

# MASTER'S / JURIS DOCTOR JOINT DEGREE



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**ALL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**



In 1983 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the **School of Law at Duquesne University** established a joint degree program leading to the Master of Divinity and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees. And in 2019, we expanded that relationship to include the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies/JD and Master of Theological Studies/JD joint degrees.

In the Judeo-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. 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. To increase student access, Pittsburgh Seminary offers all our master's degrees in **hybrid format**.

## CAREERS FOR MASTER'S/JD GRADS

Legal Work for Religious Institutions

Legal Advocacy

Public Policy

Parish Ministry

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Admission to the joint program may be obtained prior to the first year of study at either school. Admission into the program is determined by each institution separately; admission into one institution does not guarantee admission to the other. Interested candidates to the joint degree program should refer to each school's program brochures or websites for specific admission requirements. Prospective students should be advised that admission into the JD portion of this program does require satisfactory LSAT scores. JD applications should be received by March 1 for priority consideration.

Inquiries about the School of Law at Duquesne University should be directed to Duquesne University School of Law at 412-396-6300 or [Click to view e-mail](#).

## REQUEST INFORMATION

\* First Name

Preferred Name

\* Last Name

\* Address

\* City, State, Zip

\* Phone

\* E-mail

\* Program of Interest

Masters Program of Interest:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Divinity Emphasis in Forming New Faith Communities
- Master of Theological Studies
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
- Masters Degree with Urban Ministry Certificate
- Joint Degree (Social Work)
- Joint Degree (Law)
- Non-Degree

Certificate Program of Interest:

- Graduate Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry
- Graduate Certificate in Ministry
- Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry

Doctor of Ministry Program of Interest:

- Bridging Divides: In Church, Community, and Country
- Christian Spirituality Focus
- Creative Writing and Public Theology Focus
- Eastern Christian Focus
- Intergenerational Black Church Studies Focus
- Missional Leadership Focus
- Reformed Focus with University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Focus
- Risking Faithfully Focus

Desired Year:

- 2025
- 2026
- 2027
- Undecided

Desired Semester:

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter
- Undecided

Desired Modality:

- Weekly Online Courses with In-person Gatherings at PTS (4/year)
- Mostly In-Person Courses

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