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 Department of Economics.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the Department of Economics. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before March 15th of the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Provide a completed Joint-Degree Program Application form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Have official GRE scores on file with Florida State University.
4. Provide two letters of recommendation.
5. Provide a 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
- 24 hours of Economics
3rd & 4th Years
- 50 hours of Law

Total Law Courses
- 80 hours
Total Economics Courses
- 24 hours
Cross Credit Courses
- 8 hours of Law, 8 hours of Economics
Total J.D./M.S. Courses
- 104 hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.
**Applied Economics Curriculum**

A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 24 credit hours of classes, 15 of which are core classes from the Department of Economics. All students in the Masters in Applied Economics program are required to take the following core classes:

- ECO 5114 Applied Microeconomics I
- ECO 5117 Applied Microeconomics II
- ECO 5206 Applied Macroeconomics
- ECO 5420 Applied Econometrics
- ECO 5434 Analysis of Economic Data

In addition to the core classes, the student takes one Economics elective course and completes a thesis or an applied project. If the student chooses to write a thesis, an oral defense of the thesis will also be required. The thesis and oral defense are worth a total of six credit hours.

The applied project can only be done in the summer term after all core classes have been completed. The applied project is worth a total of six credit hours, which are divided into the first and second sessions of the summer term.

**Questions**

The joint-degree must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

For further information about applying, please contact:

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**Conferring of Degrees**

Students in joint-degree programs receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in both the College of Law and the Department of Economics. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

**Residency 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 the College of Law and the Department of Economics.