



joint-degree program law and international affairs

The Colleges of Law and Social Sciences & Public Policy joint-degree program in Law and International Affairs, J.D./M.S., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Interested applicants normally begin their study at the College of Law. Once enrolled in the first-year law curriculum, interested applicants then complete all necessary documentation for the International Affairs Program application process as well as a joint-degree application before **July 1st** of the 1L year. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions. Students who wish to apply for admission to both programs at the same time must apply for each program separately. Following admission to both programs, a student is required to submit the necessary joint-degree application. A joint-degree student who wishes to enroll for any coursework toward the completion of the International Affairs Master's program before completing the first-year of law school must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law.

Applicants to the Graduate Program in International Affairs must have a bachelor's degree, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better, and a minimum score on the GRE of 150 verbal, 150 quantitative, and 4.0 writing (combined score of 1000 if submitting GRE scores from before 2012). Applicants who have scored a 158 or better on the LSAT will have the GRE requirement waived.

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 Graduate Program in International Affairs.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the Graduate Program in International Affairs. 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 GRE scores on file with the Florida State University if the LSAT score is less than 158.
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 International Affairs
3rd & 4th Years	50 hours of Law
Total Law Courses	80 hours
Total International Affairs Courses	24 hours
Cross Credit Courses	8 hours of Law, 8 hours of International Affairs
Total J.D./M.S. Courses	104 hours

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



● International Affairs Curriculum

● A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 24 credit hours of approved course work from the International Affairs program. All students in the master's program are required to take the following:

- INR5938 Seminar in International Affairs (3 cr.)
- INR5935 International Affairs Colloquium (1 cr.)
- INR5012 Problems of Globalism (3 cr.)

● Students are required to concentrate their International Affairs coursework by completing 9 credits in one of the approved participating departments (Anthropology, Modern Languages, Sociology, Economics, Philosophy, Urban and Regional Planning, Political Science, Public Administration, History, or Religion).

● Students must take coursework from at least 3 participating departments and at least 6 credit hours of coursework that focus on the developing or post-communist world. A written master's comprehensive examination or an oral master's thesis defense will also be required.

● All students must satisfy a foreign language requirement for the master's program. Proficiency in a foreign language must be demonstrated in one of the 4 methods as outlined by the graduate handbook. More information is available online at www.coss.fsu.edu/inaprog/.



● 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:

- Joint-Degree Coordinator
- Office of Admissions
- Florida State University College of Law
- (850) 644-3787
- admissions@law.fsu.edu

● For further information about curriculum requirements, please contact:

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- Florida State University College of Law
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- Lee Metcalf, Director of the International Affairs Program, Chair of the International Affairs Master Program
- Florida State University College of Social Sciences and Public Policy
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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 Graduate Program in International Affairs. 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 College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

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