

April 3, 2003

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Dear Professor Tuohy:

At its meeting of March 25, 2003, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the proposal for a Combined J.D. in Law / M.I.St. in Information Studies Program, effective September 2003.

The motion, proposal, executive summary and memorandum of agreement are attached. The proposal was approved at the March 6, 2003, meeting of the Division II Executive Committee.

Admission requirements of the J.D. in Law program and the M.I.St. program in Information Studies have not been affected. Applicants for the combined program must satisfy the admission requirements of the existing programs. On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees, as appropriate, for information.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice
Secretary to SGS Council
and Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

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Motion
School of Graduate Studies Council
Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Item 6.

MOTION (/) **THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal for a Combined J.D. in Law / M.I.St. in Information Studies Program, effective September 2003.

See the attached Executive Summary, Proposal, Memorandum of Agreement, and Calendar entry.

NOTE:

Division II Executive Committee, at its meeting of March 6, 2003, approved this proposal.

With SGS Council approval the proposal will go to Governing Council committees for approval and to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for a standard appraisal.

Proposed Combined Juris Doctor and Masters of Information Studies: University of Toronto Executive Summary

The Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto propose a combined Juris Doctor / Masters of Information Studies 4-year program, effective September 2003. This new combined program will enhance our units and scholarship in both disciplines:

- The intersection of law and information studies is increasingly important in an information society with the growth in the amount and value of digital information and the legal and social implications that arise from this
- The combined degree will appeal to individuals interested in combining the disciplines of law and information studies to pursue careers in law librarianship or in the other information professions, to practise law in the areas of intellectual property, privacy, copyright, or telecommunications, or to consult on issues of information policy
- Our units, as the leading schools in Canada in each of law and information studies, are well poised to offer the combined degree, given our respective expertise, the access in the GTA to a large number of law libraries and lawyers and information professionals working in these disciplines. Dalhousie University is the only other Canadian university offering this joint degree (as do a number of American universities)

Because of the specialized nature of the combined program, we anticipate seeing approximately 1 to 2 students per year enrolled in the combined program, although we would hope to expand the program over time.

We do not expect any major resource implications since the combined program will rely on existing faculty members from both units and the libraries and resources currently available from the FIS Inforum and the Bora Laskin Law Library. It is expected that Ted Tjaden, an adjunct professor and a law librarian (and lawyer) at the Bora Laskin Law Library, who already teaches in both programs, will be heavily involved in the combined program, as will a number of other professors from both units, including various professors associated with the Knowledge Media Design Institute and other collaborative programs.

The name of the degree for the combined program will be J.D./M.I.St., representing the existing degree names for both units. Students who are successful in completing the combined program under ordinary circumstances will have earned the degree in 4 years which, if done separately, would take 5 years (3 years in Law, 2 years in Information Studies). Students in the combined program will also benefit under the guidance of a director of the program. Full details of the combined program and the courses involved are set out in detail in the attached documentation.

Ron J. Daniels, Dean, Faculty of Law

Lynne C. Howarth, Dean, Faculty of
Information Studies

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Proposed Combined Juris Doctor / Masters of Information Studies Degree

University of Toronto

Introduction

The Combined J.D./MISt degree would allow students with an interest in law and information studies to acquire both degrees in four years rather than the five years it would take to acquire them separately. The Combined J.D./MISt degree program would commence in the academic year 2003/04.

Rationale

The Combined J.D./MISt degree program will appeal to individuals interested in combining the disciplines of law and information studies to pursue careers in law librarianship, to practise law in the areas of intellectual property, privacy, copyright, or telecommunications, or to consult on issues of information policy. The combined degree program may also appeal to students who would like to develop and organize content for legal intranets and Internet sites or work in the area of records retention. Also, for students who are interested in becoming research lawyers in law firms or students who are interested in pursuing graduate legal studies, the combined program will provide an opportunity to develop a comprehensive understanding of the nature, organization, and retrieval of information.

With the increase of law-related information in “electronic” format and available on the Internet, and with the rising value being placed upon the legal ownership and control of information and intellectual property, there is a role to be played in today’s society for legally-trained librarians and by lawyers with a strong grounding in information studies and information policy.

