

Section 15 **Joint Degree Programs**

15.1 Joint Degree Programs

The College of Law has established joint degree programs with other colleges and departments within The Florida State University. Those programs and the number of credit hours of approved course work that must be completed in the College of Law (LAW hours) for each joint degree program are as follows:

15.1.1 JD/MBA (College of Business) 79 LAW hours

15.1.2 JD/MSP (Department of Urban and Regional Planning) 78 LAW hours

15.1.3 JD/MPA (Department of Public Administration) 79 LAW hours

15.1.4 JD/MS (Department of International Affairs) 80 LAW hours

15.1.5 JD/MS (Department of Economics) 80 LAW hours

15.1.6 JD/MSW (School of Social Work)

Clinical Track 82 LAW hours

Social Services & Administrative Practice Track 79 LAW hours

15.1.7 JD/LIS (School of Information Studies) 79 LAW hours

15.1.8 JD/MS (Department of Sport Management) 82 LAW hours

15.2 Admission

An applicant for a joint degree program must apply to and be admitted separately by the College of Law and the other college or department. A joint- degree applicant must be admitted to the College of Law as a regular law student through the regular admission procedures.

Admission to the College of Law does not assure admission to the other college or department, nor does admission to the other college or department assure admission to the College of Law. Normally, a joint-degree student will apply for admission to the other college or department during the student's first year in law school. Following admission to both colleges or departments, a joint-degree student is required to submit a form declaring the student's intention to pursue both degrees, and the form must be endorsed by the Admissions Office and the faculty advisor of the College of Law and of the other college or department.

15.3 Enrollment

Normally, a student pursuing a joint degree program must enroll in the College of Law and complete the first year of the JD program before enrolling for courses in the other college or department. A joint-degree student who wishes to enroll for any course work in the other college or department before completing the first-year of law school must obtain the prior written approval of the College of Law faculty program advisor.

15.4 Graduation Requirements

A joint-degree student must satisfy all College of Law graduation requirements, except as otherwise provided in this section.

15.4.1 Credit hours. The usual 88 credit hours required by section 1.2.1 are not required, and in lieu thereof a joint-degree student must successfully complete the number of credit hours of approved College of Law course work (LAW

hours) specified for each joint-degree program in section 15.1 and must also successfully complete all established requirements in the other college or department for the awarding of the joint degree.

15.4.2 Grade point average (GPA). No grades received in the other college or department will be used in computing the grade point average required by section 1.2.2.

15.4.3 Graded hours. A joint-degree student must satisfy the usual requirements of section 1.2.3 regarding the required number of graded LAW hours that must be successfully completed. Credit hours of course work successfully completed in the other college or department are not graded LAW hours and are not counted in determining a joint-degree student's satisfaction of the graded hours requirement.

15.4.4 No other outside courses. A joint-degree student may not count toward the required LAW hours for the J.D. degree any course work done outside the law school as otherwise provided in Section 10.

15.4.5 Residence. A joint-degree student's course of study must extend over not fewer than seven academic semesters as a full-time student rather than the usual six semesters of residence required by section 1.2.5.1. In unusual

circumstances, the Dean or the Dean's designee may waive the additional semester of required residence credit, in whole or in part, upon the recommendation of the College of Law faculty program advisor. A joint-degree student's residence credit will be calculated in accordance with section 1.2.5, except that all courses taken in both the College of Law and the other college or department will be included in the calculation.

15.4.6 Full-time program. All requirements for both degrees must be completed within five calendar years of a joint-degree student's date of matriculation to the College of Law.

15.5 Receipt of Degree

A joint-degree student must have completed all of the requirements for both degrees before either degree will be awarded, and the student will receive both degrees concurrently. A joint-degree student will not be certified to the bar authorities as a College of Law graduate without having completed all of the requirements for both degrees.

15.6 Class rank

A joint-degree student's class rank as calculated pursuant to section 4.9 will be based solely on the student's College of Law grades and grade point average. Grades awarded in the other college or department will be disregarded for the purpose of determining the student's College of Law class rank.

