

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW

## Juris Doctor/Masters of Economics (JD/MA)

### Dual Degree Program

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The Department of Economics and the School of Law offer an integrated program in which students may obtain both an MA degree in economics and a JD degree from the School of Law. Although an MA degree in economics normally requires two years of study, and a JD requires three, many students will be able to complete the program in four years.

The program outlined here meets requirements for the JD degree with 45 credit hours in required courses, 38 credit hours in elective courses within the School of Law, and 6 elective credit hours in economics, for a total of 89 credit hours. Requirements for the MA degree in economics are met with 24 credit hours of courses in the Department of Economics and 6 elective credit hours within the school of Law. The detailed program of study in economics is also subject to approval by the student's advisor in the Department of Economics and by the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics.

### LAW SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

(89 hours required for graduation)

#### Required Courses:

##### 1st Year

5010, 5015 Civil Procedure (5)  
 5030 Criminal Law (4)  
 5080 Legal Research and Writing (2)  
 5085 Advocacy and Research (2)  
 5095 Lawyering (3)  
 5030 Contracts (5)  
 5050 Property (5)  
 5070 Torts (5)

##### 2nd Year

5220 Constitutional Law (4)  
 5260 Evidence (4)

##### 2nd or 3rd Year

5280 Professional Responsibility (3)  
 5240 Criminal Procedure (3)

#### Law Electives:

Students must take a total of at least 83 hours of law credit. The required course of study includes 45 hours of law credit. Therefore, students must take 38 hours of elective credit in law to fulfill the degree requirements. At least 6 credit hours must be taken from this list:

5340 Antitrust Law (3)  
 5365 Bankruptcy (3)  
 5390 Business Bankruptcy (2)  
 5460 Corporate Finance (3)  
 5465 Corporate Tax (3)  
 5540 Employment Discrimination (3)  
 5545 Environmental Law (3)  
 5650 Internat'l Business Transactions (2-3)  
 5675 International Tax (2)  
 5695 Labor Law (3)  
 5700 Land Use Controls (2-3)  
 5725 Law & Social Science (2-3)  
 5715 Law & Economics (3)  
 5785 Mergers & Acquisitions (3)  
 5795 Modern Payment Systems (3)  
 5815 Partnership Tax (3)  
 5835 Products Liability (2)  
 5870 Remedies (3)

## **ECONOMICS REQUIREMENTS**

(30 hours required for graduation)

### **Required Courses**

STAT 7710 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics (3)

ECON 7370 Quantitative Economics (3)

ECON 8451 Microeconomic Theory (3)

ECON 8453 Macroeconomic Theory (3)

ECON 8472 Econometric Methods I (3)

ECON 8473 Applied Econometrics (3)

ECON 8413 Research Workshop I (3)

### **Economics Electives**

Students must take a total of 24 credit hours of courses in Economics and Statistics. At least 15 hours must be numbered 8000 or higher with no more than three hours of ECON 8085 or ECON 8090. At least 3 credit hours of electives must be selected from 7000-level or higher courses in Economics (in addition to 18 hours of required courses). Note that enrollment in 9000-level courses may require consent of the instructor. The detailed program of study is subject to approval by the student's advisor in the Department of Economics and by the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics.

## SAMPLE COURSE OF STUDY

The following course of study demonstrates how a student might design a program to complete the Dual Degree requirements in four years. **This brochure is not a contract. Actual course offerings and requirements are subject to change.** Official course lists and requirements are available from the departments. Students are strongly advised to consult with academic advisors at both the School of Law and the Department of Economics before designing a personal course of study.

### Year one

First year required law courses (31 credit hours)

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### Application Procedure

### Year two

Second year required law courses (8 credit hours)

STAT 7710 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics

(3)

ECON 7370 Quantitative Economics (3)

Economics or law electives

Applicants to the Dual Degree Program must submit formal applications for admission to the School of Law and to the Department of Economics, accompanied by a statement requesting permission to pursue the Dual Degree Program. Students must meet the requirements for admission to both programs. Contact the Department of Economics in the College of Arts & Sciences, and the School of Law for further information on admission requirements. Both applications and the request must normally be submitted before a student has substantially completed the requirements of either program. However, petitions requesting admission to the Dual Degree Program from students at more advanced stages in either program will be considered.

### Year three

Second or third year required law courses  
(6 credit hours)

ECON 8451 Microeconomic Theory (3)

ECON 8453 Macroeconomic Theory (3)

ECON 8472 Econometric Methods I (3)

Economics or law electives

### Year four

ECON 8413 Research Workshop I (3)

ECON 8473 Applied Econometrics (3)

5875 Research (3)

Economics or law electives

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## REGULATIONS

1. Students whose prior background does not allow them to undertake the program specified above may be admitted contingent on their completing additional courses for which they may not receive graduate credit.
2. A Dual Degree candidate who subsequently decides to pursue only one of these degrees must complete degree requirements subject to the same rules as a student not pursuing a dual degree.
3. Law students who receive credit under the Dual Degree Program for taking economics courses may not receive credit for taking other classes outside the School of Law.
4. Student honors and class ranks at the School of Law will be computed based on classes enrolled in as law classes.
5. Because of accreditation requirements, the School of Law cannot award credit for any class taken before matriculation at the School of Law. Dual Degree candidates must therefore enroll at the School of Law before taking any economics courses to be counted toward the JD degree.
6. The Department of Economics and the School of Law reserve the right to limit participation in the program, including dismissal. Those interested are encouraged to submit a request for permission to participate in the program, along with applications for admission, at the earliest possible time.

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