

The University of Michigan Law School
Dual Degree Program

**Law & Russian and East European Studies
JD/MA**

The Law School and the Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) dual program leads to a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Arts (MA) in Russian & East European Studies. The program is offered in recognition of the growing need for specialists who combine training in law with area expertise on the former Soviet Union and its successor states and Eastern Europe. By coordinating the course requirements of the two programs, both can be completed in approximately three and one half years without diminishing the quality or scope of either.

It is suggested that students take the complete sequence of first-year courses in the Law School during the first year of the dual program, with a mix of course work in both programs during the second and third years. 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.

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 Russian and East European 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.

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

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

Basic Requirements for the MA

The minimum requirement for the MA is 30 credit hours.

Degree requirements for the MA also include a master's thesis, a 700-level research seminar, and proficiency in a language of the region. Students who need language proficiency should consider attending an intensive summer language program. CREES offers summer FLAS fellowships to cover tuition and a stipend for these programs, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Up to 12 credit hours may be satisfied by courses taken in the Law School.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the Law School and Center for Russian and East European 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 degree requirements of each school and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree and for information about course offerings. 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 non-law coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School. Students should consult with the CREES advisor concerning credit toward the MA for Law coursework.

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 the CREES 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 Russian and East European 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. 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:

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* Information contained here is valid as of 7/23/09 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.