

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ)

SET YOURSELF APART FROM THE CROWD.

Conveniently taught at the Chicago Police Academy, DePaul University College of Law's new Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Criminal Law offers police officers, lieutenants and captains a challenging two-year curriculum. This advanced degree program was designed with extensive input from police officers and Police Academy teaching faculty. It is ideal for police professionals who are not seeking to practice law, but who regularly encounter legal issues in their work or would benefit from a sophisticated understanding of legal knowledge and problem-solving skills.

PROGRAM FACULTY

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

Justice **Jack O'Malley** is a visiting professor of law at DePaul who teaches Criminal Law. 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 partner in litigation at Winston & Strawn and as general counsel for a subsidiary of G.E. Medical Systems. His public service career includes two terms as state's attorney of Cook County and a 10-year term on the Illinois Appellate Court.

Eric Leafblad has been an Assistant State's Attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office since 1995 and currently serves as a Deputy Supervisor in the Criminal Appeals Division. He supervises 60 appellate prosecutors who prosecute Cook County appeals in the Illinois First Court of Appeals, the Illinois Supreme Court and The United States Supreme Court. 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 at the Police Academy for the DePaul College of Law Master of Jurisprudence in Criminal Law, he also teaches at John Marshall Law School's Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution.

Allen Moyer is a member of the DePaul College of Law faculty and serves as 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 law library. He teaches Advanced Legal Research at DePaul University College of Law. At the Police Academy, he teaches Introduction to American Law and Legal Systems for the MJ program.

Arunas Buntinas is a 23-year veteran prosecutor and supervisor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. He currently supervises the Narcotics Special Prosecutions and Trial Unit. He is currently a Lemont, Illinois police officer and an instructor for North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT), where he has taught seminars to Chicago-area police officers, on search and seizure, criminal law, use of force, investigations and other legal issues. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Honors College at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he teaches legal writing.

Patrick Morley has been a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney since January 2000. He is assigned to the Gang and Complex Homicide Unit. He is a former seven-year member of the Chicago Police Department, serving as a patrolman and sergeant. In addition to teaching at the Police Academy for the DePaul College of Law Master of Jurisprudence in Criminal Law, he is also an adjunct faculty member for Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety (School of Police Staff and Command), Purdue Global University, Governors State University, and has trained police officers from around the Chicagoland area since 2002 for North-East Multi Regional Training (NEMRT).

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CRIMINAL LAW CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENT

The MJ program is a 30-credit hour degree program that can be 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 credit hours, for a total degree requirement of 24 credit hours. These 24 credit hours may be satisfied through the two year program that meets twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:50 to 8:30 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE

All courses are 3 credits

Fall Semester, 2020

Law 322 Introduction to American Law and Legal Systems
Law 506 Criminal Law

Spring Semester, 2021

Law 556 Introduction to Legal Writing and Research
Law 518 Criminal Procedure I: Investigation

Fall Semester, 2021

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

Spring Semester, 2022

Law 410 Evidence
Law 376 Policing Special Communities

TUITION & AID

By joining the MJ program, you are eligible for your tuition reimbursement program through the City of Chicago. You are responsible for applying for tuition reimbursement each semester in accordance with the City of Chicago's tuition reimbursement plan.

If you are not eligible for 100% tuition reimbursement by your employer, DePaul will provide a 25% tuition discount for onsite degree programs at the Police Academy. As a result, FOP members utilizing tuition reimbursement, who earn an "A" could have their tuition fully covered—with the 75% tuition reimbursement from the City of Chicago and the 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 is available at go.depaul.edu/MJatthePoliceAcademy

All application materials, including official transcript, can be emailed to gradlaw@depaul.edu. Alternatively, applicants can mail the signed application 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 E. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-2287

WHEN TO APPLY

The 2-year program was launched in August 2016 and is now accepting applications for its fourth session. This session begins in August 2020, and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the Fall and Spring semesters. There is limited space for this popular program, so apply early to reserve your spot. To join the 5th cohort beginning in August 2020, applicants should submit all required materials by May 1 for priority consideration. Applications will be accepted until program is full.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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