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 Askew School of Public Administration & Policy.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before March 1st.

Applicants will need to:
1. Provide a completed Joint-Degree Program Application form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Provide a completed Askew School of Public Administration and Policy Application for Admissions form.
4. Have official GRE scores on file with Florida State University if the LSAT score is less than 160.
5. Provide three letters of recommendation from employers or college professors. Applicable letters provided during the application to the College of Law are acceptable. Each submitted letter must be accompanied by a Recommendation Form for Admission.
6. Provide a personal statement using the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy Personal Statement form.

Program Sequence

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

- 1st Year (Fall, Spring) 30 hours of Law
- 2nd Year (Summer, Fall, Spring) 33 hours of Public Administration
- 3rd & 4th Years 49 hours of Law
- Total Law Courses 79 hours
- Total Public Admin. Courses 33 hours
- Cross Credit Courses 9 hours
- Total J.D./M.P.A. Courses 112 hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at http://www.law.fsu.edu.
Public Administration Curriculum

- A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 33 credit hours, consisting of seven core courses from the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy, an internship and an Action Report. All courses are three credit hours.
- PAD 5035 Policy Development & Administration
- PAD 5050 The Profession of Public Administration
- PAD 5106 Public Organizations
- PAD 5227 Managing Public Financial Resources
- PAD 5417 Human Resource Management
- PAD 5700 Research Design
- PAD 5701 Quantitative Analysis in Public Administration
- PAD 5946 Public Service Internship
- PAD 6908 Seminar: Action Report

In addition, six credit hours of M.P.A. specialization and elective courses are required to complete the M.P.A. program. Students will select two courses in consultation with their advisor or the M.P.A. director.

The list of elective M.P.A. courses can be found on the web site for the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy at http://askew.fsu.edu/.

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:
- Office of Admissions
- Florida State University College of Law
  (850) 644-3787
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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 Askew School of Public Administration & Policy. 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 Askew School of Public Administration & Policy. All requirements for both degrees must be completed within five calendar years.