

For more complete details of the requirements for the Joint Certificate, please refer to:

www.law.du.edu/documents/enrlp/April_2015_International_Law_and_Human_Rights_Certificate_Requirements.pdf

General Questions

Q: Why should I do the Joint Certificate when I could just take a few classes at another school as part of my regular degree program?

A. Although you can cross-register for classes at other schools at DU, there are limits on what you will be able to take. First, you may not get priority for all the classes you would be interested in. Being part of the Joint Certificate Program allows you to get access to the core classes in the field at each school. Second, the Certificate is a way to signal to future employers through your transcript that you have expertise in this area that covers both disciplines. Lawyers and political scientists are both needed in the field of international human rights, yet they approach problems differently. If you are able to understand both disciplines and apply the best approach to any given situation, you will have a significant advantage over your peers. The Joint Certificate gives you an interdisciplinary perspective without the time and resources needed to complete a joint degree.

Q: Do I have to be enrolled in a degree program to complete the Joint Certificate?

A. Yes, you must be enrolled in either a degree program at Korbel or the JD program at the Sturm College of Law (SCOL).

Q: Do I have to apply to the Joint Certificate in order to take the classes at the school I am not enrolled in?

A. Yes. You have to apply to the Program and be admitted in order to be eligible to receive the Certificate after completing the requirements and to make sure you'll be able to enroll in the classes you need to complete the Certificate.

Q: When is the enrollment period?

A. **For Korbel students**, you will apply in May or June of the year that you are entering Korbel. For example, a student beginning their degree program at Korbel in fall 2015 will apply in April or May 2015. (A notice is sent to admitted students to let them know when to apply).

For SCOL students, you will apply in February or March of your first year of the JD. For example, a law student who begins their JD in fall 2015 would apply in February or March of 2016. (Announcements are made in the law school to let students know when to apply). In rare cases, a second year JD student may apply and be admitted if they can demonstrate to the Director(s) that their schedule will allow them to complete the Certificate requirements before their JD graduation date.

Q: Will the Joint Certificate cost me more money than if I just got my JD or MA?

- A. The Joint Certificate requires you to take a few more credits that you would otherwise have to take for either your JD or MA, so it will cost you a bit more than just doing the JD or MA. However, it is significantly less expensive than if you were to do a joint degree. More details on the financial implications are below.

Q: Are all the elective classes listed on the class list offered every year and every semester or quarter?

- A. No. The classes listed include classes that have been offered and may have been taken by enrolled students, but are no longer offered.

Q: Can I petition to add a class to the list of electives if there is a class I think is relevant that is not listed?

- A. Yes. You can petition either or both of the Directors of the Program to have a class included that is not listed. You should provide the course description and an explanation for why you think the class is relevant to the Joint Certificate in International Law and Human Rights.

Q: Who should I contact if I have additional questions about the requirements for the Joint Certificate and/or the application process?

- A. **For Korbel students:** Please contact Professor Claude d'Estrée (cdestree@du.edu).
For SCOL students: Please contact Professor Celia Taylor (ctaylor@law.du.edu).

Financial and Credit Hour Questions

Because Sturm College of Law (SCOL) is on the semester schedule and Korbel is on a quarter schedule, bills for students in this program will look different from those of students just taking courses at one school.

Q: Is a 5-hour class at Korbel worth 5 law school credits, and vice versa?

- A. No. The ratio for Korbel credits and SCOL credits is 1.5: 1, so a 5-credit Korbel class will be worth $3\frac{1}{3}$ SCOL credits and a 3-credit SCOL class will be worth $4\frac{1}{2}$ Korbel credits.

Q: How are equivalent quarter credits calculated?

- A. To determine the equivalent quarter credits for a given set of terms, you would add the number of credits being taken at Korbel to 1.5 times the number of credits being taken at SCOL. So, a student taking 15 credits at Korbel and 3 credits at SCOL, would be enrolled in 19.5 equivalent quarter credits ($15 + 1.5 \times 3[4.5] = 19.5$). Fall semester and fall quarter hours are added together to determine total fall hours and spring semester and winter quarter hours are added together to determine total winter hours.

Q: What will it cost me to take credits at the other school?

A. **For Korbel students:** The Program can be completed at no additional cost to the MA degree. If you are taking the equivalent of 12-18 quarter credits, you will be charged the same flat-rate tuition that all Korbel students pay (\$14,388). If you take less than 12 equivalent credits, you will be charged at the Korbel per credit rate (\$1,199) for any courses taken at Korbel and at the SCOL per credit rate (\$1,474) for any courses taken at SCOL. If you take more than 18 equivalent quarter credits, you will be charged at the Korbel per credit rate (\$1,199) for any credits over 18. In one term (and one term only), the flat rate tuition (\$14,388) will cover up to 19.5 equivalent credits.

For SCOL students: The Program can be completed for the cost of 2 additional law credits (\$2,948) beyond the regular JD costs. Tuition is billed for all credits taken at the per credit rate of each school but a small tuition waiver is applied to Korbel coursework to keep the tuition costs from exceeding SCOL tuition.

For a more detailed description of tuition & billing, please see the **Tuition & Billing Info Handout**.

Q: Why am I receiving so many bills, for both quarters and semesters?

A. Tuition is billed separately for the semester and the quarter. Students enrolled in both terms can expect to receive one bill for their semester courses & one bill for their quarter courses. You are responsible for paying both bills. **For Korbel students:** A tuition waiver will be applied to the semester bill to reduce total tuition to the flat rate (\$14,388), if the rate applies based on the student's enrollment. **For SCOL students:** A small tuition waiver will be applied to the courses you take at Korbel.

Q: Can I use my financial aid to cover both semester and quarter courses?

A. Yes. Financial aid can be used to cover the cost of all courses in the Program. **For Korbel students:** Your federal/private student loans will be disbursed on the quarter schedule. If you have a bill for the semester, you can apply the funds from the corresponding quarter to that semester bill. **For SCOL students:** Your federal/private student loans will be disbursed on the semester schedule. If you have a bill for the quarter, you can apply the funds from the corresponding semester to that quarter bill. Depending on how many total credits you take, your financial aid may need to be adjusted.

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions about costs, billing or financial aid?

A. Please contact Kasia Palm (kpalm@law.du.edu or FinancialManagement@law.du.edu) in the SCOL Student Financial Management Office.

Registration Questions

Q: How do I register for courses at the law school (Korbel students)? At Korbel (SCOL students)?

- A. For **Korbel students**, please contact the Law Registrar's Office: registrar@law.du.edu
For **SCOL students**, please contact the Korbel Student Affairs Office: isgrad@du.edu.

Q: When do classes begin at SCOL and when do they begin at Korbel?

- A. Korbel is on the quarter schedule and SCOL is on the semester schedule. Classes are scheduled as follows:

Sturm College of Law

Fall Semester – Classes: August 17 – November 23 / Final exam period: December 2-16.

Spring Semester – Classes: January 11 – April 25 / Final exam period: May 4-19.

Korbel School of International Studies

(Orientation: September 6-12)

Fall Quarter – Classes: September 14 – November 19 / Final exam period: November 20-23

Winter Quarter – Classes: January 4 – March 9 / Final exam period: March 10-13

Spring Quarter – Classes: March 21 – May 27 / Final exam period: May 28 – June 2

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that Korbel students plan on taking International Law at Sturm College of Law in their first year, which is generally only taught in the fall semester. This requires starting classes approximately at Sturm one month prior to when classes begin at Korbel. Foreign students should check their student visa requirements, but this should pose no problems.

There is a student run Facebook group. Check it out and introduce yourself.

www.facebook.com/groups/623583274448121/