JD-PHD JOINT DEGREE

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Program Overview
Northwestern's JD-PhD program is open to students who intend to pursue an academic or research career and whose teaching and research will be enriched by both degrees. The program is designed to allow students to complete both degrees more effectively than they would through consecutive degree programs.

Graduation Requirements
The JD and PhD degrees are awarded concurrently after all degree requirements are satisfied for both programs, including completion of:

- Two years of Law School credit (at least 59 credit hours) in addition to the 14 credit hours awarded for law-related interdisciplinary graduate course work,
- All Law School JD requirements apart from course hours, and
- All course work and other requirements, including the dissertation, that are necessary for the PhD (as prescribed by TGS).
  - 12 credit hours will be awarded toward the JD upon completion of the dissertation
- JD-PhD students are required to have a member of the Northwestern Law faculty on their dissertation committee.

Typical Program Structure

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1 Subject to PhD departmental requirements.