J.D./M.A.S.S.P.
(Master of Arts in Security Studies)

JOINT DEGREE
STUDENT HANDBOOK

GEORGETOWN LAW
2016–2017
Dear J.D./M.A.S.S.P. Student:

As a J.D./M.A.S.S.P. 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./M.A.S.S.P. students are primarily administered by the policies of Georgetown Law and the Security Studies Program as articulated in the Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies and the Graduate School Bulletin and Catalog. The handbook you are currently reading addresses areas in which unique policies have been developed to meet the particular needs of J.D./M.A.S.S.P. 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./M.A.S.S.P. students, and (4) a listing of program requirements. A checklist of J.D./M.A.S.S.P. 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 https://schedule.law.georgetown.edu/MasterCalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx?data=UkJlz1bbJnXP0tf9AKbNsQ%3D%3D. In addition, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students should read the SSP Brief, an electronic newsletter from the Security Studies Program, on a weekly basis to stay informed of important events, deadlines, and reminders from Main Campus.

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 four-year 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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## I. JOINT DEGREE 2016–2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please review online academic calendars for the most up-to-date information at [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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<td>Mon., Aug. 22–Fri., Aug. 26</td>
<td><strong>Orientation</strong> for Full-Time First Year J.D. Students</td>
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<td><strong>Registration</strong> for Full-time First Year J.D. Students</td>
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<td>Tuition due for all Continuing Students</td>
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<td>Wed., Aug. 31</td>
<td><strong>Classes Begin for All Students</strong></td>
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<td>Registration changes accepted</td>
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<td><strong>Monday classes meet instead of Tuesday classes</strong></td>
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<td>Add/Drop ends for Fall Courses</td>
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<td>Mon., Oct. 10</td>
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<td>Mon., Oct. 31– Sat., Nov. 12</td>
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<td>Wed., Dec. 7</td>
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<td>Thurs., Dec. 8</td>
<td>Registration completion for Spring Semester begins</td>
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<td>Fri., Dec. 16</td>
<td>All Papers Due†</td>
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<td>Mon., Dec. 19; Tues., Dec. 20; Wed., Jan. 4; and Thurs., Jan 5</td>
<td><strong>Fall Exam Deferral Dates</strong></td>
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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.
† Unless other due date set by the professor.
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<td>Mon., Jan. 18</td>
<td>----MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: No classes meet----</td>
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<td>Fri., Jan. 20</td>
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<td>Tues., Jan 24</td>
<td>Add/Drop ends for Spring Courses*</td>
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<td>Mon., Feb 20</td>
<td><strong>----PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY: No classes meet----</strong></td>
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<td>Faculty Retreat: <em>No classes meet</em></td>
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<td>Fri., Mar. 3–Sun., Mar. 12</td>
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<td>SPRING BREAK: <em>No classes meet</em></td>
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<td>Mon., Apr. 3–Wed., Apr. 12</td>
<td>Early registration for Fall</td>
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<td>EASTER BREAK: <em>No classes meet</em></td>
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<td>Fri., Apr. 14–Sun., Apr. 16</td>
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<td><strong>Last Day of Classes</strong></td>
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<td>Mon., May 1</td>
<td><strong>May Graduates’ Papers Due:</strong>†</td>
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<td>Sun., May 14</td>
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<td>Tues., May 16</td>
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<td><strong>All Papers Due:</strong>§</td>
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<td>Sun., May 21</td>
<td><strong>Graduate School/G.S.F.S Graduation</strong></td>
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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 Security Studies Program (SSP) policy requires applicants interested in admission to the joint J.D./M.A.S.S.P. program to apply to both the M.A. and J.D. programs simultaneously. Students must apply independently to both the Law Center and the SSP and be admitted to both in order to be considered a joint degree student. Applicants who have already begun their studies at the Law Center or at the SSP will not be considered for admission to the joint degree program. For questions about this policy, please contact Tyler Browne, Director of SSP Admissions, at tb764@georgetown.edu or at (202) 687 0965.

Students in the J.D./M.A.S.S.P. program spend their first-year on the Main Campus completing the bulk of the requirements for the M.A. portion of their graduate study. The next three years are spent primarily at Georgetown Law. Students are required to take at least 16 credits of coursework on International Law and are encouraged to draw heavily from course offerings on the use of force, humanitarian law, conflict resolution, and other relevant topics. The M.A.S.S.P. program offers seven policy tracks: (1) Intelligence, (2) International Security, (3) Military Operations, (4) Technology and Security, (5) Terrorism and Substate Violence, (6) Unconventional Weapons and Non-Proliferation, and (7) U.S. National Security Policy.

