Over 50% of the students graduating from Penn Law in 2014 are pursuing a certificate of study that will propel them along varied career paths.

Cross-disciplinary study is woven into all aspects of Penn Law’s curriculum.

In addition to the option of pursuing a joint degree and/or participating in one of over 20 cross-disciplinary student groups, Penn Law students can earn a certificate of study in one of several disciplines as part of their three-year JD degree. Typically, these programs require three or four courses in the granting department and one or two courses from a relevant topic area at the Law School. There are no admissions requirements; all students who successfully complete the requirements are granted the certificate.

We believe that the next generation of lawyers will be those who are not just superbly trained in law, but also have training in related fields – such as business, communications, health, technology, international studies, social work, education - that complement and contribute to their legal expertise.

Penn Law allows students to take up to four (4) pre-approved classes (12 credits) at an outside school. Many students use this arrangement to complete or nearly complete a certificate while they matriculate. While Penn Law subsidizes the cost of the certificate with significant payments to sister schools for up to four outside courses, the certificate candidate is responsible for an administrative fee that is set annually with tuition.
“Studying at Penn Law and Wharton gave me an inquisitive mind and better critical thinking and communication skills. The real difference shows up later in life. You could say Penn Law really prepared me for my last job—the one most important to my career.”

— Paul G. Haaga Jr. L’74, WG’74
Acting President and CEO, NPR; Retired Chairman of the Board, Capital Research and Management Company; Former Chairman, Investment Company Institute; and Former Partner, Dechert; simultaneously earned graduate degrees at Penn Law and Wharton

**JD Certificates of Study are offered with the following schools/programs at the University of Pennsylvania:**

**The Wharton School**
Certificate in Management
Certificate in Business Economics and Public Policy

**School of Social Policy & Practice**
Certificate of Study in Cross-Sector Innovation

**Institute for Environmental Studies**
Certificate of Study in Environmental Policy
Certificate of Study in Environmental Science

**Women's Studies Program at the School of Arts & Sciences**
Graduate Certificate in Gender & Sexuality Studies

**Fels Institute of Government**
Certificate in Nonprofit Administration
Certificate in Politics

**Center for Neuroscience and Society**
SCAN Neuroscience Certificate

**International Studies at the School of Arts & Sciences**
Graduate Certificate in Global Human Rights
Certificate of Study in Middle East and Islamic Studies
Certificate of Study in East Asian Studies
Certificate of Study in Latin American and Latino Studies *(anticipated for 2014-15)*

Our faculty are leaders in the law and related fields.
In addition to the JD, 70 percent of Penn Law faculty have advanced degrees, and approximately 50 percent of faculty have secondary appointments or affiliations with other University departments outside of the Law School.

For more information on certificates or other cross-disciplinary opportunities, please contact Amanda S. Aronoff, Manager of Cross-Disciplinary Programs at aramanda@law.upenn.edu.