Ordinarily in Canada, a J.D. program is a three-year post-bachelor program in which the law student takes a relatively standard set of first year courses (typically contracts, torts, criminal law, property law, civil procedure and constitutional law). In their second and third years, law students take a variety of elective courses in areas of law that interest them (e.g., tax law, human rights, international law, business law, etc.). On the other hand, a typical Master’s level library science program in Canada is a two-year course-based program in which the student takes core or mandatory courses at the start of the program in areas of information resources, reference tools, bibliographic methods and online search techniques) combined later with other elective courses of interest to the student (e.g., government documents, children’s literature, advanced cataloguing, etc.)

The University of Toronto is well positioned to offer a combined J.D./MISt degree program, having high quality programs in both law and information studies. Links already exist between the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies, with a number of librarians from the Faculty of Law having taught courses at the Faculty of Information Studies. In addition, the Greater Toronto Area is host to a large number of leading academic, courthouse and law firm law libraries, making for a fertile environment for

studying and pursuing part-time law library employment while a student and full-time employment opportunities upon graduation.

Only one university in Canada offers a combined degree program in law and information studies - Dalhousie University. In the U.S., combined degrees are offered at a number of institutions, including Indiana University (M.L.S.-J.D), Catholic University (J.D/M.S. in L.S.), the Pratt Institute and Brooklyn Law School (M.S./J.D.), University of Washington (J.D./M.L.S.), and North Carolina Central University (J.D./M.L.S.).

The program being proposed for the University of Toronto is based upon these other programs. The first and second years of the Combined Program (first in Law, second in Information Studies) has the student taking the same courses as if the student were in each program separately. What the Combined Program will do, however, in the third and fourth years of the program will be to offer a blending of courses taken from both Law and Information Studies, thereby giving the student greater exposure to the intersections between the disciplines and a chance to better interact with Faculty and students in both disciplines.

Structure¹ of the Combined Program

The following outlines the curriculum of the Combined Program:

- In the first year of the program students complete all first year courses in place at the Faculty of Law.²
- In the second year of the program students complete the following courses (or any courses that may be substituted in the future) currently in place at the Faculty of Information Studies:

3 core courses:

- FIS 1210H – Information and Its Social Context
- FIS 1230H – Management of Information Organizations
- FIS 1240H – Research Methods

4 required courses in the stream of their choice:

If in the LIS Stream:	If in the Archives Stream:	If in the Information Systems Stream:
FIS 1310H – Info. Resources and Services FIS 1311H – Info Technology Applications FIS 1320H – Intro. to Bibliographic Control FIS 1325H – Online Information Retrieval	FIS 1311H – Info. Technology Applications FIS 1330H – Archives Concepts and Issues FIS 1331H – Archival Arrangement & Description FIS 1332H – Archives Programs and Services	FIS 1340H – Intro. to Information Systems FIS 1341H – Analyzing Information Systems FIS 1342H – Designing Information Systems FIS 1343H – Database Design

¹ The structure of the Combined J.D./MIS degree program is modeled after the structure of the existing Combined J.D./M.B.A. degree program.

² Currently, these courses comprise: Contracts, Criminal Law, Torts, Constitutional Law, Property Law, Legal Process (half term), 1st-year elective (half term), plus applicable Bridge Week programs.

1 elective course in the MIST Program at the Faculty of Information Studies

- In the third and fourth years of the program, students, with the approval of the Director of the Combined Program, must complete a combination of courses totaling at least:
 - 45 credits in the Faculty of Law, and
 - 6 half courses at the 2000 level in the Faculty of Information Studies.
- Ordinarily, students may not take any courses for credit outside the Faculties of Law and Information Studies unless they first have, in advance, the written permission of the Director of the Combined Program. In addition, unless a student has the written permission of the Director of the Combined Program, students in the Combined Program are not eligible to take both FIS 2133 – Legal Literature and Librarianship and Law 307 – Advanced Legal Research, Analysis and Writing due to the potential similarities between the courses.
- Students must obtain at least a B standing upon completion of the first year in law and at least a B+ standing upon completion of the first year in Information Studies to be eligible to continue in the program.