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, Director of J.D. Programs, at 202-662-4041 or ew484@law.georgetown.edu to discuss their academic schedule, as they may require additional 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./M.A.S.S.P. student, 6 credits of M.A.S.S.P. coursework count towards the 85 credits needed to earn the J.D. degree, and 6 credits of law courses count towards the M.A.S.S.P. degree requirements. Therefore, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students must complete 79 Georgetown Law credits for the J.D. portion of this joint degree.

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students are required to complete all requirements of the J.D. program. These include: (1) the required first-year program, (2) a professional responsibility course, (3) the upperclass legal writing requirement, and (4) for students matriculating at the Law Center 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.
In addition to the traditional J.D. requirements, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students must also complete 16 credits in International Law courses, including 3 credits in International Law I and 13 credits in further International Law courses (at least 3 of which must be in International/National Security Law).

B. M.A.S.S.P. Requirements

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students must complete 36 credits in the M.A.S.S.P. program. Of those credits, 6 credits of J.D. coursework count towards the M.A.S.S.P. program and 30 credits will be unique to the M.A.S.S.P. degree.

Required M.A.S.S.P. credits include: (1) 18–24 credits of M.A.S.S.P. coursework taken on Main Campus during the first or second years, including completion of all core courses for the program which includes: SEST-500, Theory and Practice of Security; and SEST-501, Grand Strategy and Military Operations; (2) selection and completion of a concentration (each concentration includes a core class and 3 electives within the chosen concentration); (3) completion of distribution requirements in each of the following areas: Area Security Studies, Economics and Security, and Technology and Security; (4) completion of SEST-710: Research Seminar taken in the third or fourth year; (5) three to six credits of additional M.A.S.S.P. free electives credits; and (6) passage of a four-hour comprehensive exam to be taken in the same semester of M.A.S.S.P. enrollment as the SEST-710 course.

The M.A.S.S.P. Director of Graduate Studies will determine which M.A. requirements the J.D. credits will fulfill on an individual basis. When J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students complete Law Center courses that they believe could fulfill a Security Studies requirement, they should submit a “Course Approval” form (with the course syllabus attached) to the Director of Graduate Studies and the Associate Director of Academic Affairs. The Director of Graduate Studies will review the course and make a decision on the applicability of the course to the SSP degree requirement. Law Center courses used to fulfill SSP degree requirements must have a security component. A total of 6 credits may be transferred from the Law Center. The Associate Director of Academic Affairs will work with the Law Center to have the law courses transferred to the graduate school transcript.
C. Program Requirements Grid

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<td>J.D.</td>
<td>109 credit hours (79 in law, 30 in M.A.S.S.P. courses). Students who pursue the two degrees independently would complete 85 law and 36 M.A.S.S.P. credits over five years.</td>
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<td>M.A.S.S.P. (Master of Arts in Security Studies)</td>
<td>Satisfactory completion of the upperclass legal writing requirement</td>
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<td>Joint Program Certificate</td>
<td>Professional Responsibility Course*</td>
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<td>6 credits of experiential coursework (students matriculating at the Law Center in Fall 2016 or later)</td>
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Typical Credit Distribution

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<td>Second Year</td>
<td>31 J.D. credits**</td>
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<td>Third Year</td>
<td>21 J.D. credits 3 M.A.S.S.P. credits</td>
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<td>Fourth Year</td>
<td>27 J.D. credits 3 M.A.S.S.P. credits</td>
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Curriculum/Course Requirements

- M.A.S.S.P. coursework taken on Main Campus in the first or second year of the joint degree, including completion of all core courses for the program. Students will be responsible for completing most of the M.A.S.S.P., specifically:
  - SEST-500, Theory and Practice of Security
  - SEST-501, Grand Strategy and Military Operations

  The concentration includes:
  - a core class for the concentration,
  - three electives within the concentration, and
  - completion of distribution requirements in each of the following areas: Area Security Studies, Economics and Security, and Technology and Security

- Required first-year law school curriculum

- Additional M.A.S.S.P. coursework:
  - Free electives

- J.D. coursework in International Law:
  - 3 credits in International Law I
  - 13 credits in other International Law courses, at least 3 of which need to be in International/National Security Law

- Additional J.D. courses, including Professional Responsibility, the legal writing requirement, and experiential coursework, in the third or fourth year of study

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

** Students matriculating in Fall 2015 or later complete their 1L year with 30 or 31 credits, depending on whether they take the optional first-year Week One experiential course. Credit distributions for upperclass years should be adjusted accordingly.

