The College of Law and the School of Information joint-degree program in Law and Information Technology, JD/MSIT permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Following admission to either program, a joint-degree student is required to submit the necessary joint-degree application. Interested applicants normally begin their study at the College of Law. A joint-degree student who wishes to enroll for any coursework in the other college or department before completing the first-year of law school must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law. Current law students may also apply to the joint-degree program by the deadline during their first year in law school. Once enrolled in the law school they will then complete a joint-degree application and submit an updated legal resume before July 1st of the 1L year. All required documents should be submitted to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

Admission to the MSIT program is highly competitive. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and prior information technology coursework or work experience. The LSAT score considered during the law school admissions process can be considered in lieu of the GRE requirement for current law school students applying for this joint-degree.

### How To Apply

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a **Joint-Degree Program Application** form.
2. Do not send or have documents sent to the School of Information. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before **July 1st** 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 LSAT score on file with Florida State University.

### Program Sequence

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

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Total Law Courses: 79 hours
Total MSIT Courses: 24 hours
Cross Credit Courses: 9 hours of Law, 9 hours of MSIT
Total J.D./MSIT Courses: 103 hours

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

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Information Technology Curriculum

The joint-degree program requires successful completion of 24 hours of coursework from the School of Information. Students must take four core courses (12 credit hours), as noted below, and choose additional elective courses (12 hours) from the list of approved courses. Elective courses should be selected according to the foundational needs of the student (taking into account current technology skill level) and the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) needed to support the student's professional goals. Please visit http://ischool.cci.fsu.edu/academics/graduate/msit/ for more information.

Core Course #1:
LIS 5203 Asssessing Information Needs (3 credits)

Core Course #2:
LIS 5275 Usability Analysis (3 credits)

Core Course #3:
LIS 5408 Management of Information Organizations (3 credits)

Core Course #4:
LIS 5487 Information Systems Management (3 credits)

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 the College of Law and the School of Information. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

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 the College of Law and the School of Information.