

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW & INFORMATION STUDIES
J.D./M.S.



The College of Law and the School of Information Studies' joint degree program in Law and Information Studies, 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 Information Studies program 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	33 hours of LIS Courses
3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law Courses
Total Law Courses	79 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total LIS Courses	33 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total JD/MS Courses	112 hours

The Juris Doctor Curriculum

The Juris Doctor program consists of 79 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 43 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
TOTAL	36

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



Information Studies Curriculum

CORE CURRICULUM

A student enrolled in the joint degree program must complete 33 credit hours from the School of Information Studies.

Below is a partial list of courses offered by the School of Information Studies. Each course listed below is 3 credits. For a complete list, please visit the website for the School of Information Studies.

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>
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LIS 5263	Assessing Information Needs
LIS 5241	Int'l and Comparative Info. Services
LIS 5260	Information Science
LIS 5263	Theory of Information Retrieval
LIS 5271	Research Methods in Information Studies
LIS 5313	Design and Prod. of Media Resources
LIS 5350	Design of Information Retrieval Systems
LIS 5402	Human Resource Management
LIS 5408	Management of Info. Organization
LIS 5415	Socio-Political Process in Info. Studies
LIS 5426	Planning, Evaluation, and Fin. Mgmt.
LIS 5487	Information Systems Management
LIS 5489	Network
LIS 5511	Management of Information Collections
LIS 5603	Introduction to Information Services
LIS 5703	Information Organization
LIS 5711	Cataloging and Classification
LIS 5771	Information and Image Management
LIS 5782	Database Management Systems

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 School of Information Studies.

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