***J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students will substitute 6 credits of approved J.D. coursework to fulfill two different SSP requirements. These courses will be different for every joint degree student depending on their course of study. Please consult with your M.A.S.S.P. advisor to ensure you are on track to finish the M.A. requirements.
IV. PLANNING YOUR CURRICULUM

A. General

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students take 6 fewer law credits and 6 fewer M.A.S.S.P. credits than their colleagues enrolled in the individual programs. In addition, as noted above, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students must take 16 law credits in International Law, including the 3-credit course International Law I and 3 credits on International/National Security Law. Although double-counting credits and the degree requirements do limit the number of elective credits J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students take, most students find that they are still able to take advantage of the diverse course offerings on both campuses.

B. Identifying Courses of Interest

1. Law Courses

The online Curriculum Guide, at http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/, is an excellent research tool to assist students in identifying courses of interest. The Curriculum Guide includes essays on several substantive areas of the law that may also be of interest. J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students should review the essays on Administrative Law, International and Comparative Legal Studies, and International/National Security Law. Use the drop down menu under the “Curriculum” tab at http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab_clusters.cfm to view the full selection of essays.

2. M.A.S.S.P. Courses


C. Transitioning Between Two Academic Communities

The nature of an interdisciplinary program of study requires that students are simultaneously members of two distinct academic communities.

Student Note:

Law school coursework is largely an independent endeavor. While some students occasionally outline together or ask each other questions right before an exam, grades are based on each student's individual knowledge as set forth in an exam. Coursework in graduate school, on the other hand, is a mixture of independent efforts in preparing for examinations and group projects.
D. Clinics

Several Georgetown Law clinics provide an opportunity for J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students to gain practical experience in policy advocacy and legislative drafting (e.g., Federal Legislation & Administrative Clinic, Harrison Institute for Public Law, and the Institute for Public Representation Clinic). In addition, two clinics offer an international focus: International Women’s Human Rights Clinic and the Center for Applied Legal Studies. To learn more about the clinical programs, please visit http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/clinical-programs/our-clinics/index.cfm, attend the annual clinic fair in March, and consider scheduling an advising appointment with the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education, Rachel Taylor.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

A. Credit Load

After completing the first year of required courses in both programs, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students typically have 54 total credits remaining. Thus, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students must take an average of 13–14 credits in each of their four upperclass semesters.

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 minimum credit requirement, students must successfully pass at least 10 of these credits. 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 academic advisor before the end of the Law Center’s add/drop period. If full-time joint degree J.D. students fail to successfully complete at least 10 University-wide credits in a semester, the students will not have successfully completed that full-time semester and must meet with an academic advisor to discuss how they plan to meet their degree requirements and to request a waiver to maintain their expected graduation date. Part-time joint degree students should consult with an academic advisor regarding their Law Center credit load and residency credits each semester.

M.A.S.S.P. does not allow students to enroll in more than 12 credits per semester. Please consult with Cornelia Gustafson, M.A.S.S.P. Associate Director of Academic Affairs, regarding any questions.

Full-time joint degree students will be approved to enroll in up to 17 Law Center credits during the Fall or Spring semester. Students are encouraged to discuss their plans with an academic advisor when considering enrolling in the maximum number of Law Center credits in a semester.
Students take varied approaches to distributing their time and credits between the two academic programs over the progression of four years. You are encouraged to regularly discuss your academic schedule with Ms. Wack and Ms. Gustafson to establish the best plan for you. Please see the Program Directory section of this handbook for their contact information.

B.  J.D. Registration

Georgetown Law students typically pre-register for the following academic year (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 won’t be available when J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students pre-register for their J.D. courses. Nonetheless, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. 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./M.A.S.S.P. 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 M.A.S.S.P. credits combined) per semester through the Law Center’s add/drop period. At the end of the Law Center add/drop period, students holding more than 17 Law Center credits will be withdrawn from the last course which was added to their course schedule.

