Dear J.D./Philosophy Student:

As a J.D./Philosophy 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./Philosophy students are primarily administered by the policies of Georgetown Law and of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 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./Philosophy 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./Philosophy students, and (4) a listing of program requirements.

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.

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 the duration of 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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I. JOINT DEGREE 2016–2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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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–Thursday.
§ 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./Philosophy program enables students to work simultaneously on a J.D. and an M.A. or Ph.D. in philosophy. An understanding of the history of philosophy as well as contemporary philosophy enables J.D./Philosophy students to examine critically the intersections of law and philosophy. The interdisciplinary approach of the J.D./Philosophy joint degree program enriches students’ legal education by strengthening their understanding of the broad philosophical foundations of American law.

The J.D./M.A. program requires the student to complete 100 academic credits (76 credits in law and 24 credits (or 18 credits and a thesis) in Philosophy coursework). Nine credits of Philosophy coursework will count toward the J.D. degree requirements, and 6 credits of J.D. coursework will count toward the M.A. degree requirements. Students must successfully complete one Proseminar in Philosophy (along with the final exam), satisfy the J.D. upperclass legal writing requirement, complete a Professional Responsibility course at the Law Center, meet the Law Center’s experiential course requirement (for students matriculating at the Law Center in Fall 2016 or later), and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00/4.00 in the Philosophy program and the required minimum cumulative grade point average for the J.D. program.

The J.D./Ph.D. in Philosophy requires the student to complete 112 academic credits (76 credits in law and 36 in Philosophy coursework). Nine credits of Philosophy coursework will count toward the J.D. degree requirements, and 9 credits of J.D. coursework will count toward the Ph.D. degree requirements. Students must successfully complete the three Proseminars in Philosophy (along with the final exams in each), a dissertation, satisfy the J.D. upperclass legal writing requirement, complete a Professional Responsibility course at the Law Center, and (for students matriculating at the Law Center in Fall 2016 or later) meet the Law Center’s experiential course requirement. Students are also expected to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point averages required in both programs.

The first year of the joint degree program may be spent either entirely at Georgetown Law or at the Department of Philosophy. The first year of law school and the first year of the philosophy program must be taken as intact blocks. The first year of law school may be taken either immediately prior to or immediately after completing the first year of Philosophy coursework, but not earlier or later. After completing these two intact blocks, students may distribute their law and philosophy coursework as they wish. A suggested distribution of credits is shown in the Program Requirements Grid that follows in this handbook. Note: The joint degree of J.D./M.A. in Philosophy is offered to part-time as well as full-time J.D. students. Part-time students should schedule a meeting with an advisor in the Office of J.D. Academic Services 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./Philosophy student, 9 credits of Philosophy coursework count towards the 85 credits needed to earn the J.D. degree, so students must complete 76 Georgetown Law credits.

J.D./Philosophy students must complete all requirements of the J.D. program, including: (1) 30 credits of first year required coursework, (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](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/go/handbook).

B. **Upperclass Georgetown Law Course Selection**

Students in the J.D./Philosophy joint degree program are not required to take any particular upperclass courses at Georgetown Law. Georgetown Law’s curriculum offers an abundance of courses examining various aspects of the law through a philosophical lens, including courses in feminist legal theory, critical race theory, critical legal studies, law and literature, law and economics, and constitutional theory.

Many J.D./Philosophy students anticipate future careers in academia. These students should take advantage of research assistantships at Georgetown Law to participate in faculty scholarship in areas of interest. J.D./Ph.D. students will generally have the opportunity to teach their own course(s) in the Philosophy department.

