

The University of Michigan Law School  
Dual Degree Program

**Law & Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies  
JD/MA**

Students may pursue concurrent work in the Horace H. Rackham Graduate Studies program in Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MMENAS) through the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies and the Law School, leading to the Master of Arts (MA) and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees. Through this program, all requirements for both degrees can be completed in 3.5 to 4 years of concurrent enrollment.

This dual program recognizes the growing need for specialists who combine training in law with substantive knowledge of the language, culture, and history of the Middle East and North Africa. The program also gives students the opportunity to take advantage of expanding employment opportunities brought about by increased U.S. governmental and commercial relations with the countries of this region.

Students admitted to the dual degree program in Law and Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies are required to earn credit in each school. Beyond the basic requirements, students generally are not restricted in their selection of courses in the Law School.

**Basic Requirements for the JD**

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum.

The JD requires a minimum total of 82 credits, earned between Law School courses and courses at the Center for Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies through the Rackham School of Graduate Studies. Students must earn at least 70 credits toward the JD through courses taken in the Law School.

Twelve (12) credit hours may be taken from the satisfaction of requirements for the companion degree. Instructions for requesting Law School credit for non-law courses are posted on the CTools site for dual degree students.

Law students are required to complete a course in professional responsibility, transnational law, and an upper-class writing requirement.

**Basic Requirements for the MA**

Students must complete 30 credit hours in the Graduate School's MMENAS program, including 4 courses chosen from the JD/MA Core Course List, and MMENAS 695 graduate seminar.

A Master's essay is required, and third-year proficiency must be achieved in Arabic, Armenian, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish. Undergraduate courses taken to meet the language requirements do not count toward the credit hour requirement for these degrees. The Master's essay for the MA should be written in the MMENAS 698 course, and the 3 credit hours earned in that course may be applied toward the 30 credit hours required in the MMENAS program. A non-essay option is available which requires 6 additional elective credit hours from the approved MMENAS course list; these hours would be in addition to the 30 credit hours normally required for the MA.

Up to nine (9) of the required hours may be earned for appropriate International Law courses taken in the Law School.

**Additional Requirements to complete the dual JD/MA**

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the Law School and the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, affiliated with the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and should contact the admissions office of each school for application and admission information. The applicant's LSAT score may be used in place of the GRE. \*

Students must satisfy the requirements of each school for each degree and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree. Students should not expect any Law School courses beyond first-year courses to be offered in the summer term. Students will not receive credit toward the JD for coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School. Students should consult with the MMENAS advisor concerning credit toward the MA for Law course work.

Tuition will be assessed at either the Law School or the Graduate School rate, whichever is higher, when courses toward both degrees are taken in one term.

**At the beginning of their final year of study in the combined program, students should consult with their Rackham academic advisor and the Law School Registrar regarding forms that need to be completed prior to graduation. Also at this time, students should submit a Dual/Joint Degree Election Form (<http://www.rackham.umich.edu/downloads/oard/forms/dualjoint6010.pdf>) for approval from both the Law School and the Center for Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Students should review the completed sample forms on the CTools page prior to filling out the form. Students may also consult with the Office of Student Affairs if there are any questions regarding completion of this form.**

The combined degree is not open to those who have already earned either the JD or the MA in Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Students who are registered in the first or second year at the Law School may apply for admission to the dual degree program.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Law School Admissions application materials:**

University of Michigan Law School Admissions Office  
726 Oakland  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3031  
734.764.0537  
Email: [law.jd.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.jd.admissions@umich.edu)  
Web Site: [www.law.umich.edu](http://www.law.umich.edu)

### **Law School Dual Degree Programs:**

Office of Student Affairs  
University of Michigan Law School  
307 Hutchins Hall  
625 South State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215  
734.615.0019  
Email: [law.dual.degrees@umich.edu](mailto:law.dual.degrees@umich.edu)

### **MMENAS application materials and admission/registration information:**

Academic Services  
Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies  
International Institute  
1080 South University Ave., Suite 2607  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106  
734.764.0350  
Email: [cmenas@umich.edu](mailto:cmenas@umich.edu)  
Web Site: [www.ii.umich.edu/cmenas](http://www.ii.umich.edu/cmenas)

\* Information contained herein is valid as of 8/3/09 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.