

## **Shimer and Kent Create Joint B.A. + J.D. Program**

Shimer has teamed up with **Chicago-Kent College of Law** ([www.kentlaw.edu](http://www.kentlaw.edu)) to offer a new program for students desiring a B.A. in the Social Sciences at Shimer and a J.D. degree at Kent. While the Shimer B.A. program normally takes a full 4 years of fulltime study, students in the joint B.A./J.D. Program have the possibility of accelerating their studies in order to complete both the B.A. and the J.D. in less than the usual 7 years.

Students in the joint B.A./J.D. Program may accelerate their studies by substituting their first-year law school courses for the final 30 credits of electives which are permitted as part of the Shimer B.A. program. The B.A. degree will be awarded by Shimer upon completion of the first year of law school credit hours provided the student has fulfilled all of the other degree requirements for the B.A. degree, including all required comprehensive examinations and a Senior Thesis.

Students in the program may reasonably complete the joint program in six years, receiving the Shimer B.A. after the fourth year and their Chicago-Kent J.D. after the sixth year. Qualified Shimer students who wish to defer enrollment at Chicago-Kent until they have completed all requirements for their Shimer B.A. degree will be permitted to do so. Admission to the joint B.A./J.D. Program is based on academic ability, recommendations, personal qualities and co-curricular activities. Applicants must submit a Shimer application as well as a supplemental joint B.A./J.D. Program application by March 1 of their senior year of high school. Applications for the "Great Books + Law" Program will be reviewed by admissions staff from Shimer and Chicago-Kent as well as by the Shimer College Dean's Office.