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 of the 1L year.

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 of Law, 9 hours of Public Administration
- Total J.D./M.P.A. Courses: 112 hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.

The College of Law and Askew School of Public Administration & Policy’s joint-degree program in Law and Public Administration, J.D./M.P.A., 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 first-year law curriculum they will then complete all necessary documentation for the application process through the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy and a joint-degree application before March 1 of the 1L year. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

Applicants to the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy program must have a bachelor’s degree with an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better. Applicants who have scored a 160 or better on the LSAT will have the GRE requirement waived. Applicants should contact the department directly to obtain specific information on the necessary GRE requirements.
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:

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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.

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