



# joint-degree program law and information studies

The College of Law and the School of Library and Information Studies joint-degree program in Law and Information Studies, J.D./M.L.I.S., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Interested applicants must first begin their study at the College of Law. Once enrolled in the law school they will then complete all necessary documentation for the application process through the School of Library and Information Studies as well as a joint-degree application by the end of the second year of study at the law school. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

For joint-degree program applicants, either the GRE or the LSAT must be taken in order to be considered for admission to the School of Library and Information Studies. 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 either a minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE or a score of 160 or higher on the LSAT. The College of Law's fall 2011 entering class median LSAT score and GPA were 162 and 3.5.

## • How To Apply

- 1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint-degree application and necessary documents for the School of Library and Information Studies.
- 2. Complete the documentation.
- 3. Return all documents to the College of Law Office of Admissions by July 1st.
- The student will need to provide:
  - 1. Completed joint-degree application
  - 2. Official GRE scores if LSAT is less than 160
  - 3. One letter of recommendation
  - 4. Statement of purpose

## • Program Sequence

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

• 1st Year	30 hours of Law
• 2nd Year	27 hours of Information Studies
• 3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law
• Total Law Courses	79 hours
• Total Information Studies Courses	27 hours
• Cross Credit Courses	9 hours
• Total J.D./M.L.I.S. Courses	106 hours

• Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at [www.law.fsu.edu](http://www.law.fsu.edu).



## Information Studies Curriculum

A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 27 credit hours from the School of Library and Information Studies.

Below is a partial list of courses offered by the School of Library and Information Studies. Each course listed below is three credits. For a complete list, please visit the web site for the School of Library and Information Studies: <http://slis.fsu.edu>.

- LIS 5203 Assessing Information Needs
- LIS 5241 International and Comparative Information Services
- LIS 5260 Information Science
- LIS 5263 Theory of Information Retrieval
- LIS 5271 Research Methods in Information Studies
- LIS 5313 Digital Media: Concepts and Production
- LIS 5403 Human Resource Management
- LIS 5408 Management of Information Organizations
- LIS 5426 Planning, Evaluation, and Financial Management
- LIS 5487 Information Systems Management
- LIS 5489 Network Administration
- LIS 5511 Management of Information Collections
- LIS 5603 Introduction to Information Services
- LIS 5703 Information Organization



## Questions

The joint degree must be completed within five years, although most students complete the program in four years. For further information about curriculum requirements, please contact:

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## Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint-degree programs receive both degrees concurrently. Law students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the degree requirements in the College of Law and the School of Library and Information Studies.

## Residence Requirement

Unless otherwise approved by both advisors and the College of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint-degree programs must earn a minimum of seven semesters of residence credit. Based on the College of Law formula for determining residency, one semester of residency credit is earned for every 12 credit hours of courses taken in law and the School of Library and Information Studies. All requirements for both degrees must be completed within five calendar years.