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. Complete the graduate application at: https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/ for the Master of Science (M.S.) in International Affairs. Please note that all supporting documents must be submitted to College of Law Office of Admissions.
2. Provide a completed Joint Graduate Pathway Application form.
3. Provide an updated legal resume.
4. Have competitive GRE scores on file with the Florida State University or an LSAT score of 158 or higher for current College of Law students.
5. Provide two new letters of recommendation.
6. 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.
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:

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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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