

Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective:	Thursday, January 9, 2025
Students Effected:	Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.
Amendment Type:	Revised Academic Regulations
Academic Regulation:	MARJ Program

Amendment Description:

In sum, the proposed amendments:

- specify that MARJ students only need to take *Principles* or *Origins*, but need not take both foundational courses; and
- add *New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence* as a course satisfying the Trauma Informed Education requirement; and,
- increase the number of Practice and Facilitation required credits from 3 to 5.

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation section IV.L with the changes in red below.

L. MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (MARJ)

1. REQUIRED CURRICULUM

- a. A minimum of 30 credits is required for the MARJ degree.
- b. MARJ students must satisfy the following requirements

Required Foundational Course (Minimum of 3 credits)

RSJ7115	Principles of Restorative Justice (3) and or
RSJ7120	Origins, Evolution, and Critical Issues in Restorative Justice (3)

Writing Requirement (minimum of 3 credits) (see d. below)

POL5510	Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)
RSJ/ENV 5122	Communications, Advocacy and Leadership (3)
RSJ7215	Narrative Writing Seminar (3)
WRI7301	Advanced Writing Seminar (3)
RSJ7440	Advocating for Change (3)

CRI7360 Reforming Criminal Justice (3)

POL Legal Research and Writing for Policymakers

Trauma Informed Education (minimum of 3 credits)

RSJ7210 Adversity, Trauma, and Victimization (3)

RSJ7320 New Approaches to Domestic/Sex Violence (3)

Practice and Facilitation (minimum of 5 credits)

CLI9446 RJ Externship (4)

RSJ7117 RJ Facilitation (1)

RSJ7125 Motivational Interviewing (1)

RSJ7365 Teaching Restorative Justice (3)

RSJ7325 Advanced Restorative Practices (2)

RSJ7130 Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2)

CLI9355 Justice Reform Clinic (4)

Core Electives (minimum of 9 additional credits)

ADR6420 Negotiation (2)

CRI7305 Advanced Criminal Law Seminar (2)

CRI7333 Juvenile Justice and Law (3)

CRI7380 Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability (3)

FAM7719 The State, Families, and Child Protection (3)

REQ7140 Criminal Law (3)

RSJ7140 Applied Criminal Justice (3)

RSJ7270 Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)

RSJ7250 Global Restorative Justice (3)

RSJ7260 Truth and Reconciliation (3)

RSJ7311 Designing Restoria (3)

RSJ7315 Peacemaking Courts (3)

RSJ7320 New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence (3)

RSJ7330 Restorative Justice in Educational Institutions (3)

RSJ7340 Race, Crimes, and Restorative Justice (3)

RSJ7342	Environmental Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7350	Ethics and Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7360	Advanced Victim Rights Seminar (3)
RSJ7371	Youth Justice Reimagined (3)
RSJ 7903	Evidence Based Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ 7230	Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)
RSJ7980	Drug Policy Reform (3)
POL	Legal Research and Writing for Policymakers
POL	Systems of Advantages and Disadvantages

Elective Courses (remaining general elective courses may be chosen from the following approved courses)

ADR6415	Environmental Dispute Resolution (2)
CLI9405	Dispute Resolution Clinic (2)
CRI7313	Capital Punishment Seminar (2)
DIV7610	Race and the Law Seminar (2)
DIV7615	Sexual Orientation and the Law (2)
DIV7620	Native Americans and the Law (3)
ENV5105	Administrative Law (3)
ENV5113	Legal and Policy Writing (1)
ENV5446	Environmental Justice (2)
ENV5902	Environmental Crimes (2)
GPP7817	GPP: Criminal Procedure – Bail to Jail (2)
GPP7827	Improv for Advocates (1)
INT7424	International Human Rights (3)
JUR7350	Women and the Law Seminar (2)
REQ7188	Legislation and Regulation (2)
REQ7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)
RSJ7125	Motivational Interviewing (1)
WRI7900	Independent Research Project (3)

c. The Director of the Center for Justice Reform or Director's designee has the authority to waive any of these course requirements provided the student has had comparable experience or course work. Although requirements may be waived, the total number of credits required for degree completion remains unchanged.

d. JD students who pursue a joint degree will waive out of the MARJ writing requirement upon completing Legal Research and Writing, and Legal Writing II, with a GPA of 2.66 or higher in each of these courses.

e. Any course not selected as a required course may be taken as a core elective. A student may not take both Legislation and Regulation and Legislation and Regulation Survey, and a student may not take both Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership and Advocating for Change.

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Proposed effective date: for students matriculating after May 1, 2025