C.  M.A.S.S.P. Registration

Students register for courses in the M.A.S.S.P. Program each semester. Pre-registration is completed online. Cornelia Gustafson may e-mail you to suggest changes in your registration; you should check your e-mail account(s) regularly during the pre-registration period. Results of fall and spring semester pre-registration can be checked during the completion period in December or April, respectively. Changes or late registration can be made during the Main Campus add/drop period (see http://registrar.georgetown.edu/registration/grad/).

D.  Registration for First Year M.A.S.S.P. Courses

Students complete the first year of M.A.S.S.P. coursework before starting at Georgetown Law. First year M.A.S.S.P. students will register for fall courses before attending New Student Orientation. Spring registration occurs in early November during a two week pre-registration period. J.D./M.A.S.S.P. may also take advantage of approved Summer Session courses on Main Campus. Registration for the Summer Sessions begins in February and runs through the end of May. Students may enroll in a maximum of six credits over the entire summer.
E. Cross-Campus Schedule Coordination

Coordinating course schedules on both campuses can be a challenge for J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students. The distance between the location of the Law Center and Main Campus demands that students allow for commuting time when developing their course schedule. In addition, Georgetown Law and the Georgetown Security Studies Program have different academic calendars. Consequently, registration and add/drop periods do not coincide. Students who foresee that changes in their M.A.S.S.P. course schedule may require that they withdraw from a law course after the end of Georgetown Law’s add/drop period should contact the Registrar at (202) 662-9220 or lawreg@law.georgetown.edu.

Student Notes:
1) You should decide what your key class desires are and arrange everything else around them. Only going to one campus per day sometimes influenced me.

2) Establish good relationships with administrators at Georgetown Law and SSP. These people can help you overcome any hurdles that may exist in coordinating your schedule. Additionally, most SSP classes begin at 5:00 or 6:30, because a high percentage of students work part-time. Some Georgetown Law courses begin early in the morning. Therefore, if you have to be on both campuses in one day (which you should try to avoid as much as possible), schedule law school classes in the morning and SSP classes for later in the day.

F. 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. Under Georgetown Law rules, no 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 Georgetown Law Student Handbook of Academic Policies at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/go/handbook.

G. 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.

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<td>1) I lived in Adams Morgan which worked well because you’re in the middle; the Metro goes to Georgetown Law and the GUTS bus goes to the Main Campus from Dupont Circle--it’s hard to park at the law school during key hours in the day. I almost always took the shuttle.</td>
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<td>2) I live in Arlington which is nice because Main Campus has a shuttle route in North Arlington.</td>
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<td>3) I live in Crystal City which I recommend just because the rents are pretty good and the apartments are fantastic. It is also incredibly convenient to the Metro (Blue and Yellow lines), which takes you to Rosslyn for Main Campus (via a GUTS shuttle) or Judiciary Square for Georgetown Law (you have to transfer at Gallery place for this trip). Another good place to live is Rosslyn, again because the rents are cheaper than DC and the apartments are good. The shuttle runs right from Rosslyn to the Main Campus, and the Metro is convenient to get to Georgetown Law.</td>
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H. Tuition

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students pay the Main Campus Graduate School tuition by the credit hour in the year when they are in their M.A.S.S.P.-only curriculum. M.A.S.S.P. tuition for 2016–2017 is
$1,928.00 per credit hour. For more detailed tuition information, please visit http://css.georgetown.edu/ssp/admissions/tuition/. J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students pay Georgetown Law tuition for the first year of law courses and for courses taken on both campuses in the third and fourth year of the J.D./M.A.S.S.P. Full-time J.D. tuition for 2016–2017 is $57,576. The Law Center’s part-time J.D. tuition rate is $2,065 per credit hour.

I. Financial Aid

All J.D./M.A.S.S.P. degree students start their studies at the Security Studies Program. These students will have their financial aid administered by Main Campus for the first year and by the Law Center Financial Aid office, thereafter, for the subsequent three years. Any funding received from the Security Studies Program must be reported to Georgetown Law’s Financial Aid office so your financial aid package can be adjusted accordingly. 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.

VII. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. Journal Membership

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students are eligible for membership on the law journals on the same basis as all other J.D. students. Joint degree students must participate in the write-on competition at the end of their first year at Georgetown Law.

