

MJ IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY

- ONLINE MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ) IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY
- MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ) IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY AND MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)
- MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ) AND MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (ERIKSON INSTITUTE)
- MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY (ERIKSON INSTITUTE)

Loyola University Chicago's School of Law offers special degrees for non-attorney professionals in areas of business and corporate governance law, children's law and policy, and health law. These degrees are designed to help professionals better understand the legal issues they may encounter in their respective fields of work.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The School of Law offers the MJ in Children's Law and Policy. Although an MJ degree is designed to enhance career opportunities, it does not prepare students for the bar examination or the practice of law. It offers a specialized curriculum in legal research and writing, juvenile justice, mental health law and children, education law, child welfare law, family law, leadership development, international children's rights, and legislation law and policy.

ONLINE MJ IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY

The MJ in Children's Law and Policy is a flexible online program designed for professionals who wish to improve their ability to advocate for children and families, but whose responsibilities do not allow for a campus-based degree. Students are non-legal professionals, typically working in social work, education, health care, law enforcement, child welfare, juvenile justice, and other related disciplines.

You must have at least 2 years of experience working with, on behalf of, or otherwise focused on children, youth, and families. Experience is not limited to paid positions, as this may include volunteer work and/or internships.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: The online MJ is a 24-credit, part-time program designed to be completed in 2 years by taking 4 credits in six consecutive terms (including summers). To satisfy the degree requirements, you must complete four required courses, including a thesis/capstone project, and six elective courses. You must also attend at least one Education Immersion Weekend. With special permission, you may complete the program at a faster or slower pace.

Each term is 13 weeks in duration.

MJ/MSW IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY AND SOCIAL WORK

This dual degree program allows you to receive both a Master of Jurisprudence and a Master of Social Work degree in 3 years rather than the 4 years normally required when the degrees are pursued separately. The MSW portion of the degree is campus-based, while the MJ portion is obtained online.

Application Requirements: Applicants for the MJ/MSW dual degree must submit one application form, which includes the required application materials for both programs. You must select the MJ/MSW dual degree on the application for the materials to be used for both programs.

For information on the application requirements for the School of Social Work portion of the application, see the dual degree requirements at LUC.edu/socialwork.

MJ/MS IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Loyola partners with the Erikson Institute to offer students an opportunity to enhance their MS in Child Development degree with specialized online training in children's law and policy. You are eligible to receive dual degrees after completing 38 credits in the Erikson MS in Child Development program and 18 credits in the Loyola online MJ in Children's Law over 3 years.

To enroll in this dual degree program, you must apply to the MS in Child Development degree program at Erikson Institute and to Loyola's School of Law.

To apply to the MS in Child Development, visit erikson.edu/apply.

MS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CHILDREN'S LAW AND POLICY

Students enrolled in Erikson's MS in Child Development degree program (2- or 3-year option) may earn a specialization in children's law and policy by completing eight credits in Loyola's online MJ in Children's Law and Policy degree program. The program is open to students currently enrolled in the MS in Child Development degree program and those who have received their MS in Child Development degree within the past 5 years from Erikson Institute.

Applicants are required to submit only an official transcript from the Erikson Institute.

Students admitted to the children's and policy dual degree program or to the specialization are eligible for financial aid, administered through Erikson Institute's financial aid office.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed online application available at gpem.LUC.edu/apply
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work; transcripts must verify completion of a bachelor's degree
- Two letters of recommendation
- A one- to two-page statement of purpose detailing an interest in pursuing this degree and the respective concentration area
- A resume outlining work experience, education, professional or academic achievements, and any additional information relevant to support the application
- A personal interview may be required

The following documents are required, in addition to those listed above, for those who may fall into these categories:

- Either an official TOEFL or IELTS score report for international applicants. This requirement is waived for those who have completed a 4-year bachelor's or a master's degree program in the U.S. For those with a non-U.S. bachelor's degree, the U.S. master's degree must be conferred to waive the requirement. The language test is also waived for those who are from, or who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree at a recognized institution in, Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom, where the language of instruction is English.
- International applicants or U.S. residents who completed school abroad are required to submit non-U.S. transcripts to one of the following: Educational Perspectives (edperspective.org), Educational Credential Evaluators (ece.org), or the Law School Admission Council (lsac.org) for evaluation of credentials. The general evaluation report must show that an applicant's non-U.S. education is equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree to be considered for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines are subject to change. For current deadline and program information, please visit LUC.edu/childlawmj.

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