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 of 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 with a 158 or higher LSAT score.

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 competitive GRE scores on file with the Florida State University or an LSAT score of 158 or higher for current College of Law students.
4. Provide two 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: 32 hours of International Affairs
- 3rd & 4th Years: 52 hours of Law
- Total Law Courses: 82 hours
- Total International Affairs Courses: 32 hours
- Cross Credit Courses: 6 hours of International Affairs
- Total J.D./M.S. Courses: 114 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 32 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 hours)*
- INR5935 International Affairs Colloquium (1 hour)
- INR5012 Problems of Globalism (3 hours)*

Students are required to concentrate their International Affairs coursework by completing 9 hours 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 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/.

* Required courses for the joint graduate pathway from the M.S. in International Affairs curriculum that will also be used for cross credit toward the J.D. degree.

Note on Cross 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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