifying appraisal, with the purpose of deciding whether a student should continue in the Ph.D. program as determined by the student’s intellectual potential and scholarly performance. The appraisal is conducted by a meeting of the field committee in the student’s major field. Appraisal materials should be prepared by the student in consultation with his or her advisor and the Field Committee Chair. The materials should include a transcript showing course grades, two letters of evaluation, and a paper written for a Georgetown graduate course in the student’s major field.

Student note:
I would recommend starting at the graduate school and then beginning law school so that you do not lose the momentum that you gain after 1L year. The skills that are required to be successful in law school and a Ph.D. program are very different, so there is a learning curve associated with switching back and forth between programs. I think that either way could be done successfully, but taking a year off of law school and doing something completely academically different then switching back is difficult. Graduate school is more like undergrad, since you have numerous graded assignments due throughout the semester, so it makes sense to have continuity in that style of learning and then head to law school for the different approach to grading and testing.

Long-term academic planning would involve choosing law courses that have a connection with the graduate program, so that you can possibly receive advanced standing credit and fulfill as many graduate program requirements with law classes as possible (unless you’re just interested in taking a lot of graduate classes). Being in section 3 [Curriculum B] was also advantageous in my program, since the philosophical underpinnings of the section 3 [Curriculum B] curriculum provided helpful background information and overlapped somewhat with political theory and other areas of government. All of these decisions would also depend on your end goal. An intention to practice law vs. entering into academia, going to a think tank, or something less legal will impact any decision on how to navigate the two programs, since you may need to put more emphasis on one degree over the other. For example, I chose to pursue a lot of legal internships instead of presenting academic papers at conferences, but someone who is on the academia track would likely approach things differently.
C. Planning Your Upperclass Curriculum

J.D./Ph.D. Government students are encouraged to take advantage of the vast course offerings at Georgetown Law to supplement their study of American Government, Comparative Government, International Relations, or Political Theory. Upperclass offerings likely to be of interest to J.D./Ph.D. Government students include courses that explore the legal constraints on governmental powers, administrative and regulatory law, jurisprudence and legal history, international law, comparative law, and courses that focus on legal issues surrounding specific policy questions.

Students’ course selection should be driven by their major field in the Ph.D. program, specific research interests, and/or career aspirations. Students planning an academic career in political science may focus on incorporating legal analysis into their political science scholarship. These students should also take advantage of research assistantships at Georgetown Law, which provide the opportunity to participate in faculty scholarship in areas of interest. For information about the Georgetown Law Research Fellowship program, which is designed to support emerging scholars who seek to pursue a law teaching career, visit http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/ academic-programs/fellowships/research- fellowships/index.cfm. Likewise, a Ph.D. in Government, one or more publications, strong grades, and an area of demonstrated excellence will stand you in good stead in the law teaching market. Additional guidance can be found in the Law Teaching and Scholarship Guide at http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/teachingscholarship.

Students planning legal practice in international law or regulatory and administrative law may take core courses in these areas to supplement their broader understanding of the political context in which law is interpreted and administered.

J.D./Ph.D. Government students should consult the online Curriculum Guide available at http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/ for informative essays (under the “Curriculum” tab, search the drop down menu under J.D. courses) about the various course clusters within the Law Center’s curriculum.
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<td>Ph.D. in one of the following: American Government (AG), Comparative Government (CG), International Relations (IR), or Political Theory (PT)</td>
<td>□ 48 credits in Government for the Ph.D. (includes 9 J.D. credits that count for the Government Department’s minor field requirement)</td>
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<td>M.A. degree en passant for students enrolled in the Ph.D. program (upon completion of 48 academic credits and course distribution requirements in the Government program and at least 6 credits of upperclass J.D. coursework)</td>
<td>□ Satisfactory performance on the written foreign language examination for CG, IR, and PT majors (this requirement can be waived for IR majors with approval from the Director of Graduate Studies)</td>
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### Curriculum/Course Requirements

