



# joint-degree program law and sport management

The College of Law and the Department of Sport Management joint-degree program in law and sport management, J.D./M.S. in Sport Management, permit the completion of both degrees concurrently. Current law students must meet with and submit all documents for admission to the College of Law Joint-Degree Coordinator before **July 1st** of their first year of law school. The College of Law Joint-Degree Program Coordinator will then submit their completed packet to the College of Law and the Department of Sport Management for approval. Any student who has completed M.S. in Sport Management coursework prior to matriculating to the College of Law, or who wishes to apply for the joint-degree following the completion of their first year of law school, must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law before applying for the joint-degree.

Applicants to the M.S. in Sport Management program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and are expected to score at or above the 42nd percentile on the verbal and at or above the 36th percentile on the quantitative portions of the GRE. The results from the writing portion will also be assessed. The Department of Sport Management 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-degree application and necessary documents for the Department of Sports Management.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the Department of Sports Management. 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 a competitive GRE scores on file with the Florida State University. The Department of Sport Management will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law Students.
4. 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	30 hours of Sport Management
3rd & 4th Years	52 hours of Law
Total Law Courses	79 hours
Total Sport Management	30 hours
Cross Credit Courses	4 hours of Law, 9 hours of Sports Management
Total J.D./M.S. Courses	109 hours

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



## • Sport Management Curriculum

- A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete 30 credit hours, consisting of five core courses and 15 additional credit hours, in the Department of Sport Management. All courses are three credit hours.

- The core courses for the Sport Management program are:

SPM 5116	Strategic Management for Sport Organizations*
SPM 5308	Marketing Sport
SPM 5405	Sport and the Media*
SPM 5726	Issues in Sport Law*
SPM 6700	Research Methods in Sport Management

- Students participating in the joint-degree program will complete the five required courses listed above (15 credit hours), a six credit hour thesis (6 credit hours), and three elective Sport Management courses of 3 credit hours each (9 credit hours). All joint-degree students are required to complete the thesis track of the Master's program. Please note these required courses are subject to change.

- \* Required courses for the joint-degree from the M.S. in Sport Management curriculum that will also be used for cross credit toward the J.D. degree. The following course from the J.D. curriculum is required and will be used as cross credit for the M.S. in Sport Management degree:

LAW 5000	Contracts (4 hours)
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- **Note on Cross Credit:** Because a joint-degree 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-degree must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

- For further information related to applying for this joint-degree, 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 Department of Sports Management. 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 Department of Sport Management.

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