J.D./Philosophy students should talk with faculty who share their specific research interests. While the interests of many faculty members are much broader than indicated, the list below identifies Law Center and Philosophy Department faculty contacts in ten major fields that may be of interest to J.D./Philosophy students:

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<td>Bioethics</td>
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<td>Jurisprudence</td>
<td>Feldman, Klass, Luban, Mikhail, Murphy, Peller, Solum, West</td>
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<td>Critical Legal Studies</td>
<td>Peller, Seidman</td>
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<td>Critical Race Theory</td>
<td>Butler, Cook, Peller, Spann</td>
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<td>Constitutional Theory</td>
<td>Barnett, Rosenkranz, Seidman, West</td>
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<td>Ethics</td>
<td>Beauchamp, Carse, Kukla, Langan, Lichtenberg, Little, Luban, Murphy, Powers, Richardson, Sherman, Stohr</td>
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<td>Feminist Legal Theory</td>
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<td>Ernst, Oldham, Peller</td>
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<td>Bauman, Feldman, Luban, Regan, Tague</td>
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<td>Law and Economics</td>
<td>Bratton, Salop, Teitelbaum, Zeiler</td>
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<td>Political Philosophy</td>
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### C. Program Requirements Grid

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<td>□ 76 J.D. credits and one of the following:</td>
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<td>J.D./Ph.D. in Philosophy</td>
<td>• M.A. degree: 24 Philosophy credits (or 18 credits + thesis)</td>
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<td>Joint Program Certificate</td>
<td>• Ph.D. degree: 36 Philosophy credits</td>
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<td>□ Satisfactory completion of the upperclass legal writing requirement</td>
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<td>24 J.D. credits &amp; 3 Ph.D. Philosophy credits</td>
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**M.A. degree:** An M.A. degree in Philosophy may be designed in consultation with the Philosophy faculty. M.A. students must perform satisfactorily on one Proseminar in Philosophy (along with the final exam).

9 credits of Philosophy coursework will count towards the J.D. degree and 6 credits of J.D. coursework will count towards the M.A. degree.

J.D./M.A. in Philosophy students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00 in their Philosophy program.

**Ph.D. degree:** A Ph.D. in Philosophy student must perform satisfactorily on three Proseminars in Philosophy (along with the final exams in each) and a dissertation in philosophy.

In addition, the Ph.D. student must satisfy the required level of foreign language or other special skill proficiency as determined by the dissertation committee during the dissertation proposal stage.

9 credits of Philosophy coursework will count towards the J.D. degree and 9 credits of J.D. coursework will count towards the Ph.D. degree.

**CORE DISTRIBUTION:** Proseminars in Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Ethics (each of which culminate in a comprehensive examination); three history courses (including one Ancient and one Modern); PHIL 378: Symbolic Logic; and two advanced topical courses.

*Students typically 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/). Check the state bar rules governing the M.P.R.E. for the state where you intend on taking the bar exam in advance. Some states may have special timing rules on when you must take the M.P.R.E.*

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

1. Foreign Language Requirements

Each dissertation proposal must contain a statement from the dissertation committee indicating what level of competence is required in foreign language(s) and/or other special skills necessary for professional work in the Ph.D. candidate’s dissertation focus area. The dissertation committee is required to certify that the candidate has acquired the requisite level of proficiency before the Ph.D. is awarded. The committee may require a genuinely high level of proficiency in one or more foreign languages where that is required for competent work in the field, as in historical or textual studies. The committee may also require other special skills (e.g., knowledge of medicine, advanced knowledge of logic, statistics) as appropriate—possibly in addition to the language requirement.

2. Qualifying Exams

The final examinations for the Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Ethics proseminars serve as qualifying examinations. These examinations are graded by a board consisting of the proseminar director and two other members of the Department chosen by the director. Please see the Handbook for the Graduate Program in Philosophy at https://philosophy.georgetown.edu/graduate for grading guidelines.

3. Dissertation

Please see the Handbook for the Graduate Program in Philosophy at https://philosophy.georgetown.edu/graduate for information about the Philosophy dissertation.