#### J.D. Requirements
- □ First year of law school as an intact block either immediately prior to or after completing one year of government coursework.
- □ Satisfactory completion of the upperclass legal writing requirement
- □ Professional Responsibility course**
- □ 6 credits of experiential coursework (students matriculating Fall 2016 and later)

#### Ph.D. Requirements

**Theory and Methods Requirements (15 credits)**
- • GOVT-780, Fundamentals of Political Theory (3 credits)
- • GOVT-701, Analysis of Political Data (3 credits)
- • GOVT-702, Advanced Political Analysis (3 credits)
- • Elective (Political Theory Graduate Level Course) (3 credits)
- • Elective (Political Theory or Methods Course) (3 credits)

**Major Field Requirements (18 credits)**
- • Refer to the Graduate Program Handbook for specific requirements for American Government (AG), Comparative Government (CG), International Relations (IR), or Political Theory (PT)
- • Students are required to take 6 courses in their major field of study

**Minor Field Requirements (9 credits)**
- • Three J.D. courses with a grade of B+ or better fulfill this requirement
- • Minor Field Examination: can be waived

**Two General Electives (6 credits)**
- • Electives (in any field)

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* Students matriculating in Fall 2015 or later complete their 1L year with either 30 or 31 credits, depending on whether they take the optional first-year Week One course. Remaining credit requirements should be adjusted accordingly.

** Students often enroll in Professional Responsibility during the same semester as when they plan to take the M.P.R.E. (Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination). Detailed information about the M.P.R.E. is available online at [http://ncbex.org/exams/mpre/](http://ncbex.org/exams/mpre/).
IV. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

A. Credit Load

Full-time joint degree students must enroll in 10 to 16 credits of Law Center courses in each semester to meet the Law Center’s per-semester credit minimum requirement. A full-time joint degree student may be approved to enroll in fewer than 10 Law Center credits in a given semester if: (1) the combined University-wide (i.e., Law Center and Main Campus) credits total at least 10 credits; and (2) the student receives permission from an advisor in the Office of J.D. Academic Services prior to the end of the Law Center’s add/drop period. If a full-time joint degree J.D. student fails to successfully complete at least 10 University-wide credits in a semester, the student will not have successfully completed that full-time semester and must meet with an academic advisor to discuss how they will meet their graduation requirements and request a waiver to maintain their expected J.D. graduation date.

Full-time joint degree students will be approved to enroll in up to 22 University-wide credits (no more than 17 of which may be Law Center credits) during the Fall or Spring semester. Students should discuss their plans for completing their degree requirements with the Director of J.D. Programs, Emily Wack, particularly when considering enrolling in the maximum number of credits in a semester. Ms. Wack can be reached at (202) 662-9041 or by e-mail at ew484@law.georgetown.edu.

Part-time joint degree students should consult with Ms. Wack regarding their credit load each semester.

B. J.D. Registration

Georgetown Law students typically pre-register for the following academic year (both fall and spring semesters) in late May/early June. Main Campus pre-registration occurs each semester. Therefore, the Main Campus course offerings for the following spring semester will not be available when J.D./Ph.D. Government students pre-register for their J.D. courses. Nonetheless, J.D./Ph.D. Government students are strongly encouraged to pre-register for spring classes at the Law Center and make any necessary adjustments during the appropriate add/drop period.

In order to plan for possible alternative schedules on the Main Campus, some J.D./Ph.D. Government students pre-register for more law courses than they will actually take. Joint degree students may hold up to 22 credits university-wide (i.e., J.D. and Government credits combined) per semester through the Law Center’s add/drop period. However, full-time students must drop to no more than 17 credits per semester by the end of the Law Center’s add/drop period.
C. Main Campus Registration

The Department of Government notifies J.D./Ph.D. Government of the Main Campus registration dates. Registration is completed online and the Government course offerings can be obtained online through MyAccess at https://myaccess.georgetown.edu.