Note:

- Notwithstanding the Faculty of Information Studies' course selection process, students must meet the Faculty of Law course selection deadline.
- Students must submit their proposed course selections for years three and four of the program to the Director of the Combined J.D./MIST program prior to the applicable course selection deadlines in each year in each Faculty. Any changes must also be approved by the Director.
- Candidates for the J.D./MIST program must apply to and be admitted separately by both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies, submitting separate applications and the appropriate documentation to each.
- Students who have completed the first year of either the J.D. or MIST program may also apply for admission to the combined program J.D./MIST program by meeting the normal application and admission requirements for the other faculty and upon notifying their Faculty Registrar.

Administration of the Combined Program

Candidates for the J.D./MIS program must apply to and be admitted separately by both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies, submitting separate applications and the appropriate documentation to each.

Students who have completed the first year of either the J.D. or MIS program may also apply for admission to the combined program J.D./MIS program by meeting the normal application and admission requirements for the other faculty and upon notifying their Faculty Registrar.

The program will be administered by a Director of the Combined J.D./MIS program to be jointly appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Law and the Dean of the Faculty of Information Studies. The Director shall report to the program committee of the Combined Program.

Combined Graduate Program in Law and Information Studies

Memorandum of Agreement

Memorandum of Agreement concerning a Combined Juris Doctor / Masters of Information Studies Program in Law and Information Studies (the “Combined Program” or “Program”) among the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies (“FIS”), University of Toronto.

1. In order to develop cooperative and combined education and research in the areas of law and information studies, the units agree to participate in the Combined Program.
2. The objective of the Combined Program is to offer specialized programs and courses that allow students to benefit from the intersection of law and information studies and to pursue careers in law librarianship or in the other information professions, to practice law in the areas of intellectual property, privacy, copyright, or telecommunications, or to consult on issues of information policy. The combined degree program may also appeal to students who would like to develop and organize content for legal intranets and Internet sites or work in the area of records retention. Also, for students who are interested in becoming research lawyers in law firms or students who are interested in pursuing graduate legal studies, the Combined Program will provide an opportunity to develop a comprehensive understanding of the nature, organization, and retrieval of information.
3. Students in the Combined Program shall register in both programs on a prescribed schedule. They shall:
 - a) meet all respective degree requirements of the participating faculties, including the School of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Information Studies, and the Faculty of Law;
 - b) meet the course requirements of the participating degree programs.

Both programs agree to provide the required curriculum to support the combined program.

4. **Administration of the Combined Program:** It is agreed that:
 - a) Program Candidates for the J.D./MISSt program must apply to and be admitted separately by both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies, submitting separate applications and the appropriate documentation to each.
 - b) Students who have completed the first year of either the J.D. or MISSt program may also apply for admission to the combined program J.D./MISSt program by meeting the normal application and admission requirements for the other faculty and upon notifying their Faculty Registrar.
 - c) The program will be administered by a Director of the Combined J.D./MISSt program to be jointly appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Law and the Dean of the Faculty of Information Studies for a term of normally three years and may be re-appointed

for additional terms. The Director shall report to the program committee of the Combined Program.

5. The function of the Program Committee shall include:
 - a) reviewing of all applications and admissions to the Combined Program;
 - b) selecting a new Director of the Combined Program, as required.
6. The Program Committee shall meet at least once per year and as often as necessary to review applications and admissions and to otherwise carry out its functions.
7. The Director of the Combined Program shall:
 - a) oversee the administration of the Combined Program
 - b) periodically report in writing to the Program Committee, as needed, and at least once per year;
 - c) be responsible for advising and counselling prospective and current students about the Combined Program and approve student course selections in Law and Information Studies;
 - d) act as a liaison between the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies on matters relating to the Combined Program and Combined Program student affairs;
 - e) advise on program requirements and registration issues;
 - f) work with each of the units with an eye to developing new courses or seminars relevant to the Combined Program;
 - g) where possible, support the teaching and scholarship of and fundraising for the Combined Program.
8. Each participating unit shall retain its statutory control over admissions and program content, and its statutory duty to provide adequate research supervision by a member of the graduate faculty in the unit (as applicable). In addition, grading for students in the Combined Program will be the applicable grading scheme in force at the time for each of Law and Information Studies (for example, students in the Combined Program taking Law courses will be graded according to the grading scheme at Law and students in the Combine Program taking FIS courses will be graded according to the grading scheme at FIS).
9. University tuition fees for students enrolled in the Combined Program will be as based on the following structure:
 - a) In the first and second years of the Combined Programs, students shall pay the applicable tuition in force at either Law or FIS, as the case may be;

