

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAM TO JOIN LAW AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

To help lawyers and social scientists function more effectively in dealing with society's problems, two federal agencies have teamed up to help Northwestern University begin a pioneering program to produce scholars trained in both professions.

The students in the new five-year graduate program, which started this fall, will receive both the doctor of jurisprudence (J.D.) and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

Five students will enter the program each year and will take courses both in the law school and in the social sciences departments.

The program is under the direction of Victor Rosenblum, Professor of Law and Director of Northwestern's Program in Law and the Social Sciences.

The two federal agencies funding the program are the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

NIMH has provided partial support for the academic year portion of the program with a grant totaling \$306,256 for five years; NSF has awarded an initial \$56,660 grant for two years, which covers summer field training for 1971 and 1972.

NSF support of this program follows the recommendation last year by the Special Commission on the Social Sciences of the National Science Board, which called for "both law schools and social science departments to develop substantial interdisciplinary training."

Northwestern University is the first institution to develop an integrated joint degree program at the Ph.D. level in social science and the J.D. in law. This new program builds on 10 years of university experience in conducting training programs in the law and social sciences that were supported by the Russell Sage Foundation.

First year students in the program will take a regular first year law program, with one seminar each semester devoted to social science. Their second year will be spent primarily in the social sciences.

The next two years will be devoted to class work in both disciplines. Both the J.D. and Ph.D. degrees will be earned simultaneously at the end of the fifth year.

All students entering the program will spend their first two summers (between their first and second, and second and third years) in a special team research training project with both legal and social aspects. The first summer's program will emphasize legal issues and the second, social science and its methodology.

The summer program will run for eight weeks and students will confront such urban problems as the response of law enforcement agencies to street gangs, the decision-process in child custody proceedings, subsidization of urban transportation systems, "private enforcement" of anti-pollution measures, landlord-tenant relationships in low-income neighborhoods, and the effects of decreases in penalties for marijuana offenders.

Grant funds from NSF and NIMH will be used for student stipends, academic year tuition, salaries for two faculty supervisors—one in social science and one in law, and research training and administrative expenses.



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