**Student note:**

> The registration processes for continuing graduate and law students are different. They occur on different timelines (i.e. pre-registration period), there is different criteria for course eligibility (at least for my graduate program), and the law school course selection and ranking system is a lot more complicated. I generally think of registration for both campuses as two completely different non-overlapping processes, so I don't consider them together. It is helpful to see all courses for which you're currently registered and the total number of credits across both campuses in My Access though.

D. Registration for Language Courses

Students must register for all language courses during the Main Campus add/drop period. Please note that the language courses are not applied to the government degree credit requirements.

E. Exam Conflicts

Students are encouraged to work with their Main Campus faculty members to resolve exam conflicts because the Main Campus exam schedule is generally more flexible. If this is not possible, Georgetown Law exams can be rescheduled if certain criteria are met. No Georgetown Law student is required to take two exams that begin within 25 hours. In addition, a student may seek relief if his/her exam schedule produces three exams within four consecutive days or four exams within five consecutive days, or for extraordinary cause. Generally, the exam for the class carrying the fewest number of credits will be rescheduled. Please note that Georgetown Law exams are blind graded, and you should not contact your law professors regarding exam conflicts. Check your exam schedule early in the semester and contact the Georgetown Law Registrar’s Office if you need to reschedule your exams. The exam deferral policy is found in the Student Handbook of Academic Policies, http://www.law.georgetown.edu/go/handbook.

F. Commuting Between Campuses

Students may use the GUTS shuttle to get back and forth between the Law Center and Main Campus. Students with a valid GOCard may ride any GUTS route at no charge. The shuttle between Georgetown Law and the Main Campus runs every hour to hour and a half. In addition, the university runs more frequent shuttles to the metro stations at Dupont Circle (Metro’s Red line) and Rosslyn (Metro’s Blue and Orange lines). The GUTS schedules and NextGUTS app tool is available at http://otm.georgetown.edu/guts/.
Another popular and inexpensive commuting option is the DC Circulator bus system. For route maps, fare information, and Next-Bus information for the DC Circulator, please visit http://www.dccirculator.com/. For detailed information about Metrobus routes, please visit http://www.wmata.com.

Parking at Georgetown Law is very limited so students may not always find a space. Law Center students may pay to park in the McDonough Hall garage on level P2 on a space available basis if they have registered their car with and obtained a hangtag from the Law Center’s parking office. GOCards issued by the Law Center are automatically programmed to allow access to the garage and will deduct the parking fee of $8.40 per entry. Parking for students at the Law Center garage tends to fill up on weekdays by 9:30 a.m. Students may access the garage for free after 5:00 p.m. When you register your car with the Law Center Parking Office, please confirm that your GOCard has been programmed to allow you access to the McDonough Hall garage. The Law Center’s Parking Office is located in McDonough Hall, Room 154 and can be contacted at (202) 662-9330 or facilitiesmgmt@law.georgetown.edu.

The Main Campus does not permit student parking. Students may however pay (in cash) to park in a garage as a visitor if space is available.

G. Tuition

Full-time J.D./Ph.D. Government students are charged Georgetown Law tuition for three years of the program (the year when only first-year J.D. courses are taken and the two years when a combination of J.D. and Government courses are taken). Students are charged Graduate School tuition for the other year(s) in the program when only Government courses are taken.

Part-time J.D./Ph.D. Government students are charged the Georgetown Law part-time rate for all J.D. coursework and the first 9 credits of Government coursework. For the remaining Government coursework (i.e., after the first 9 credits), part-time students are charged the Graduate School part-time tuition rate.

Full-time law tuition for 2016-2017 is $57,576. The Law Center’s per credit rate for part-time students is $2,056 per credit hour.

H. Financial Aid

Students starting the joint degree program while attending the Law Center will have their federal and other loan aid administered by the Law Center Financial Aid Office for the duration of the program. Students starting the joint degree program while attending the Government program will have their financial aid administered by Main Campus for the first year and the Law Center
Financial Aid office for the subsequent years. After completion of the J.D. degree, a student’s financial aid will be administered by the Main Campus.