- b) In the third and fourth years of the Combined Program when students are taking a combination of courses from both Law and FIS, students shall pay the applicable tuition in force at Law for both years;
- c) Law and FIS will share the tuition paid in the third and fourth years by students in the Combined Program on a basis pro-rated to the actual courses taken by the student.

10. The Director of the Combined Program shall be responsible for certifying that the requirements of each participating unit have been fulfilled by each graduating student. Each unit shall recommend the granting of its degree. With the approval of the Director of the Combined Program, the designation "Completed the Combined J.D. / M.I.St. Degree in Law and Information Studies" shall be shown on the transcript, upon certification that all requirements of each participating unit have been fulfilled.

Memorandum of Agreement, Combined J.D. / M.I.St. Degree in Law and Information Studies.

Faculty of Law

Dean Ron Daniels

Date

Faculty of Information Studies

Dean Lynne C. Howarth

Date

Proposed Calendar Description for Combined Juris Doctor / Masters of Information Studies Degree (based on the description for the JD/MBA program):

JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF INFORMATION STUDIES PROGRAM

The J.D./M.I.St. Combined Program allows a student to complete two degree programs within a reduced timeframe of four years. It is offered jointly by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto. The program is for students who wish to combine graduate training in information studies with a degree in law.

At the completion of the four-year integrated program, the successful candidate is awarded both the Juris Doctor and the Master of Information Studies degrees, which, if taken separately, would require five years of study.

Admission Requirements

Students applying to the J.D./M.I.St. program must be admitted to both the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information Studies. As such, candidates must satisfy the admission requirements of both faculties independently, and all applicants must complete the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and all admission requirements of the Faculty of Information Studies. A separate application to each Faculty must also be submitted.

Students who have completed the first year of either the J.D. or the Master of Information Studies program may apply for admission to the combined J.D./M.I.St. program by meeting the normal application and admission requirements for the other faculty and notifying their faculty registrar.

Program Requirements

1. In the first year of the program students complete all first year courses in place at the Faculty of Law.³
2. In the second year of the program students complete the following courses (or any courses that may be substituted in the future) currently in place at the Faculty of Information Studies:

3 core courses:

FIS 1210H – Information and Its Social Context
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3. In the third and fourth years of the program, students, with the approval of the Director of the Combined Program, must complete a combination of courses totaling at least:

- 45 credits in the Faculty of Law, and
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4. Ordinarily, students may not take any courses for credit outside the Faculties of Law and Information Studies unless they first have, in advance, the written permission of the Director of the Combined Program. In addition, unless a student has the written permission of the Director of the Combined Program, students in the Combined Program are not eligible to take both FIS 2133 – Legal Literature and Librarianship and Law 307 – Advanced Legal Research, Analysis and Writing due to the potential similarities between the courses.

5. Students must obtain at least a B standing upon completion of the first year in law and at least a B+ standing upon completion of the first year in Information Studies to be eligible to continue in the program.

Note:

Notwithstanding the Faculty of Information Studies' course selection process, students must meet the Faculty of Law course selection deadline.

Students must submit their proposed course selections for years three and four of the program to the Director of the Combined J.D./MIS program prior to the applicable course selection deadlines in each year in each Faculty. Any changes must also be approved by the Director.

Tuition for the Combined Program will be as follows: In the first and second years of the Combined Programs, students shall pay the applicable tuition in force at either Law or FIS, as the case may be. In the third and fourth years of the Combined Program when students are taking a combination of courses from both Law and FIS, students shall pay the applicable tuition in force at Law for each of the third and fourth years.

Grading for students in the Combined Program will be the applicable grading scheme in force at the time for each of Law and Information Studies (for example, students in the Combined Program taking Law courses will be graded according to the grading scheme at Law and students in the Combine Program taking FIS courses will be graded according to the grading scheme at FIS).