

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF LAW MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ) IN CRIMINAL LAW

SET YOURSELF APART FROM THE CROWD.

Conveniently taught at the Chicago Police Academy, DePaul College of Law's Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Criminal Law offers police officers, lieutenants and captains a challenging two-year curriculum. This master's degree program is especially designed for law enforcement professionals. It is ideal for those who are not seeking to practice law but who regularly encounter legal issues in their work. MJ students develop a more sophisticated understanding of the law and develop problem-solving skills that can help them in their current and future positions.

PROGRAM FACULTY

DePaul carefully selects only experienced and engaging instructors who understand the nuances of the job, and classes are taught through the lens of contemporary policing. The following instructors regularly teach in the program:

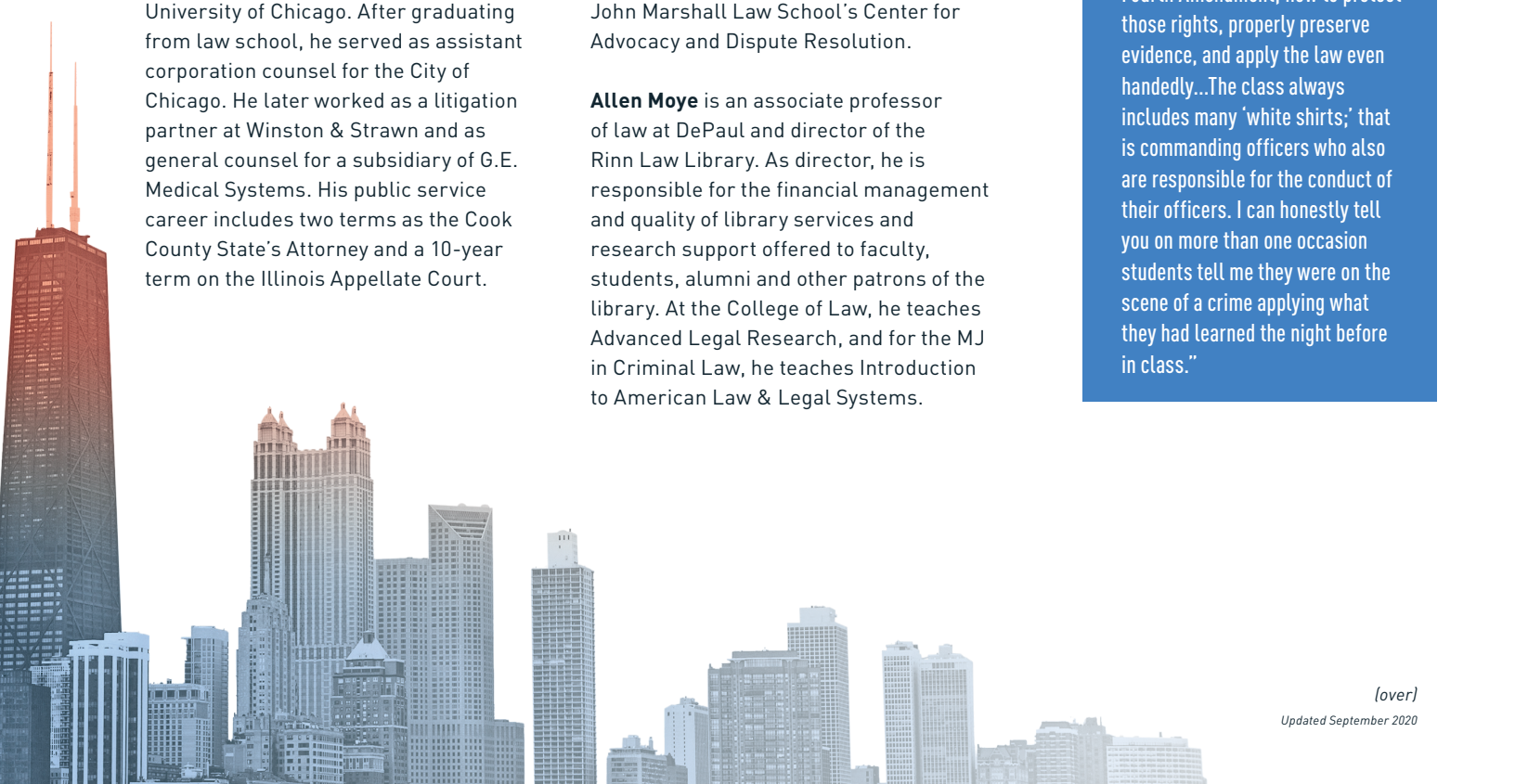
Justice Jack O'Malley teaches Criminal Law for the MJ program. He began his career as a Chicago police officer. While working full time, he attended law school at Cornell University and the University of Chicago. After graduating from law school, he served as assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago. He later worked as a litigation partner at Winston & Strawn and as general counsel for a subsidiary of G.E. Medical Systems. His public service career includes two terms as the Cook County State's Attorney and a 10-year term on the Illinois Appellate Court.