Any aid granted by the Main Campus should be reported to the Law Center Financial Aid Office so that it is factored into the calculation of the student’s eligibility for additional aid. Similarly, any aid granted by the Law Center to a student beginning the joint degree on Main Campus should be reported to the Main Campus Financial Aid Office.

Any student who enrolls in fewer than 10 credits in any given semester should report this fact to the Law Center’s Financial Aid Office, as their standard practice is to calculate aid for full-time tuition.

LaToya Parnell, Assistant Director for the Law Center’s Financial Aid Office, serves as the primary contact for joint degree students. Ms. Parnell can be reached at (202) 662-9215 or lkp5@law.georgetown.edu.

V. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. Journal Membership

J.D./Ph.D. Government students are eligible for membership on the law journals on the same basis as all other J.D. students. **Joint degree students who would like to join a journal must participate in the write-on competition at the end of their first year at Georgetown Law.** However, it is not uncommon for joint degree students to defer journal service for one year. Each journal has its own policy regarding deferral of service—interested students should contact the Editor-in-Chief or the Office of Journal Administration for additional information.

B. Barristers’ Council

Participating in Georgetown Law’s Mock Trial, Moot Court, or Alternative Dispute Resolution competition is an excellent way to develop practical lawyering skills. The Barristers’ Council oversees the Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programs at Georgetown Law.

1. **Trial Advocacy Division**

The Trial Advocacy division of the Barristers’ Council runs the Law Center’s mock trial program and hosts the White Collar Crime Invitational, a national competition that is the only interscholastic mock trial competition that focuses on white collar cases. Mock trial competitors are lawyers in hypothetical cases held before judges and juries who score students based on their advocacy skills.

**The William H. Greenhalgh Mock Trial Competition:** Held in the spring, the William W. Greenhalgh Competition is open to all non-graduating J.D. students. Competitors must prepare a case based on a closed packet and then argue their side to a mock judge and jury. Finalists argue before a prominent member of the local or federal bench. Those who advance to a certain level are invited to join the Barristers’ Council and to represent Georgetown Law in a national mock trial competition.

**J.D./Ph.D. Government Participation:** First-year J.D./Ph.D. Government students may compete in the Greenhalgh Competition. J.D./Ph.D. Government students who are offered a position on Georgetown’s national mock trial teams may choose to compete on the team while they are on the Main Campus during their second year. Alternatively, J.D./Ph.D. Government students may compete in the Greenhalgh Competition during their third year and if selected for a national team, compete nationally during their fourth, fifth, or final year of the joint degree program. For more information, contact the Director of the Greenhalgh Competition at barristers.greenhalgh@gmail.com.

2. **Appellate Advocacy Division**

The Appellate Advocacy division of the Barristers’ Council runs the Law Center’s moot court program, which includes two Georgetown Law competitions each year. The Council also hosts the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Competition, a unique interscholastic moot court competition that deals with emerging international law and space law issues.

**Robert J. Beaudry Moot Court Competition:** The Beaudry Competition is held in the spring and is open to Georgetown Law first-year J.D. students. Competitors must write an appellate brief based on a closed packet and then argue their case in front of a panel of judges. Finalists argue before a panel of prominent local and federal judges. Those who advance to a certain level are invited to join the Barristers' Council and to represent Georgetown Law in an interscholastic moot court competition.
The William E. Leahy Moot Court Competition: The Leahy Competition is held in the fall and is open to Georgetown Law LL.M. and upper-class J.D. students. The competition rules are similar to those of Beaudry.

For more information on the Appellate Advocacy Division, please contact the Managing Director at barristers@law.georgetown.edu.

J.D./Ph.D. Government Participation: First-year J.D./Ph.D. Government students may compete in the Beaudry Competition. However, if they earn a spot on a team for the following year, they must compete on this team during their year on the Main Campus. J.D./Ph.D. Government students may compete in the Leahy Competition at any point after their first year.

3. Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Advocacy Division of Barristers’ Council offers students a unique opportunity to develop sophisticated techniques necessary for competent and ethical representation in ADR proceedings. The ADR Division’s record of success is outstanding and reflects the Council’s exceptional commitment to training and preparation. Students work closely with an impressive network of highly-regarded ADR scholars and practitioners as they prepare to represent Georgetown Law at regional, national, and international competitions focused on arbitration, mediation, client counseling, and negotiation.

The Everett Bellamy ADR Competition: Held in the spring, this competition is open to all Georgetown Law students. Competitors are asked to negotiate a problem in teams, based on a closed packet. Those who advance to a certain level are invited to join the Barristers’ Council and represent Georgetown Law in a national or international ADR competition.

J.D./Ph.D. Government Participation: First-year J.D./Government students may compete in the Bellamy ADR Competition. J.D./Government students who are offered a position on Georgetown’s ADR teams may choose to compete on the team while they are in residence at Main Campus during their second year. Alternatively, J.D./Government students may compete in the Bellamy Competition during their third year and if selected for a national team, compete nationally during their fourth, fifth, or final year of the joint program.
C. Other Activities

J.D./Ph.D. Government students may participate in other Law Center extracurricular activities while they are on the Main Campus. Students should contact student organizations directly to ensure that they receive information about upcoming events and/or to ask questions about participation. For more information about the active student organizations on campus, please visit http://georgetownlaw.orgsync.com/.

VI. GRADES AND ACADEMIC HONORS

A. Grading Scales

Students are graded on a 4-point scale carried to 2 decimal points at Georgetown Law. The Graduate School also operates on a 4-point system. A student’s academic averages at the two schools are not combined for the purpose of honors.

B. Transcripts and Grade Reports

Your law courses will be reflected on your Law Center transcript. Your Government courses will be reflected on a separate Georgetown transcript. If you are completing coursework on the Main Campus during a particular semester, the notation “JD/Government Registration” will be added to your Law Center transcript. If you are approved to have a specific Main Campus course count toward your J.D. degree, but not the Government program, the Main Campus course will be recorded on your Law Center transcript.

If you request an official transcript from the Law Center Registrar’s Office, you will receive both your Law and Main Campus transcripts for a nominal fee. If you request an official transcript from the University Registrar’s Office on Main Campus, you will receive both your Main Campus transcript and your Law Center transcript at no charge. Main campus students are charged a one-time transcript fee which covers this cost.

Graduate School grades are typically available earlier than Georgetown Law grades. Grade reports for courses in both programs are available online through MyAccess.

NOTE: Students must represent Georgetown Law and Government program grade point averages accurately to potential employers. Attempts to combine or equate the two averages can be misleading. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to list both GPAs on their resume and indicate which average belongs to which program along with the appropriate grading scales for comparison.
C. Dean’s List

J.D. students whose annual cumulative grade point averages place them in the top one-third of their class at the Law Center will have their transcripts marked “Dean’s List” for the appropriate academic year. All candidates for the J.D. degree at the Law Center are eligible for the Dean’s List honor provided they completed, during the academic year, at least 24 credits at the Law Center if enrolled in the full-time program or 16 credits at the Law Center if enrolled in the part-time program. Joint degree students are eligible for Dean’s List recognition based solely on their J.D. courses taken at the Law Center during the academic year and maintain full-time status in their joint degree program, if applicable. Dean’s List determination is based on a student’s annual average for the academic year, not the cumulative average. Courses taken at the Law Center in the preceding Summer session or in the Law Center’s Graduate Programs are included in the calculation of the required minimum number of credits for Dean’s List eligibility.

