

COLLEGE OF LAW

Joint Degree Programs

Application process for students applying before matriculation in the College of Law and the Graduate School.

The University of Tulsa College of Law offers ten joint degree programs that allow students to earn a degree in law and a masters in one of the following disciplines:

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Finance

Master of Science in Computer Science

Master of Science in Geosciences

Master of Science in Biology

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Master of Arts in English

Master of Arts in History

Master of Arts in Anthropology

A joint degree program is an excellent opportunity for motivated students to simultaneously earn both their law degree and a master's degree from TU in less time than it would take to pursue each degree separately. Candidates who meet our below criteria are invited to consider this unique opportunity.

Candidates must be accepted to both the College of Law and the Graduate School independently and satisfy each college's admission criteria. Once accepted independently to each college, a student's applications for admission will be reviewed by a joint degree committee consisting of the associate dean for student affairs in the College of Law, the Graduate Program Advisor from the complementary discipline, and the dean of the Graduate School. If the committee determines that a student is qualified to

undertake a joint degree, the student will be notified by both colleges of acceptance in to a joint degree program.

The first year of study in a joint degree program is typically in the College of Law. In <u>rare</u> situations where a student takes their first year of study in the complementary discipline, it must be with the approval of the joint degree committee. Subsequent to the first year of study, typically in the College of Law, a student must meet with the associate dean for student affairs in the College of Law and the repective associate dean or chair in the complementary discipline to enroll. Each college will be responsible for ensuring that a student satisfies that college's graduation requirements, and each joint degree administer will meet with the joint degree administrator of the other colleges annually to determine satisfactory academic progress for a joint degree student.

If accepted, what conditions will be placed on me?

- An accepted candidate must maintain a <u>cumulative</u> law GPA of 2.00 and a <u>cumulative</u> graduate GPA of 3.00 to remain in both programs.
- An accepted candidate must maintain comportment in a manner consistent with the
 expectations of the legal profession and remain in good standing with the University of
 Tulsa.
- A student who is a recipient of a law scholarship must be enrolled in law credit hours in each semester in order to maintain the scholarship.
- A student may not enroll in more than 16 hours of credit in any regular semester and 10 hours of credit in any summer semester. The extra work associated with graduate courses needs to be considered and full time enrollment in the Graduate School is 9 credit hours per semester.
- A student accepted to a joint degree program will be charged the applicable tuition rate for law unless the student is enrolled exclusively in graduate courses.
- A student cannot complete a joint degree program in less than six regular semesters and two summer semesters, but both degrees must be completed within six calendar years.
 The recommended course of study is four years.
- Both degrees must be completed before either is awarded.

What are the credit requirements and descriptions for the joint degrees:

JD/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOSCIENCES

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 19 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 27 hours of graduate courses in geosciences.

For students interested in environmental law, knowledge of the geosciences provides an important advantage in cases that involve energy, mining, water and environmental concerns.

JD/MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 19 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 79 hours of law courses and 27 hours in the English graduate program.

Students of law and English who are interested in the literature of law, in publishing, in working with various media or in having a degree that enhances career flexibility will find the combined program attractive.

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JD/MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 19 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 36 hours in the clinical psychology program.

The study of clinical psychology can be of substantial benefit by providing students with a solid foundation in theories of personality and psychopathology, principles and techniques of psychological assessment and intervention, and methods of psychological research.

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JD/MASTER OF ARTS IN INDUSTRIAL/OGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Student must choose from two plans:

Plan 1: 81 hours of law courses and 30 hours in the graduate program in I/O psychology

Plan 2: 78 hours of law courses and 33 hours in the graduate program in I/O psychology

Both plans reduce the total requirements for the two degrees by 19 hours.

This program is a good fit for those interested in understanding the psychology of employment, the scientific methods and principles that promote fairness, and the psychological applications and interventions in organizations that are legally defensible.

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JD/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16-19 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours (thesis option) or 27 hours (non-thesis) of graduate course computer science.

Students interested in this program will be qualified for careers in intellectual property boutique law firms, in general practice firms with clients in the high technology field, as in-house counsel in the high technology industry, and in government agencies dealing with high technology regulation.

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JD/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16 hours
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours at the graduate level in the Collins College of Business.
- Must have 30 hours of prerequisite business-related courses before being fully admitted to the MBA program.

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JD/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours in the biology graduate program.
- Students must choose from 1 of 4 areas of specialization: environmental sciences, genetics, cellular biology and organismic biology.

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JD/MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16 hours (19 for non-thesis option).
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours (thesis option) or 27 hours (non-thesis option) of graduate courses in history.

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JD/MASTER OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

- Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16 hours.
- Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours (including a thesis) in the anthropology graduate program.

Program significantly enhances student's credentials when practicing in the areas of international law or the study of Native American law.

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JD/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

- -Reduces the total requirements for the two degrees by 16 hours.
- -Curriculum consists of 78 hours of law courses and 24 hours at the graduate level in the Collins College of Business.
- -Students must choose from one of three areas of specialization: corporate finance, investment portfolio management, and risk management.

Graduates will have a level of understanding of finance and law that will allow them to operate at the highest levels of finance and securities law, corporate law, intellectual property protection and regulatory compliance.

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Contact any of the following for further information or with your questions:

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