COMPLEMENTING LEGAL STUDIES WITH STUDIES IN ANOTHER FIELD

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS AT TULANE LAW SCHOOL

Tulane Law School recognizes that many students wish to complement their legal studies with studies in another field. The Law School offers students the opportunity to pursue the law degree in conjunction with a degree from another division of Tulane University.

These degrees include:

- The MBA, through Tulane’s Freeman School of Business
- The MACCT (Master of Accounting), through Tulane’s Freeman School of Business
- The MHA, through the Department of Health Systems Management at Tulane’s School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
- The MPH, through the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at Tulane’s School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
- The MS in International Development, through the Payson Center for International Development and Technology Transfer
- The MA in Latin American Studies, through the Stone Center for Latin American Studies
- The MSW, through Tulane’s School of Social Work

Other joint programs may be arranged on an ad hoc basis. For example, the School of Architecture offers the Master in Preservation Studies, which may be appealing to law students interested in this area.

The advantages of joint degree programs include the following:

- Students can receive two degrees in less time than would be required if the degrees were pursued sequentially.
- They can more effectively combine their interests in otherwise separate fields of study.
- Students can more easily pursue interdisciplinary study.
- They can take advantage of simultaneous access to two faculties.
- Students may open up different career opportunities for themselves.

Application Procedures

In all cases, candidates must apply separately to each degree program, fulfilling the application requirements of each. Candidates must also petition the Joint Degree Programs Committee of the Law School, even if they are already enrolled at the Law School. The petition is initiated by contacting the Associate Dean for Admission at the Law School.

All applicants must take the LSAT in order to be considered for admission to the Law School. The Freeman School of Business requires the GMAT, the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine requires the GMAT or the GRE, and other departments may require the GRE. However, some departments may be willing to accept a score on the LSAT in lieu of a score on another standardized test. Questions about this should be directed to the relevant school or department.

After the candidate has been offered admission to each program, a Joint Degree Programs Committee determines whether admission to the joint program should be offered. As indicated above, this process is initiated by contacting the Associate Dean for Admission at the Law School.
Timing
Students who wish to know before arriving on Tulane’s campus whether they will be able to pursue a joint degree program should apply to both programs at the same time so that they will have answers from each program and from the joint program before enrolling.

Many students are not certain that they wish to pursue a joint degree program or do not become interested in a joint degree program until after they are enrolled at the Law School. This is quite common, and students routinely apply to another division of Tulane University during the first or occasionally the second year of law school. Such students must also petition the Law School’s Joint Degree Programs Committee for permission to pursue a joint degree program by contacting the Associate Dean for Admission at the Law School.

Length of Study
Full-time study for a law degree takes three academic years, and most Master’s degree programs require one or two academic years of study. Students pursuing joint degree programs, however, are generally able to complete both degrees in a period of three and one-half or four years, usually including at least one summer session. Each degree program accepts toward its own requirements a specified number of courses completed in fulfillment of the other program’s degree requirements. In effect, some courses perform “double-duty,” counting toward both degrees.

Normal full-time law study at Tulane requires 88 semester hours in order to receive the JD. For most joint-degree students, however, only 79 semester hours of law courses are required, because the Law School agrees to count 9 semester-hours of courses from the other degree-granting division toward its requirements. (In the case of the JD/MACCT, 82 semester hours of law courses are required; the Law School counts 6 hours of coursework from the accounting curriculum toward the law degree.) The other division agrees to a similar “discounting,” and the effect is that the time to receive both degrees can be shortened by as much as two semesters.

Residency
In addition to credit-hour requirements, each degree program has residency requirements. Although enrolled in a joint degree program, students can be “primarily enrolled” in only one school at a time. Most of the joint degree programs require primary enrollment in the Law School for a minimum of five semesters and in the other Tulane division for the remaining semesters of the joint degree program. See the section entitled Summer of Credit Hour and Residency Requirements for more details.

Sequencing
Most of the joint degree programs permit students to start the program in either school, although the School of Social Work strongly prefers that students being MSW work prior to beginning law coursework. A typical student in one of the other joint degree programs, however, might spend the first two years enrolled as a full-time law student, the third year enrolled as a full-time student in the other graduate division, and the fourth year enrolled as a law student for one semester and enrolled in the other graduate division for one semester. Most of the programs have the flexibility to permit alterations in the sequence, however.

Graduation
Joint degree candidates receive both degrees at the conclusion of the entire program. Students may not receive one degree in advance of the other, since the award of each degree requires completion of the other.