Student Notes:
1) If you want to use your law degree in particular legal settings, then you should consider writing on to a journal. Journal work can help a lot with OCI, job hunting, clerkships, etc.

2) I didn’t write on. I was way too burnt out at the end of first year. I haven’t heard any upperclass students on journal saying that it was a good experience. But then again, I don’t want to work for a law firm. If you want to write on, remember to do it at the end of your first year because you won’t get a second chance.

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.
For additional information about Barristers’ Council, please visit http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-life/activities-organizations/barristers-council/index.cfm.

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./M.A.S.S.P. Participation:** J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students may compete in the Greenhalgh Competition during their first year at the Law Center. 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./M.A.S.S.P. Participation: J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students may compete in the Beaudry Competition during their first year at the Law Center. J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students may compete in the Leahy Competition as upper-class J.D. students.

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./M.A.S.S.P. Participation: J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students may compete in the Bellamy ADR Competition during their first year at the Law Center and as upper-class J.D. students.

C. Other Activities

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. 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/.
VIII. 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. However, a student’s academic averages at the two schools are not combined for the purpose of honors. At Georgetown Law, a student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.00/4.00 to graduate. Please note that in order to receive your M.A.S.S.P. from the Graduate School, you must have a cumulative Graduate School grade point average of at least 3.00.

B. Transcripts and Grade Reports

Your law courses will be reflected on your Law Center transcript. Your M.A.S.S.P. 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/ M.A.S.S.P. 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 SSP 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 Security Studies 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, if they complete at least 16 graded J.D. credits 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. M.A.S.S.P. grades are not included in computation of averages for
Georgetown Law 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, the national law school honor society for the
encouragement of scholarship and advancement of ethical standards in the legal profession.
M.A.S.S.P. grades are not included in computation of averages for the Order of the Coif.
IX. GRADUATION

A. Graduation Applications

Graduating students must submit separate degree applications to each school. M.A.S.S.P. students may submit their graduation application in the semester when they are expected to complete all 36 credits, including the 6 credits transferred in from the Law Center. Please note that the final grades must be posted to the transcript before the courses can be moved to the graduate transcript. For exact M.A.S.S.P. graduation applications deadlines, please refer to http://grad.georgetown.edu/academics/how-to-graduate/. For the Law Center’s exact graduation application deadlines, please refer to the Registrar’s website at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-services/registrar/degree-application-academic-honors/Degree-Applications-and-Diplomas.cfm.

The approximate deadlines for the Law Center are:

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The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences requires that all students file an Application to Graduate, by the first business day of the month in which they intend to graduate, in order to receive their degree. Students will then be given until the last day of the month to meet all degree requirements. If students are planning to graduate in May 2017, they must apply to graduate by February 1, 2017 to: (1) have their diploma available at the May graduation ceremony and (2) have their name and graduation information printed in the Commencement Program. This early deadline is necessitated by the production schedules of both the diplomas and programs.

After that, students may still apply for monthly graduation by the first day of the respective month during the Spring term. If students do so, they will still be able to participate in the May commencement ceremony, but their diploma will not be available at that time and their graduation information will not be in the Commencement Program in May.

The Application to Graduate for the Graduate School can be accessed on MyAccess at https://myaccess.georgetown.edu/. For detailed information on how to apply to graduate and the monthly graduation deadlines, please visit http://grad.georgetown.edu/academics/how-to-graduate/.

B. Graduation Ceremonies

J.D./M.A.S.S.P. graduates may participate in two graduation ceremonies, which will be held the weekend of May 19–21, 2017.
Friday morning:  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./M.A.S.S.P. students graduating from both programs in a given year should wear the J.D. tam and gown with the Security Studies 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./M.A.S.S.P. 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./M.A.S.S.P. students do not need to order a gown through the Graduate School, and M.A.S.S.P. hoods can be purchased at the Main Campus bookstore.
X. CAREER PLANNING

A. How does the joint degree fit into students’ career plans?

Lawyers participate in every sector of the security and defense communities by advocating particular positions, drafting legislation and regulations, negotiating compromises, and challenging existing laws through litigation. Effective policymakers also draw on an understanding of economics, policy content and process, statistics, and research methodology. Graduates of the J.D./M.A.S.S.P. program develop this diverse skills set and are uniquely suited to shape national and international security policy. J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students have varied career paths and draw on their interdisciplinary background in a number of ways throughout their careers. Joint degree students are strongly encouraged to discuss their unique career goals with the Law Center’s Office of Career Strategy (OCS) at (202) 662-9300 or the Office of Public Interest and Community Services (OPICS) at (202) 662-9655 and the School of Foreign Service Graduate Career Development Center.