Eric Leafblad has been a Cook County assistant state's attorney since 1995 and currently serves as a deputy supervisor in the Criminal Appeals Division. There, he supervises 60 appellate prosecutors in the Illinois Appellate Court, the Illinois Supreme Court and The Supreme Court of the United States. He recently was appointed director of the Continuing Legal Education and Training Department for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. In addition to teaching for the MJ program, he also teaches at UIC John Marshall Law School's Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution.

Allen Moyer is an associate professor of law at DePaul and director of the Rinn Law Library. As director, he is responsible for the financial management and quality of library services and research support offered to faculty, students, alumni and other patrons of the library. At the College of Law, he teaches Advanced Legal Research, and for the MJ in Criminal Law, he teaches Introduction to American Law & Legal Systems.

Katherine Schweit, JD, CCEP
Owner, Schweit Consulting
and Former FBI Executive

"Law education focuses on the most fundamental goals of our democracy; the Constitution and its Amendments. My students spend weeks reading, writing, and arguing how to faithfully apply the First and Fourth Amendment; how to protect those rights, properly preserve evidence, and apply the law even handedly...The class always includes many 'white shirts;' that is commanding officers who also are responsible for the conduct of their officers. I can honestly tell you on more than one occasion students tell me they were on the scene of a crime applying what they had learned the night before in class."



CRIMINAL LAW CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENT

The MJ program is a 30-credit hour degree program completed at the Police Academy in two years of part-time study.

All applicants with at least one year of on-the-job experience as a police officer will qualify for a waiver of up to six (6) credit hours, for a total degree requirement of only 24 credit hours.

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE

All courses meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:50 to 8:30 p.m., and all courses are 3 semester hours.

Fall Semester 2021

- Law 322 Introduction to American Law & Legal Systems
- Law 506 Criminal Law

Spring Semester 2022

- Law 556 Introduction to Legal Writing & Research
- Law 562 Criminal Procedure for Police Professionals

Fall Semester 2022

- Law 465 Criminal Procedure II: Adjudication
- Law 377 Policing in the 21st Century: Law, Compliance & Technology

Spring Semester 2023

- Law 410 Evidence
- Law 376 Policing Special Communities

TUITION & AID

Members of the Chicago Police Department are eligible for the tuition reimbursement program offered through the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and City of Chicago. Students are responsible for applying for tuition reimbursement each semester in accordance with the tuition reimbursement plan.

If you are not eligible for 100% tuition reimbursement by your employer, DePaul also provides Chicago FOP members with a 25% tuition discount for the onsite MJ program at the Chicago Police Academy.

As a result, FOP members who earn an "A" could have their tuition fully covered—with 75% tuition reimbursement from the City of Chicago and a 25% tuition discount from DePaul University. This discount cannot be used in combination with other university aid.

ADMISSION

All MJ degree applicants are required to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university, or the foreign equivalent from a university authorized to confer such a degree by the country in which it is located.

The application form and additional program information is available at go.depaul.edu/MJatthePoliceAcademy.

All application materials, including official transcript(s), can be emailed to gradlaw@depaul.edu. Alternatively, applicants can mail the signed application form along with a personal statement, official undergraduate transcript and résumé to:

DePaul University
College of Law
Office of Law Admissions
ATTN: MJ Program-Chicago
Police Academy
25 East Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-2287

WHEN TO APPLY

The two-year program was launched in August 2016 and is now accepting applications for its sixth session, which begins in August 2021. Space is limited for this popular program, so apply early to reserve your spot. To join the sixth cohort, applicants should submit all required materials by May 1 for priority consideration. Applications will be accepted until program is full.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

law.depaul.edu
gradlaw@depaul.edu
(312) 362-8185
Outside Illinois: (800) 428-7453

"One of the most impressive aspects of the DePaul MJ program is the caliber of instructors they have brought in. We are learning from seasoned professionals who have worked for and alongside various law enforcement agencies, including CPD. They are understanding of the demands of police work and challenge us in meaningful, thought-provoking ways. The coursework is applicable to everyday work on the job, whether you're on patrol, in the detective division or in a supervisory role."

— Officer Incandela, LCSW

"My ultimate career goal within the Chicago Police Department is to become a detective. It is my belief that this Master of Jurisprudence, through DePaul's law school, will help me realize that particular goal, as well as generally improve my law and law enforcement expertise. Having received my bachelor's degree from DePaul, I know the value and esteem that comes with a DePaul education, and I look forward to successfully completing this program."

— Officer Hodges

