

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
J.D./M.P.A.



The College of Law and Department of Public Administration's joint degree program in Law and Public Administration, J.D./M.P.A., 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 Public Administration 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 PAD Courses (Beginning in the <i>Summer</i> Term)
3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law Courses
Total Law Courses	79 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total PAD Courses	33 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total JD/MPA 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.



Public Administration Curriculum

CORE CURRICULUM

A student enrolled in the joint degree program must complete 33 credit hours, consisting of 7 core courses from the Department of Public Administration, an internship, and an Action Report. All courses are 3 credits each.

The core courses for the M.P.A. program are:

<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>
The Profession of Public Admin.	PAD 5050
Public Organization	PAD 5106
Managing Public Financial Resources	PAD 5227
Policy Development & Admin.	PAD 5035
Research Design	PAD 5700
Quantitative Analysis in Public Admin.	PAD 5701
<u>Seminar: Action Report</u>	<u>PAD 6908</u>
TOTAL	24 credit hours

In addition, 9 credit hours of M.P.A. specialization and elective courses are required to complete the M.P.A. program. Students will select three courses in consultation with their advisor or the M.P.A. Director. The list of elective M.P.A. courses can be found on the website for the Department of Public Administration.

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 Public Administration.

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