B. Timing issues

The four-year program offers J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students an additional summer to gain experience, get exposure to different employment settings, or try different geographical locations. This can be a wonderful opportunity for joint degree students to expand their knowledge base before making a commitment to an employer for post-graduation.

There are clearly consequences for different choices, and students should carefully consider each employment option and its ramifications based on their own career objectives. For example, students who hope to work in a law firm following graduation should plan to work as a summer associate at the firm in which they have the greatest interest during their third summer, which is the last summer prior to their final year of the program. Many J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students who spend their first year at Georgetown Law wait to participate in the Early Interview Week (EIW) program until the August before their third year because large law firms are often most interested in hiring summer associates who are one year away from receiving their degrees and able to join the firm immediately thereafter. The vast majority of large law firms hire entry-level associates through their summer associate program, and it is much more difficult to find employment with large law firms outside of this structure. Small to medium firms, government, and public interest employers vary in their hiring practices, and students are strongly encouraged to speak with an OCS and/or OPICS advisor to discuss their unique career goals.

Conversely, J.D./M.A.S.S.P. students planning to begin their post-graduate employment in a non-legal setting should generally plan to spend their final summer working in that setting. The greatest success comes from following the typical employment path for the specific employment setting you wish to pursue—consult with your career advisors on the best path for you.
C. Marketing the Joint Degree

The substantive knowledge gained by earning a joint degree is an extremely effective tool, allowing students and recent graduates an opportunity to bring in-depth, specialized skills and training to a new job. Many graduates of the joint degree programs report that they feel greatly advantaged by earning the dual credential as their “on-the-job” performance was enhanced by a thorough understanding of the law, as well as security issues.

The degree itself, however, is not always viewed as an asset by a potential employer. It is incumbent upon the student to articulate specific reasons for seeking the joint degree and provide examples of how the training will benefit the employee on the job. Any initial skepticism can usually be overcome by explaining the motivation for seeking a joint degree and how that vision is consistent with the employer’s specific long-term objectives. For example, an interviewer for a law firm may question whether the M.A.S.S.P. is necessary to practice law and whether the candidate’s long-term plans are actually in a different employment setting. In this example, a response that clearly demonstrates how the joint degree curriculum offers insight and skills that will have direct application within the law firm’s practice area can turn a potential liability into a real asset.
APPENDIX A: J.D./M.A.S.S.P. REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Date: ______________

Name: ___________________________ Year: ___L/E (circle) Expected Graduation Date: _______

J.D. degree requirements

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<td>10 credits in further International Law courses</td>
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J.D. credits remaining: _______

* Students matriculating in Fall 2015 or later complete their 1L year with 30 or 31 credits, depending on whether they take the optional first-year Week One experiential course. Credit distributions for upperclass years should be adjusted accordingly.
**M.A.S.S.P. degree requirements**

*Fulfillment of M.A.S.S.P. requirements should be confirmed with Cornelia Gustafson, Associate Director of Academic Affairs for the Security Studies Program.*

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The selection and competition of a concentration. Each concentration includes:

| _________ | Core class for the concentration |
| _________ | Elective #1 within chosen concentration |
| _________ | Elective #2 within chosen concentration |
| _________ | Elective #3 within chosen concentration |
| _________ | Distribution Requirement: Area Security Studies |
| _________ | Distribution Requirement: Economics and Security |
| _________ | Distribution Requirement: Technology and Security |
| _________ | Completion of SEST-710: Research Seminar taken in 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} year |
| _________ | Passage of a 4-hour comprehensive exam to be taken in the same semester as SEST-710 |

**M.A.S.S.P. Electives**

| _________ | Required Free Elective #1 |
| _________ | Required Free Elective #2† |
| _________ | Free Elective #3** |

* Two SSP courses should be fulfilled by approved J.D. coursework. Please write in your Law Center courses on this worksheet, where applicable, after you have received approval from the M.A.S.S.P. Director of Graduate Studies.

† Student may be required to take additional free elective courses if they double count/cross count concentration courses with distribution requirements. Students may only double count/cross count courses ONCE between two different requirements.