Summary of Credit Hour and Residency Requirements

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Other joint degree programs may be available on an ad hoc basis. Proposals should be directed to the Associate Dean of the Law School.

Law Requirements
All law students must complete 29 credits of first-year courses before taking any advanced law courses. The first-year required law courses are:

- Torts
- Criminal Law
- Introduction to Civil Procedure
- Contracts I
- Constitutional Law I
- Introduction to Common Law or Civil Law Property
- Contracts II or Obligations I
- Legal Research & Writing

After the first year, the only required course is Legal Profession (3 credits), which must be taken prior to graduation. Beyond these courses, the requirements to be eligible for a Tulane law degree are completion of: 30 hours of community service, the appropriate number of elective hours (47 or 50 at the Law School, 6 or 9 through the division of Tulane University which will be granting the other degree), and the Law School’s upper-class writing requirement. Candidates for the JD must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in law courses. Only students who in fact complete the degree requirements at the other division of Tulane University may use that division’s courses toward the JD.
THE JD/MBA

Freeman School of Business
The JD/MBA prepares students to consider the legal side of business and the business aspects of law. Law firms require sound management decisions, and their clients often require attorneys with the ability to comprehend the complexities of business. Likewise, effective business managers and entrepreneurs must comprehend the legal environments in which they operate.

Joint degree candidates take a total of 48 semester hours of coursework at the Freeman School of Business, in addition to 79 semester hours of law coursework. JD/MBA students are required to complete the following core courses (31-34 semester hours) at the Freeman School:

- Spreadsheet Skills
- Writing Skills Assessment
- Career Development
- External Reporting
- Managerial Economics
- Business Statistics
- Strategic Management – Practice of Management I
- Financial Management
- Marketing Management
- Management Communications
- Global Leadership I – Economic Environment of Global Business
- Process/Modeling and Technology Integration
- Global Leadership II – European Union
- Internal Reporting
- Enterprise Valuation or Marketing
- Planning & Implementation – Practice of Management II
- Managing People or Leadership & Ethics
- Equity Analysis or Strategic Consulting – Practice of Management III or New Venture Planning – Practice of Management IV
- Global Leadership III – Latin America or Global Leadership IV – Asia

Joint program students also take 14-17 hours of electives at the Freeman School. The MBA requirements are reduced from 61 credit hours to 48 credit hours for joint-program students, in recognition of the electives taken at the Law School. JD/MBA students are able to complete both degrees in four years.

Questions about the MBA program should be directed to:
Office of Graduate Admissions & Financial Aid, Freeman School of Business,
Goldring-Woldenberg Hall I, Suite 410, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118
504.865.5410 or 800.223.5402
e-mail: freeman.admissions@tulane.edu
Freeman School’s web site: www.freeman.tulane.edu.

THE JD/MACCT

Freeman School of Business
A concentration in law and accounting may be useful in the fields of taxation, bankruptcy, securities regulation, and mergers and acquisitions, to name but a few. This program is directed at students who enter with the appropriate background in accounting and business. The accounting prerequisites are Financial Accounting Principles, Managerial/Cost Accounting Principles, and Intermediate Accounting. An undergraduate degree in accounting is not required. The MACCT degree is designed to meet all accounting accreditation requirements and allow students to qualify for the CPA examination in most states. Three concentrations or tracks are offered, including taxation, information systems, and financial accounting.

Joint degree candidates take a total of 24 semester hours of coursework at the Freeman School of Business, in addition to 82 hours of law coursework. The usual MACCT requirements are reduced from 30 hours to 24 hours at the Freeman School in recognition of electives taken at the Law School. MACCT students are required to complete the following at the Freeman School: Financial Accounting Seminars I and II, Financial Management, Cost Accounting, Managerial Accounting; Advanced Decision Models, 12 hours of electives leading to a concentration, and 3 additional hours of accounting electives.

Questions about the MACCT program should be directed to:
Office of Graduate Admissions & Financial Aid, Freeman School of Business,
Goldring-Woldenberg Hall I, Suite 410, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118
504.865.5410 or 800.223.5402
e-mail: freeman.admissions@tulane.edu
Freeman School’s web site: www.freeman.tulane.edu.

THE JD/MHA

Department of Health Systems Management, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
As the most widely recognized management credential in the US health care system, the MHA is a valuable adjunct to a law degree. Members of law firms specializing in health care delivery issues, in-house legal counsel, and many other attorneys who deal with the complex regulatory environment of the health care system in both the public and private sectors recognize that knowledge of health care management is critical to their effectiveness.