4. Logic Requirement

All students are required to take PHIL 378, Symbolic Logic, and pass with a letter grade of B or higher. A student can be excused from this requirement only by passing (with a B or higher) an examination administered by the Department on the material covered in that course. This examination can only be taken once and it must be taken before the student has registered for PHIL 378. Either way, the logic requirement must be satisfied before the end of the student’s first two semesters in the program.
IV. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For several years, faculty have fielded questions from prospective J.D./Ph.D. joint degree applicants as well as students enrolled in the program. Here is a sampling of those frequently asked questions:

1. **Question:** I don’t plan to practice law. Should I try to get practical legal experience while I’m in law school?

   **Answer:** Even if your aim is an academic career rather than a legal career, practical legal experience can be rewarding. Law-related employment can provide insight for your scholarship and lend credibility to you as a law professor. If you intend to conduct scholarly research relating to legal adjudication or procedure, a judicial clerkship or internship experience could be useful. If you intend to write about professional responsibility or criminal justice, exposure to a law firm, federal agency, or prosecutor’s office could also be useful.

2. **Question:** Do I need a faculty mentor? How would I go about getting one?

   **Answer:** Try to establish a close relationship with one or more faculty members in your field. Strong faculty recommendations will be very important as you seek academic or professional employment, particularly in philosophy. The best way to establish a mentoring relationship is by working with a professor in a number of his or her courses, in an independent study project, or as a research or teaching assistant. If you plan to write a dissertation, your advisors and committee members may develop into mentors, but do not delay and leave things to chance. Begin to establish close, working relationships with faculty as soon as you can to ensure that you have adequate guidance in selecting a dissertation project, advisor, and committee.

3. **Question:** I have consistently different grade point averages in law and philosophy. Should I infer that I am better in one field than the other based on my grades? Am I a better philosopher than lawyer if my grades in philosophy are better than my grades in law?

   **Answer:** You were admitted to the joint degree program because both the philosophy faculty and the law faculty believe you have promise. The Philosophy Department has a curve of A- while Georgetown Law has a curve of roughly B/B+. Take the curve differential into account in assessing the significance of your grade point averages. A disparity need not signal a relative weakness in law or strength in philosophy.
4. **Question:** I want to be a law professor. What can I do to increase my chances of getting a job on a law faculty?

**Answer:** In the past, law professors were either outstanding practitioners who moved into academia or outstanding law students whose resumes boasted stellar grades, academic honors, a law journal membership, and a judicial clerkship. Those kinds of credentials are effective today but are by no means essential. What is essential is demonstrated excellence. Try to develop one or more areas of excellence while you are in law school and graduate school. Toward that end, select upperclass courses that match your scholarly interests. Carefully construct a coherent package of courses, research, and summer or part-time employment that constitutes a clear area of expertise.

Even if you do not compete for law journal membership, you should try to publish at least one note, article, or paper before entering the teaching market. Publication in the best-known journals is generally difficult for graduate students. In comparison with law journals there are relatively few philosophy journals; they are peer-reviewed, have a high rejection rate, and multiple submissions are prohibited. By contrast, there are more than 200 law journals, most of which are edited by students. You may submit the same article simultaneously to as many law journals as you please. Many law journals publish legal philosophy.

A Ph.D. in philosophy, one or more publications, strong grades, and an area of demonstrated excellence will allow you to be competitive in the law teaching market. Additional guidance can be found at: [http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/teaching](http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/teaching). 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](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/academics/academic-programs/fellowships/research-fellowships/index.cfm). Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) provides excellent services for prospective law professors. These include a mechanism for mass distribution of your resume and an annual convention at which law schools interview prospective faculty. Plan to apply for faculty positions a full year before you would actually like to begin teaching.

5. **Question:** How do I go about getting a job in philosophy?

