

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW & URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
J.D./M.S.P.



The College of Law and Department of Urban and Regional Planning's joint degree program in Law and Urban and Regional Planning, J.D./M.S.P., 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 Urban and Regional Planning 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:

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| 1st Year | 30 hours of Law Courses |
| 2nd Year | 33 hours of MSP Courses |
| 3rd & 4th Years | 48 hours of Law Courses |
| Total Law Courses | 78 hours (10 cross-credits) |
| Total MSP Courses | 33 hours (10 cross-credits) |
| Total JD/MSP Courses | 111 hours |

The Juris Doctor Curriculum

The Juris Doctor program consists of 78 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 42 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.



Urban & Regional Planning Curriculum

CORE CURRICULUM

A student enrolled in the joint degree program must complete 33 credit hours of classes, 7 of which are core classes, from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. All students in the master's program are required to take:

| <u>COURSE NAME</u> | <u>COURSE NUMBER</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| Planning Theory and Practice | URP 5101 |
| Plan Implementation | URP 5939 |
| The Growth & Development of Cities | URP 5845 |
| Methods of Planning Analysis I: Research & Evaluation | URP 5201 |
| Methods of Planning Analysis II: Statistics | URP 5211 |
| Methods of Planning Analysis III: Forecasting | URP 5261 |
| <u>Policy Analysis for Planning Decisions</u> | <u>URP 5222</u> |
| TOTAL | 21 credit hours |

In addition to the core courses students are required to complete a zero-credit 10-week full-time internship in a planning or planning related agency. The internship may be paid or unpaid. In practice, the internships are generally paid positions.

Students must also complete and defend the capstone research paper, project or thesis. This requirement cannot be done until all core courses have been completed. Students will earn up to 6 credit hours, depending on which option they choose.

Remaining credit hours may be fulfilled by taking additional courses within the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

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 Urban and Regional Planning.

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