

The JD/MA Psychology augments the JD with a 30-credit MA in psychology. This program requires a total of 108 credits for both degrees and provides a general foundation in theories of personality and counseling. Coursework in professional issues and ethics for mental health counselors, as well as integrative work in law and psychology, is also required. This program is suited for law students whose practice may require understanding of and sensitivity to psychosocial issues (family law, mental health, children, the elderly, social services, etc.), but may also benefit others planning to work in settings where an understanding of human behavior is advantageous. This degree does not prepare students as mental health professionals.

Curriculum

JD/MA Psychology (in addition to meeting the JD requirements)		
Core Requirements		15 credits
COUN 660	Helping Relationships: Counseling Theories	3 cr
COUN 693	Foundations of Professional & Ethical Issues in Counseling	3 cr
PSY 700	Law & Psychology: Integrative Project	3 cr
Select six credits from the following:		
LAW 245	Pretrial Skills	3 cr
LAW 285	Race Relations & the Constitution	2 cr
LAW 485	Family Law	3 cr
LAW 486	Law & Health Care Process	3 cr
LAW 487	Elder Law	3 cr
LAW 488	Selected Topics in Elder Law	2 cr
LAW 495B	Children & the Law	3 cr
LAW 495K	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3 cr
LAW 662	Legal Clinic	2-3 cr
Electives in Psychology/Counseling		15 cr

More information on the program can be found in the [Graduate Catalog](#) and [Student Handbook](#).

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