Application Instructions

Admission to the joint program may be obtained prior to the first year of study at either school. Applicants to the program must complete each school’s application for admission. Interested candidates to the joint degree program should refer to each school’s program brochures or websites for specifics on admission requirements. Please note that the admissions deadline for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is February 1 and the Law School is May 1.

Tuition

Students accepted into the program will be charged tuition at different rates. During the two years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, students are charged at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary tuition rate of their enrolled years. During the three years at the Law School, students are charged at the Duquesne University rate of their enrolled years.

Financial Aid

Students are eligible to apply for financial aid for the school in which they are enrolled that year.

Field Education/Field Placement

Field education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary assists students in learning about the practice of ministry through direct involvement in congregations and other settings, under the direction of experienced field supervisors. M.Div. students must complete one year of supervised Field Education in a setting approved by the Director of Field Education. This requirement is normally fulfilled while students are enrolled in the pastoral studies sequence of courses so that students can use their field placements as laboratory settings for specific assignments in those courses. During this year students are also required to participate in a weekly seminar for theological reflection on their experiences, under the guidance of a member of the faculty.

“...the joint degree in Law and Theology provides an opportunity to see that the disciplines are not so far apart as one might imagine. I operate a small law office, ‘Justice for All Legal Services,’ where I primarily serve those unable to afford the high cost of legal representation.”

- The Rev. Ernest Polan ’05

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Bridging the Word and the World
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the School of Law at Duquesne University have developed a program offering the Master of Divinity and the Juris Doctor degrees. In the Judaeo-Christian tradition the relationship is very close between justice and law and the ministry of the people of God. The practice of ministry is frequently intertwined with the administration of law.

Graduates of the program are expected to work in a wide array of professional tasks, such as law firms which specialize in serving religious institutions as clients, church boards and agencies, and parish ministries of various kinds.

This joint effort enables students to receive both the M.Div. and JD degrees in five years of post-baccalaureate study instead of the usual six. The joint degree program provides a full course of study in both theology and law. This is accomplished by allowing certain courses taken in each school to be used as electives in the other.

Due to the nature of the professional requirements of the practice of law and ministry, neither the School of Law nor the Seminary can surrender any of their required courses. However, the School of Law may award elective credits, not to exceed 19 in the day division and 15 in the evening division, for some Seminary courses; while the Seminary may award elective credits for courses taken at the School of Law, up to 18 hours. The faculties have determined the list of courses which are agreed upon to be credited by the other institution.

Admission into the program is determined by each institution separately; admission into one institution does not guarantee admission to the other. Prospective students should be advised that admission into the JD portion of this program does require satisfactory LSAT scores. Since degrees in the joint program will be awarded concurrently, it is important to note that a student who resigns from one program will be subject to all requirements for graduation from the remaining degree program.

**Sample Schedules**

**Master of Divinity**

**Year 1 Term I**
- Historical Studies 1
- Biblical Language
- Old Testament 01
- Spiritual Formation

**Year 1 Term II**
- Historical Studies 2
- Biblical Language
- Old Testament 02
- New Testament 01

**Year 1 Term III**
- Historical Studies 3
- Biblical Exegesis
- Introduction to Systematic Theology
- New Testament 02

**Year 2 Term I**
- Theological Reflection on Ministry
- PS01: Education
- Introduction to Ethics
- Church and Sacraments
- Elective (Language)

**Year 2 Term II**
- Theological Reflection on Ministry
- PS02: Pastoral Care
- Christology
- Missiology
- Elective

**Year 2 Term III**
- Theological Reflection on Ministry
- PS03: Homiletics
- Church and Society
- Elective
- Elective

**Juris Doctor**

**Year 3**
- Civil Procedure I
- Contracts
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Legal Research and Writing
- Property
- Torts
- Legal Process and Procedure

**Year 4**
- Basic Federal Income Taxation
- Constitutional Law
- Corporations
- Evidence
- Electives

**Year 5**
- Commercial Transactions I
- Commercial Transactions II
- Professional Responsibility
- Electives

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

**School of Law at Duquesne University**

**The Prayer of Samuel Johnson,** 18th-century English lawyer, essayist, and lexicographer, memorialized in bronze in the Duquesne University School of Law