**Answer:** Wayne Davis, former Chair of the Department of Philosophy, notes that “the single most important factor in getting a job in philosophy is to have a first-rate piece of philosophical writing to send out as a writing sample.” Having a dissertation or other substantial publication in hand and some graduate teaching experience will help you secure a job. Good and detailed faculty recommendations are also very important. A third important issue is timing—just when to apply for a position. The American Philosophical Association (APA, [http://www.apaonline.org/](http://www.apaonline.org/)) hosts a convention each December at which college and
university employers from across the country interview candidates for faculty positions in philosophy. An APA publication, *Jobs for Philosophers*, is available to APA members in the fall and spring of each year. This publication lists and describes open positions. It’s a good idea to join the APA early in graduate school and make a habit of surveying the job situation each year prior to your entry in the market. The cost of membership for students is reasonable. Finally, take full advantage of the placement services of the Philosophy Department beginning your first year. The Placement Director, Professor David Bronstein, holds meetings each fall and conducts mock interviews to prepare students for the convention.

**6. Question:** I love law and philosophy, but do not see myself as a lawyer or an academic philosopher. What kinds of jobs are available to people with M.A.s and Ph.D.s in philosophy?

**Answer:** Traditionally, philosophy graduates sought jobs as college and university professors. Today, philosophers hold a great variety of jobs outside of academia. They work in social agencies on public policy issues, serve as in-house ethicists at hospitals, work as bioethicists at the National Institutes of Health and at other research organizations. Some philosophers have positions in the corporate sector or in law that make indirect use of their training. Think broadly and creatively about career possibilities to exploit your unique interests and training. An APA publication titled *A Non-Academic Career? Information, Resources, and Background on Options for Philosophers* is a useful resource (available at [http://www.apaonline.org/?page=nonacademic](http://www.apaonline.org/?page=nonacademic)).

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

**A. Credit Load**

Full-time joint degree students must enroll in 10 to 16 credits of Law Center courses in each semester. Students must successfully pass at least 10 credits 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 full-time joint degree J.D. students fails 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 will meet their graduation requirements and to request a waiver to maintain their expected 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 are encouraged to 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 and residency credits each semester.

**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./Philosophy students pre-register for their J.D. courses. Nonetheless, J.D./Philosophy 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./Philosophy 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 Philosophy credits combined) per semester through the Law Center’s add/drop period. However, full-time students must drop to 17 law credits per semester by the end of the Law Center’s add/drop period.

**C. Philosophy Degree Registration**

The Department of Philosophy notifies J.D./Philosophy students of the Main Campus registration dates. Registration for courses in the Graduate School is held each semester.

**NOTE:** Registration on Main Campus takes several steps. Be prepared to spend some time securing necessary signatures!

**D. Cross-Campus Schedule Coordination**

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

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.

**Student Notes:**
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.

2) I live in Arlington which is nice because Main Campus has a shuttle route in North Arlington.

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 Philosophy (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.

**G. Tuition**

J.D./Philosophy students are charged Georgetown Law tuition for coursework at Georgetown Law and on the Main Campus until they have completed all J.D. coursework and 24 credits of Philosophy coursework. If, in a given semester, a J.D./Philosophy student is enrolled in a total of 11 or fewer credits university-wide, he or she will be charged at the Georgetown Law per-credit rate. If a student enrolls in more than 11 credit hours in any given semester he or she will be charged full-time Georgetown Law tuition.

**H. Financial Aid**

Federal loan applications are handled by the Georgetown Law Financial Aid Office. J.D./Philosophy students may be awarded scholarships and fellowships by the Graduate School and the Philosophy Department’s Admissions and Fellowship Committee. Any aid granted by the Philosophy Department should be reported to the Georgetown Law Financial Aid Office and is factored into calculating the student’s eligibility for additional aid, including student loans. Any tuition scholarships awarded by the Philosophy Department will be applied to the student’s account, and he/she will be billed for one-half the academic year’s balance each semester. Any student loans received by the student will also be applied against the balance. If a student enrolls in fewer than 10 credits in any given semester, he/she must notify the Georgetown Law Financial Aid Office because the standard practice is to calculate aid for full-time tuition. For questions about Financial Aid, please contact LaToya Parnell at (202) 662-9215 or lkp5@law.georgetown.edu.
VI. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. Journal Membership

