

JD / MA

LAW & RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

THE LAW SCHOOL AND THE CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

(CREES) dual program leads to a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Arts (MA) in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. The program is offered in recognition of the growing need for specialists who combine training in law with area expertise on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. By coordinating the course requirements of the two programs, both can be completed in approximately three-and-a-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.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JD

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum. Fall starters must take one elective course of three or four credit hours during their second semester. All students must complete the following before graduation: at least one international or comparative law course of two or more credit hours, at least one upper-level course with a rigorous writing component, one statutory or regulatory course of three or more credit hours, one course in professional responsibility of two or more credit hours, and two credit hours of experiential learning. Separate courses must be taken to fulfill the upper-level course with a rigorous writing component, the professional responsibility course, and the experiential learning course

The JD requires a minimum total of 83 credits, earned between Law School courses and courses at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian 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 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 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.

**GENERAL DUAL DEGREE
ITEMS OF NOTE**

Any JD who enrolls concurrently in another degree program will be awarded the JD degree after completing all of the requirements for the dual, joint, or combined degrees. (As a practical matter, this means that the student will receive the JD degree either after or at the same time as he or she receives the degree(s) in the other program(s).) This policy will not affect the student's class year for purposes of the Law School's commencement ceremony or alumni events, and it will not apply if a student discontinues the other degree program(s). A law student who believes that he or she will experience some hardship as a result of this policy may petition the Associate Dean for Academic Programming for an exception.

JD courses traditionally have a later grading deadline than other degree programs. In some occasions, this later JD grading deadline may affect a student in his or her final term if another degree program desires all of the student's grades prior to the JD grading deadline.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the Law School and CREES, 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 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 CREES adviser 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 Adviser and the Law School Registrar regarding forms that need to be completed prior to graduation. Students should also submit a Dual/Joint Degree Election Form (www.rackham.umich.edu/current-students/policies/academic-records/dual-joint-degree-programs) for approval from both the Law School and the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian 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.

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Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.*