



# THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

## Academic Rules for the LLM/MJ Programs

1. **LLM/MJ Programs:** The academic rules of the JD program will apply to the Graduate programs except to the extent that the following is different from the JD program academic rules.
  - a. **Academic Standing, Probation, Dismissal:** Academic standing will not be determined until the student completes his/her first six hours of credit (referred to as the "first trial period"). Upon the completion of the first trial period, a student must achieve a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 or better in order to be in good standing. If, at any time after the first trial period, the student's CGPA falls below 2.0, he/she will automatically be academically dismissed.

A student whose CGPA is between 2.0 and 2.499 after the trial period will be placed on academic probation and must raise his/her CGPA to 2.5 or better by the time he/she completes the next six credit hours (referred to as the "second trial period"). If such a student does not raise his/her CGPA to 2.5 or better within the second trial period, that student will be academically dismissed. Probation status will remain in effect until the student completes the second trial period. During the second trial period, the student must take a minimum of four credit hours and maximum of six credit hours unless otherwise approved by the Center director.

If such a student on probation raises his/her CGPA to 2.5 or better within the second trial period, the student will be in good standing. However, if a student has once been on probation and successfully raised his/her CGPA to 2.5 but has his/her CGPA go below 2.5 at the end of any subsequent semester, the student shall be academically dismissed at the end of that semester.

- b. **Minimum Grade Point Average to Graduate:** A student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 to receive a LLM or MJ degree.
  - c. **Classes Outside the Program:** With the approval of the program director, an LLM or MJ student may take up to six credit hours in classes outside his/her own program. A student may take more than six credit hours of classes outside his/her own program only with permission of the program director and the Associate Dean for Advanced Studies & Research.

- d. **Transfer Credits:** A program director may accept up to nine transfer credit hours from a matriculated student seeking to enter The John Marshall Law School LLM program from another institution. Under special circumstances, the program director may allow a student to take one or more courses at other institutions toward completion of the program's requirements for graduation from The John Marshall Law School.
- e. **Graduation Honors:** A student with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher will graduate with honors.
- f. **Repeating Courses:** Each student shall repeat a required class in which he/she has received a failing grade. A student may repeat an elective class in which he/she has received a failing grade. All grades received by the student, including failing grades, will be included in the computation of grade point averages.