J.D./Philosophy 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 the Law Center.** J.D./Philosophy students who begin the program at Georgetown Law may not wait until the conclusion of their year at the Main Campus to participate. However, it is not uncommon for joint degree students to defer journal service for one year once they have joined a journal. 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./Philosophy Participation:** First-year J.D./Philosophy students may compete in the Greenhalgh Competition. J.D./Philosophy 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./Philosophy students may compete in the Greenhalgh Competition during their third year and if selected for a national team, compete nationally during their fourth 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./Philosophy Participation**: As a first-year student, J.D./Philosophy 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./Philosophy 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./Philosophy Participation:** First-year J.D./Philosophy students may compete in the Bellamy ADR Competition. J.D./Philosophy 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./Philosophy students may compete in the Bellamy Competition during their third year and if selected for a national team, compete nationally during their fourth year of the joint program.

**C. Other Activities**

J.D./Philosophy 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/](http://georgetownlaw.orgsync.com/).

**VII. 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.

**B. Transcripts and Grade Reports**

Your law courses will be reflected on your Law Center transcript. Your Philosophy 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/Philosophy 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 Philosophy 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 Philosophy 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. Philosophy 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. 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. Philosophy grades are not included in computation of averages for the Order of the Coif.

VIII. GRADUATION

A. Graduation Applications

Joint degree graduating students must submit separate degree applications to each school. 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 deadlines for the Law Center are:

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NOTE: The Graduate School’s Application for Graduate Degree must be accompanied by documentation that all requirements have been met. This includes completion of required courses, proof of current registration, and a final clearance memo from the Office of Student Accounts. Specific instructions will be issued from the Graduate School each spring. Do not put off completing this application. In the past, J.D./Philosophy students who failed to complete this form did not receive their degrees with the rest of their class.
B. Graduation Ceremonies

J.D./Philosophy students may receive their J.D. degree after completing the requirements for the M.A. but before completing the Philosophy Ph.D. portion of the joint degree. J.D./Philosophy 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. Degrees are conferred “in course” at the ceremony. J.D./Philosophy students graduating from both programs in a given year should wear the J.D. tam and gown with the Philosophy hood. Students who have already received their J.D. in a previous ceremony should contact the Graduate School for instructions on their regalia.

2. J.D. 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./Philosophy students order the J.D. gown, hood, and tam through the Jostens website at [http://jostens.com](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](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-life/student-life/Commencement/index.cfm). J.D./Philosophy students do not need to order a gown through the Graduate School. If you plan to attend Commencement activities for the Graduate School in the same year you have already rented J.D. regalia, you may wear your J.D.
tam, J.D. gown, and a Philosophy hood to those activities. If you would like to borrow a Philosophy hood from Jostens, please contact Anne Walsh, Associate Director in the Philosophy Department, at walsha@georgetown.edu.
APPENDIX A
J.D./PHILOSOPHY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Name: _______________________________ Year: ___L/E (circle) Expected Graduation Date: _________

J.D. Requirements

__________ Required first-year law curriculum
__________ Upperclass Legal Writing Requirement
__________ Professional Responsibility course
__________ 6 credits of experiential coursework (students matriculating at the Law Center in Fall 2016 or later)

Required Core Distribution for Ph.D.

__________ Proseminar in Epistemology (3)
__________ Proseminar in Metaphysics (3)
__________ Proseminar in Ethics (3)
__________ Ancient History Requirement (3)
__________ Modern History Requirement (3)
__________ Add’tl History Requirement (Ancient, Medieval or Modern) (3)
__________ Philosophy 378, Symbolic Logic (3)
__________ Two Advanced Topical Courses

Other Ph.D. requirements

__________ Foreign Language Requirements (if applicable)
__________ Dissertation

M.A. Requirements

__________ 18 credits
__________ Thesis or an additional 6 credits
__________ Proseminar in Philosophy
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*Fulfillment of the Philosophy Department degree requirements should be confirmed with the Philosophy Department.