



Time Limits for Degree Completion

- 1. J.D. Students:** To be eligible for the J.D. degree, a John Marshall student must complete the course of study required for the degree in no fewer than 24 months and no more than 84 months after the student has commenced law study at the law school or at a law school from which transfer credit has been accepted.
- 2. LL.M. and M.J. Students:** To be eligible for the LL.M. or M.J. degree, a student must complete the course of study required for the degree in no more than 60 months after the student has commenced study toward the degree. For a student enrolled in a joint J.D./LL.M. program, the 60-month period will commence upon conferral of the J.D. degree. The 60-month period may be extended by up to an additional 24 months for legitimate reasons with the approval of the program director and the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.
- 3. Extensions:** An extension of the time limit for completing any degree beyond 84 months will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances, and only for a defined period of time. A student may apply for a waiver by submitting a petition to the faculty Academic Affairs Committee, explaining the grounds for the waiver and the amount of additional time requested (if more than one semester), accompanied by appropriate documentation. Grounds for a waiver may include serious illness, family exigency, military service, or other exigent circumstances.

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