

**University of Utah College of Law  
Petition for Parallel Degree Program**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Status:            1L            2L            3L

Graduate Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

State the reasons why the the proposed graduate degree is relevant to your legal education and career plans:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[Please provide a copy of your graduate program acceptance letter when available.]

**Administrative Action**

**Dean's Office:**

Petition Approved     Petition Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Parallel Degrees** [Taken from the Student Handbook]

### **J.D. Credit for Coursework Completed in a Parallel Graduate Degree Program**

A student may receive up to twelve credits toward the J. D. degree for coursework completed in another graduate degree program, provided:

- a.** The student has been admitted to the graduate program at the University of Utah and is seeking a master's or Ph.D. degree from that program.
- b.** The student must petition and receive prior approval from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs before enrolling in parallel degree graduate courses for which J.D. credit is sought. The petition must demonstrate that the parallel degree is relevant to the student's legal education and career planning goals and is sufficiently rigorous to justify the granting of J.D. credit.
- c.** The courses eligible for J.D. credit must be graduate level courses offered in the program to which the student has been admitted.
- d.** The courses must be taken after the student has matriculated at the College of Law.
- e.** The student must receive a grade of "B" or better in the courses, and such grades will not be computed as part of the student's law school grade point average.
- f.** The credits will be accepted if, at the time of law school graduation, the student submits a letter to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from the graduate program faculty advisor that the student has completed or is in good standing and making substantial progress toward the graduate degree.
- g.** The student must be simultaneously matriculated in both programs for at least two semesters.