THE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN LAW AND WORLD POLITICS LEADS TO TWO DEGREES: a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science. The program is designed to prepare students for careers in world affairs. Students can complete all requirements for both degrees in three-and-a-half years.

Careers might be pursued with internationally oriented law firms, national ministries of defense or foreign affairs, international governmental organizations, multinational corporations, and the news media.

Students usually devote the first year to the complete sequence of first-year courses in Law School. The second and third years are normally devoted to a mix of both disciplines. At the outset, students are encouraged to work closely with an academic adviser in both schools.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JD**

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum. Students must also complete Transnational Law and Intro to Constitutional Law during their third or fourth semester of law school, in addition to completing a course in professional responsibility and an upper-level writing requirement.

The JD requires a minimum total of 83 credits, earned between Law School courses and courses in the Department of Political Science within 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 MA. Instructions for requesting Law School credit for non-law courses are posted on the CTools site for dual degree students.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA**

The MA requires a minimum of 24 credit hours, including core courses.

Six (6) credit hours may be satisfied by appropriate courses taken in the Law School.
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both schools. Applicants may apply to Rackham only after completing their first year of Law School and six credit hours in graduate school courses in Political Science. Applicants 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 advisers 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 Political Science academic adviser 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.

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* Information contained herein is valid as of 7/22/15 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.