

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**LAW & ECONOMICS**  
**J.D./M.S.**



The College of Law and Department of Economics joint degree program in Law and Economics, J.D./M.S., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Applicants must apply for acceptance to both colleges according to the individual department's admission criteria.

For the joint degree program, both the GRE and LSAT must be taken in order to be considered. Applicants to the Economics Department must have a bachelor's degree, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better and a minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE. At the College of Law, the average LSAT score and mean GPA for the Fall 2005 entering class was 159 and 3.4.

Once a student is accepted in to both colleges, they must then complete an application for the joint degree program, which is located at the College of Law's Office of Admissions and Records. This is normally done during the first year of law school. The first year of study is generally done at the College of Law.

The normal program sequence for a student in the joint degree program is:

1st Year	30 hours of Law Courses
2nd Year	24 hours of ECO Courses
3rd & 4th Years	50 hours of Law Courses
Total Law Courses	80 hours (8 cross-credits)
Total ECO Courses	24 hours (8 cross-credits)
Total JD/MS Courses	104 hours

## The Juris Doctor Curriculum

The Juris Doctor program consists of 80 credit hours of instruction. The law curriculum consists of 36 credit hours of required courses. Thirty credits are taken during the student's first year in the program. The remaining 44 credit hours of elective classes may be chosen from the large selection of courses offered by the College of Law. The following are the 36 credit hours of required courses in the J.D. curriculum:

<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
Civil Procedure	4
Contracts I	3
Contracts II	2
Criminal Law	4
Property I	2
Property II	3
Torts	4
Legal Writing & Research I	2
Legal Writing & Research II	3
Constitutional Law I	3
Constitutional Law II	3
Professional Responsibility	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>

In addition, all J.D. students must complete an upper level writing requirement and 20 hours of pro bono legal work.



## Economics Curriculum

### CORE CURRICULUM

A student enrolled in the joint degree program must complete 24 credit hours of classes, 6 of which are core classes from the Department of Economics. All students in the master's program are required to take:

<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>
Applied Microeconomics I	ECO 5114
Applied Microeconomics II	ECO 5117
Macroeconomic Theory & Practice	ECO 5206
Basic Econometrics	ECO 5420
Global Macroeconomics	ECO 5208
<u>Economic Forecasting</u>	<u>ECO 5434</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 credit hours</b>

In addition to the core classes, the student will be required to write a thesis or complete an applied project.

If the student chooses to write a thesis, an oral defense of the thesis will also be required. The thesis and oral defense are worth a total of 6 credit hours.

The applied project can only be done in the summer term after all core classes have been completed. The applied project is worth a total of 6 credit hours, which are divided into the first and second part of the summer term.

The major responsibility for planning and carrying out an integrated program of courses in both schools lies with the individual student assisted by the advisor for the program in each school. The joint degree program must be completed within 5 years, although most students complete the program in 4 years. For further information, contact both the College of Law and the Department of International Affairs.

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