

# J.D./M.A. IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## Dual J.D./M.A. in Communication Studies

This dual degree program allows students to earn a J.D. and an M.A. in Communication Studies in 3 to 3½ years. Student complete a total of 109 credit hours for the dual degree. This program will allow 9 J.D. credit hours to be applied to the M.A. degree and 6 M.A. credit hours to be applied to the J.D. degree, saving the student 15 credit hours between the two programs.

## Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the graduate studies for the Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Communication dual degree are:

- Students must be admitted to the Law School first, prior to enrollment in the School of Communication, checking a box on their application indicating their interest in the joint degree program. Once accepted to the Law School, the student's law school application including LSAT score, undergraduate transcript, and letters of recommendation (two of them required for the J.D. program) will be sent to the School of Communication for review. The student will then receive notification from the School of Communication regarding his/her admission to the joint degree program.
- LSAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE score.

General notes:

- Students will be admitted to the Law School J.D. program and the School of Communication (SoC) master's program separately.
- Students in this dual degree program must commence law study first.
- Students who have already commenced work on the SoC M.A. are not eligible for the joint program.

## Curriculum Requirements

### JD/MA in Communication Studies - Non-Thesis Tracks Only

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>JD REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>82</b>
Refer to the link below for more information on the JD Requirements for Dual Degrees.		
<a href="https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd">https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd</a> ( <a href="https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd/">https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd/</a> )		
<b>LAW ELECTIVES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES</b>		
Select from the following or others with approval:		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	
LAW 111	Communication Law	
LAW 217	Constitutional Law II	
LAW 112	Copyright Law	
LAW 256	First Amendment	
LAW 147	Intellectual Property Problem Solving	
LAW 156	Internet Law	
<b>MA IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES REQUIREMENTS</b>		
COM 603	Qualitative Research Methodologies	3
<b>Communication Track Electives</b>		<b>18</b>
Elective options based on track selected. See MA program curriculum for more information.		
<b>COMMUNICATION COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES</b>		
COM 601	Theories of Communication	3
COM 602	Foundations of Quantitative Communication Research Methods	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>109</b>

## Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 12	Contracts	4
LAW 13	Elements	3
LAW 15	Torts	4

LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 14	Property	4
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	4
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
Law Elective		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		10
M.A. Courses		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		10
M.A. Courses		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		10
M.A. Courses		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		13
M.A. Courses		6
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Upper Level Law Courses		7
M.A. Courses		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>109</b>