The University of Illinois Chicago School of Law offers three types of professional degrees: Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), and Master of Jurisprudence (MJ).

• Students may complete any of the degree programs on a part-time or full-time basis and may begin their studies in the fall or the spring semester. Full-time students generally complete the JD program in three years, whereas part-time students who take 10–11 hours each semester can complete the JD program in approximately four years.

• Interdisciplinary joint degree offerings with other UIC colleges are available. For more information on the Law School’s joint degree programs, please consult the following website: UIC Law joint degree programs.

• The Law School’s degree programs are considered professional programs and are not administered by the Graduate College. The Law School website provides additional information on the Law School’s degree programs, admission requirements, and the application process.

JD Program
The JD program requires completion of 90 hours: 50 required core hours, including 3 hours of clinical or externship course work, and 40 elective hours. JD students may earn an optional JD concentration in one of eight areas:

a. Business Law
b. Criminal Law and Procedure
c. Critical Race and Gender Studies
d. Health Equity, Law, and Policy
e. Intellectual Property Law
f. International Human Rights Law
g. Sustainability
h. Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

LLM Programs
LLM programs are offered in three specialty areas of law:

a. Employee Benefits
b. Intellectual Property Law

c. Real Estate Law

Each LLM program requires completion of 30 hours. The number of required versus elective course credits varies depending on the program.