Joint-degree candidates complete a total of 47 semester hours of coursework through the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, in addition to 79 hours of law coursework. The required coursework at the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine includes six courses comprising the “public health core”:

- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Survey of Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiologic Methods I
- Principles of Health Systems Administration and Management
- Biological Basis of Health and Disease
- Social and Behavioral Aspects of Global Health
as well as the following management core courses:

- Quality Management in Health Care
- Human Resources/Organizational Behavior
- Health Economics
- Introduction to Health Care Accounting
- Information Systems
- Health Care Marketing
- Administrative Internship I
- Strategic Management & Planning for Health Care Organizations
- Managerial Accounting
- Health Care Payment – Mechanisms & Policy
- Financial Management
- Quantitative Decision Models

A summer and second-year residency is optional and may occur in either a health care provider or legal setting. JD/MHA Students complete both degrees in four years.

Questions about the MHA program should be directed to:
Department of Health Systems Management, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
Tulane University Medical Center, 1440 Canal Street,
Tidewater Building, New Orleans, LA 70112
504.588.5429
e-mail address: hsm@tulane.edu
Health Systems Management web site: www.hsm.tulane.edu

General questions about the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine can be directed to:
504.588.5387 or adminsph-l@tulane.edu
The School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine web site: www.sph.tulane.edu
THE JD/MPH IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine

The goal of the MPH in Environmental Health Sciences is to prepare students to undertake responsible positions in (or representing) government or industry. The general learning objective of the joint program is to promote appreciation of the technical complexities and legal ramifications involving environmental policy, planning, and regulation. Graduates are expected to be able to integrate scientific and legal principles involved in the recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental issues.

JD/MPH candidates enroll in 33 hours of coursework through the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine and 79 hours at the Law School.

Each MPH degree candidate completes a group of courses constituting the public health core: biostatistics, epidemiology, health systems administration and management, environmental health survey, human homeostasis and environmental insult, and health behavior and risk reduction. The remaining coursework at the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine is selected according to the student’s selected focus area, either environmental policy or disaster management.

The program also requires a practicum and a culminating experience. The practicum is designed to provide students with practice experience related to their field of study. The culminating experience is designed to promote the synthesis and integration of knowledge acquired through course work and other learning experiences. The objective is to apply theory and principle to an applied environmental health topic. A culminating experience may build upon the field experience and beyond, demonstrating the application of public health principles. Students are required to produce a public health analysis manuscript in fulfillment of the culminating experience and present their findings in a departmental seminar.

Questions about the environmental health sciences degree programs should be directed to:
Department of Environmental Health Sciences
1440 Canal Street, Suite 2100
School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504.588.5374
e-mail: egearv@tulane.edu
Department’s web site: www.ehs.tulane.edu

General questions about the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine can be directed to:
504.588.5387 or adminsph-l@tulane.edu.
The School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine web site: www.sph.tulane.edu

THE JD/MA

Currently, a joint-degree program is in place between the Law School and the Center for Latin American Studies. In addition, arrangements may be explored on an ad hoc basis with other departments at Tulane. The graduate coursework and thesis requirements for JD/MA candidates are dependent on the graduate degree program in which the student is enrolled. The specific courses are chosen with the assistance of the student’s graduate advisor and in many cases include courses from a variety of departments. A joint-program candidate may pursue the MA by taking one or two graduate courses each semester while the student is primarily enrolled at the Law School. Alternatively, the student may choose to enroll for one or two semesters as a full-time MA candidate, in effect taking a leave-of-abscence from the Law School.

Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Tulane’s Latin American Studies program, offered through the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, is considered among the top programs in the United States. Some 80 faculty members from throughout the university teach and advise students who are pursuing degrees in Latin American Studies. The program houses one of only three separate and distinct Latin American Studies libraries in the United States.

The joint degree program in law and Latin American Studies was created to meet the need for “lawyer-statesmen” who know the law and who understand the culture and environment of Latin America. The program employs a multi-disciplinary approach intended to enhance appreciation of the economic, social, political, and other forces in Latin America which influence the development of law and legal institutions.

In addition to the 79 hours of law coursework required by the Law School, students pursuing the joint JD/MA in Latin American Studies must complete 24 semester hours of coursework in graduate courses approved by the Department of Latin American Studies.