D. Graduation Honors

Georgetown Law graduation honors are based on the student’s cumulative grade point average for Georgetown Law courses only. The degree cum laude is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point averages place them in the top one-third of those graduating. The degree magna cum laude is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point average placed them in the top 10%. And, lastly, the J.D. degree summa cum laude is the highest academic honor that the faculty can bestow upon a graduating student. There is no cumulative grade point average that automatically entitles a student to that honor. Instead, summa cum laude is granted at the sole discretion of the faculty. To be eligible for consideration for the award of summa cum laude, a graduate must have completed at least 71 credits at the Law Center and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.70/4.00.

For the purpose of calculating students’ eligibility for degrees with honors, students graduating after a Summer session or Fall semester will be included with the class that graduated in the previous Spring semester. Government grades are not included in computation of averages for Georgetown Law graduation honors.

E. Order of the Coif

Graduating students whose cumulative grade point average places them in the top 10% of their class and who have completed at least 64 academic credits at Georgetown Law are elected to membership in the Order of the Coif. Order of the Coif is the national law school honor society for the encouragement of scholarship and advancement of ethical standards in the legal profession. Government grades are not included in computation of averages for the Order of the Coif.
VII. GRADUATION

A. Graduation Applications

J.D./Ph.D. Government students typically complete the J.D. portion of the joint degree prior to completing the Ph.D. degree. When all J.D. requirements have been met and at least 24 credits in the Government program have been completed, J.D./Ph.D. Government students may apply to graduate at Georgetown Law and participate in Georgetown Law’s graduation ceremony. When a student has met all Ph.D. requirements, he/she will apply for graduation through the Graduate School. The joint degree certificate is awarded following completion of both programs. For the exact graduation application deadlines, refer to the Georgetown Law Registrar’s website at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-services/registrar/degree-application-academic-honors/Degree-Applications-and-Diplomas.cfm and the Main Campus Registrar’s website.

The approximate 2016-2017 graduation application deadlines are:

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B. Graduation Ceremonies

J.D./Ph.D. Government graduates may participate in two graduation ceremonies, which will be held the weekend of May 19–21, 2017.

Friday afternoon: Graduate School Commencement
Sunday afternoon: Georgetown Law Commencement

1. Graduate School Commencement

The Graduate School commencement is held on Healy Lawn, weather permitting, on Georgetown University’s Main Campus. J.D./Ph.D. Government students graduating from both programs in a given year should wear the J.D. tam and gown with the Government hood. Students who have already received their J.D. in a previous ceremony should contact the Graduate School for instructions on their regalia.

2. Georgetown Law Commencement

The J.D. commencement ceremony is held on Healy Lawn, weather permitting, on Georgetown University’s Main Campus on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Degrees are awarded “in course” and diplomas are presented individually after the general commencement
ceremony. The students are divided into groups based on their first-year section assignments; each section has a different location, and the diplomas are distributed by faculty members who taught that section the first year. Joint degree graduates typically are grouped together in one section. The Office of Student Life sends expected graduates e-mail updates on commencement activities including: photos, graduation regalia, and tickets. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Life at (202) 662-9292 or studentlife@law.georgetown.edu.

C. Cap and Gown Orders

J.D./Ph.D. Government students order the J.D. graduation regalia through the Jostens website at http://jostens.com. Detailed information about the Law Center’s commencement ceremony, including cap and gown orders can be found online at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-life/student-life/Commencement/index.cfm. J.D./Ph.D. Government students should order a Government gown through the Graduate School. Government hoods can be borrowed at no cost.
APPENDIX A

Date: ___________________

J.D./Ph.D. GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Name: __________________________ Year: ___L/E (circle) Expected Graduation Date: ____

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*Major Field (circle one):* American Government (AG), Comparative Government (CG), International Relations (IR), or Political Theory (PT)

*Major Field Requirement (6 courses - 18 credits)*

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*Minor Field Requirement (9 credits):* Courses taken for the J.D. degree fulfill this requirement
Minor Field Examination: waived for J.D. students who earn a B+ or better in three law courses

Two General Electives (6 credits)

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Foreign Language Requirement
(Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory major fields)

Written Foreign Language Examination (Date taken: ________________)

Other Ph.D. Requirements Date
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