



# Joint Graduate Pathway Law and International Affairs

The College of Law and College of Social Sciences & Policy joint graduate pathway in law and international affairs, J.D./M.S. in International Affairs, permits the completion of both programs concurrently. Current law students must meet with and submit all documents for admission to the College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator before July 1st following their first year of law school. The College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator will then submit their completed packet to the College of Law and the College of Social Sciences & Policy for approval. Any student who has completed M.S. in International Affairs coursework prior to matriculating to the College of Law, or who wishes to apply for the joint graduate pathway after beginning their second year of law school, must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law before applying for the joint graduate pathway.

Applicants to the M.S. in International Affairs program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better, and minimum score of 150 verbal, 150 quantitative, and 4.0 writing on the GRE. Applicants should contact the College of Social Sciences & Policy to obtain specific information on the necessary GRE requirement. The College of Social Sciences & Policy will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students.

## How To Apply

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint graduate pathway 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 GRADUATE PATHWAY APPLICATION form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Have a minimum score of 150 verbal, 150 quantitative, and 4.0 writing on the GRE on file with the Florida State University. The College of Social Sciences & Policy will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students.
4. Provide two new letters of recommendation.
5. Provide a statement of purpose.

## Program Sequence

The normal program sequence for a student in the joint graduate pathway is:

1st Year	30 hours of Law
2nd Year	31 hours of International Affairs
3rd & 4th Years	52 hours of Law
Total Law Courses	82 hours
Total International Affairs Courses	31 hours
Shared Credit Courses	6 hours of International Affairs
Total J.D./M.S. Courses	113 hours

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



## International Affairs Curriculum

A student enrolled in the joint graduate pathway must complete 31 credit hours of approved course work from the International Affairs Program. All students in the master's program are required to take the following:

- INR 5938 Seminar in International Affairs (3 credits)\*
- INR 5012 Problems of Globalism (3 credits)\*
- INR 5935 International Affairs Colloquium (1 credit)

Students are required to concentrate their International Affairs coursework by completing nine (9) credits, but no more than eighteen (18) in one of the approved participating departments (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Religion, Urban and Regional Planning, or Modern Languages).

Students must take coursework from at least 3 participating departments and at least six (6) credits 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 must be demonstrated in one of the five methods outlined by the graduate handbook. More information is available online at [www.coss.fsu.edu/internationalaffairs/program-curriculum/](http://www.coss.fsu.edu/internationalaffairs/program-curriculum/).

\* Required courses for the joint graduate pathway from the International Affairs curriculum that will also be used as shared credit toward the J.D. degree.

Note on Shared Credit: Because a joint graduate pathway allows a student to complete each curriculum by taking fewer hours overall, each program will require that certain courses be taken from the other curriculum to cover the number of hours reduced from their respective curriculum. These courses are part of the respective program's curriculum and are not counted toward the credit requirement for the other curriculum. They may or may not be included in the normal core requirements of the respective program's curriculum.

## Questions

The joint graduate pathway must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years. For further information related to applying for this joint graduate pathway, please contact:

- Joint Graduate Pathways Administrator
- Office of Admissions
- Florida State University College of Law
- (850) 644-3787, [admissions@law.fsu.edu](mailto:admissions@law.fsu.edu)

For further information about curriculum requirements, please contact:

- James Parker-Flynn
- Assistant Dean for Specialized Legal Education
- Florida State University College of Law
- (850) 644-7468
- [jparkerflynn@law.fsu.edu](mailto:jparkerflynn@law.fsu.edu)
- Lee Metcalf, Graduate Director and Teaching Professor
- Florida State University College of Social Sciences and Public Policy
- (850) 644-4418, [lmetcalf@fsu.edu](mailto:lmetcalf@fsu.edu)

## Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint graduate pathways 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 graduate pathways 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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