At least one of these courses is an interdisciplinary, integrating seminar offered by the Department of Latin American Studies itself. Most of the courses addressing Latin American subject matter are typically taken through other social science departments at the university, especially the departments of political science and economics, which offer substantial depth in various aspects of Latin American Studies. An interdisciplinary thesis option is offered in lieu of one 3-credit course. Typically, a staff member of the Center for Latin American Studies serves as program advisor for joint JD/MA candidates.

Questions about the MA in Latin American Studies can be directed to:
Stone Center for Latin American Studies,
Tulane University, 100 Jones Hall, New Orleans, LA 70118
504.865.5164, fax 504.865.6719
e-mail: rtsclas@tulane.edu, website: www.tulane.edu/~clas/
THE JD/MS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Payson Center

This program is offered through the Law School and the Payson Center for International Development & Technology Transfer. The program enables students with interests in international legal issues and/or international development policy to maximize their educational and career opportunities in this field. Requirements for both degrees can be earned in three to four calendar years. Candidates enrolled in this joint-degree program complete 79 hours of coursework at the Law School and 27 hours of coursework in International Development.

All MS in International Development candidates take six core courses:
• Analysis for Development I: Introduction to Applied Economic Analysis
• Analysis for Development II: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis
• Analysis for Development III: Introduction to Research Methods
• Sustainable Human Development I
• Sustainable Human Development II
• International Political and Economic Relations

In addition, students take one technology-related course, as well as two more electives in International Development.

Questions about the MS in International Development should be directed to:
Payson Center for International Development & Technology Transfer
300 Hebert Hall
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118
Telephone: 504.865.5240 Fax: 504.865.5241
e-mail: favalora@tulane.edu
Center’s website: www.payson.tulane.edu

THE JD/MSW

School of Social Work

The Law School’s public interest emphasis meshes well with the mission of the School of Social Work. Legal education gives social work professionals many of the tools they need to effect the sort of change essential to assisting their clients. Similarly, a social work background can provide a lawyer the tools needed to understand what clients need.

Students wishing to pursue the JD and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees jointly must begin the joint program at the School of Social Work. The School of Social Work, which normally requires 60 credit hours, grants 6 credit hours for work completed at the Law School, thereby reducing its own requirements to 54 credit hours. The Law School reduces its own requirements from 88 hours to 79 hours, granting credit for 9 hours completed at the School of Social Work. Completion of both degrees takes 4 years.

The Master of Social Work curriculum allows students to benefit from classroom, field instruction, and a research practicum. In consultation with their faculty advisors, students plan their coursework in the foundation and advanced curricula. The organizing principle of the curriculum is “person-in-environment.”

The social work curriculum has foundation and advanced components in nine areas: social work values and ethics; diversity; promotion of social and economic justice; populations-at-risk; human behavior and the social environment; social work practice; social policy practice; research; and field practicum. During the first year of the MSW program, students enroll in the following courses:

• Generalist Practice
• Families and Small Groups
• Organizations and Communities
• Foundations of Policy Practice
• Child and Adolescent Development
• Foundations of Social Work Research I and II
• Introduction to Field Practicum
• Social Work Practice with Groups
• Social Work Practice with Individuals
• Social Work Practice with Families
• Adult Development
• Integrative Field Seminar
• Generalist Foundation Field Practicum

Students take advanced courses in Cross Cultural Issues, Data Analysis, Case Analysis and Clinical Reasoning, Policy Practice, Research Practicum, and Field Practicum. Electives are available in a wide range of areas such as crisis intervention, conflict resolution and mediation, death and dying, domestic violence, chemical dependency, HIV disease, and a variety of treatment-oriented subjects.

Questions about the MSW program should be directed to:
School of Social Work, Building 9, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118, 504.865.5314. School of Social Work web site: www.tulane.edu/~tssw

OTHER MATTERS

Financial aid, in particular scholarship and grant aid, is awarded and administered by the division in which the student is primarily enrolled in any given semester. This means that financial aid packages will not necessarily be identical from semester to semester, depending on in which division the student is primarily enrolled.

Tuition for each semester is calculated according to the school of primary enrollment for that semester. While primarily enrolled at the Law School, students pay full-time tuition, which covers courses taken in another division as well. While primarily enrolled at the Freeman School, School of Public Health, or School of Social Work, students pay tuition by the credit hour for each course taken.
The programs and requirements described in this brochure are accurate as of December 2009. For the most up-to-date information, check our website at www.law.tulane.edu under Academics > Joint Degree.