The College of Law and the College of Social Work’s joint-degree program in Law and Social Work, J.D./M.S.W., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Following admission to both colleges or departments, a joint-degree student is required to submit the necessary joint-degree application. Interested applicants normally begin their study at the College of Law. A joint-degree student who wishes to enroll for any coursework in the other college or department before completing the first year of law school must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law. Current law students may also apply to the joint-degree program by the deadline during their first year in law school. Once enrolled in the first-year law curriculum they will then complete all necessary documentation for the application process through the College of Social Work as well as a joint-degree application before June 1st of the 1L year. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

Applicants to the College of Social Work must have a bachelor’s degree and an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better. Applicants who apply to the College of Social Work prior to being admitted to the College of Law must take the GRE to be considered. The LSAT will be considered for applicants who have been admitted to the College of Law in lieu of the GRE requirement.

How To Apply

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint-degree application and necessary documents for the College of Social Work. 
2. Complete the documentation. 
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the College of Social Work. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before June 1st of the 1L year. 
4. Applicants will need to:  
   1. Provide a completed Joint-Degree Program Application form. 
   2. Provide an updated legal resume. 
   3. Have official GRE scores on file with the Florida State University if not already admitted to the College of Law. 

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.

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Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint-degree programs receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in both colleges. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

Residency Requirement

Unless otherwise approved by both advisors and the College of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint-degree programs 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 Work.