



# Joint Graduate Pathway Law and Urban & Regional Planning

The College of Law and the Department of Urban & Regional Planning joint graduate pathway in urban and regional planning, J.D./M.S.P., 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 Department of Urban & Regional Planning for approval. Any student who has completed M.S.P. 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.P. program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and are expected to have a competitive GRE score. Applicants should contact the Department of Urban & Regional Planning to obtain specific information on the necessary GRE requirement. The Department of Urban & Regional Planning 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 Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before July 1st following the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Provide a completed JOINT GRADUATE PATHWAY APPLICATION form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Provide a completed SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR ADMISSION TO ALL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS (URP) form.
4. Have official GRE scores on file with the Florida State University. The Department of Urban & Regional Planning will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students.
5. Provide two letters of recommendation from college professors. Applicable letters provided during the application to the College of Law are acceptable.

## Program Sequence

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

1st Year	30 hours of Law
2nd Year	24 hours of Planning
3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law & 9 hours of Planning
Total Law Courses	79 hours
Total Planning Courses	33 hours
Shared Credit Courses	15 hours of Law, 9 hours of Planning
Total J.D./M.S.P. Courses	112 hours

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



## • Urban & Regional Planning Curriculum

- A student enrolled in the joint graduate pathway must complete 33 credit hours of classes which include:
- Core Curriculum (12 hours)
- Methods for Policy and Planning Decisions (6 hours)
- Collaborative and Participatory Methods (3 hours)
- Specialized Courses (9 hours)
- Capstone Project, Paper, or Thesis (3 hours)
- 400-hour Professional Planning Internship in a realistic professional setting (0 credit hours)

• The following courses are required and will be used as shared credit for the joint graduate pathway:

- URP 5101 Planning Theory and Practice (From M.S.P. curriculum) (3 hours)
- URP 5125 Plan Implementation (From M.S.P. curriculum) (3 hours)
- URP 5261 Forecasting for Plan Development (From M.S.P. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 5522 Legislation and Regulation (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 6426 Real Estate Finance (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 6460 Land Use Regulation (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 6470 Environmental Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 7475 Coastal and Ocean Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)

• 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 about applying, 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)
- Susan Taylor
- Academic Program Specialist
- Florida State University Department of Urban & Regional Planning
- (850) 644-4511
- [sataylor2@fsu.edu](mailto:sataylor2@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 Department of Urban and Regional Planning. 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 Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

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