

# CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY (MJ)

Advocating for children and families takes more than a good heart. You need a firm understanding of the law and an ability to function effectively in the legal system.

The Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Children's Law and Policy is a degree program tailored to help nonlegal professionals better serve children and families. Whether your field is social work or education, health care or law enforcement, a deeper knowledge of family law enables you to make a difference while it prepares you for a leadership position.

## Curriculum

The online MJ program is designed to be completed in 2 calendar years by taking 4-6 credits in each of 6 consecutive terms (including summers). In terms 3-5, you will complete six elective courses of your choosing.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LAW 665	Introduction to the Study of Law and Legal Systems	2
LAW 667	Introduction to Children's Law , Policy and Practice	2
LAW 668	Leadership Development	4
LAW 677	ChildLaw Thesis/Capstone	4
<b>Electives (choose 6)</b>		<b>18</b>
LAW 202	Human Trafficking Seminar	
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar	
LAW 588	Legal Issues in Student Discipline	
LAW 603	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence	
LAW 663	Children's Summer Institute	
LAW 669	Education Law and Policy	
LAW 670	Child Welfare Law and Policy	
LAW 671	Juvenile Justice Law and Policy	
LAW 672	Family Law and Policy	
LAW 673	Mental Health Law and Children	
LAW 678	International Children's Rights	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Term 1</b>		
LAW 665	Introduction to the Study of Law and Legal Systems (Fall or Spring)	2
LAW 667	Introduction to Children's Law , Policy and Practice (Fall or Spring)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>

<b>Term 2</b>		
LAW 668	Leadership Development (Spring or Summer)	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>

<b>Terms 3-5</b>		
Select six elective courses of your choosing:		18
LAW 663	Children's Summer Institute	
LAW 670	Child Welfare Law and Policy	
LAW 669	Education Law and Policy	
LAW 672	Family Law and Policy	
LAW 202	Human Trafficking Seminar (campus-based)	
LAW 603	Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence	
LAW 678	International Children's Rights	
LAW 671	Juvenile Justice Law and Policy	
LAW 588	Legal Issues in Student Discipline	
LAW 456	Mediation Seminar (campus-based)	
LAW 673	Mental Health Law and Children	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Term 6</b>		
LAW 677	ChildLaw Thesis/Capstone (Summer or Fall)	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Education Immersion Weekends

In addition to the required curriculum, you are required to travel to Loyola's Chicago campus at least once during your program for an Education Immersion Weekend (EIW). During the weekend, students gather in person to workshop or present their thesis/capstone project, attend workshops, participate in graduation activities, and meet with faculty, students and alumni.

## Degree Requirements

To earn your degree, you must complete 30 credit hours of coursework, including the Capstone Project and one Education Immersion Weekend. Visit our Registrar (<https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/registrar/>) for a complete list of degree requirements, academic calendars, and registration process. You may access full course descriptions through our student information system (<https://locus.luc.edu/psp/cs92prd/?cmd=login>) through guest access.

## Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.

## Learning Outcomes

You will be able to:

- Articulate substantive and procedural laws of relevance to child-serving professionals

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- Participate in various forms of legal research, including electronic research
- Analyze statutes, rules, and cases in the field of child and family law
- Write analytically sound and persuasive documents (letters, memoranda, reports, etc.) appropriate to the goals of child-serving professionals
- Analyze and apply professional leadership skills