

J.D./PH.D. IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY

Overview

Due to the demand for researchers and policymakers with interdisciplinary training in both law and environmental science, we now offer a joint degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. from the School of Law and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Policy (EVR) from the Leonard and Jayne Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy (<https://abess.miami.edu/>) and Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science (<https://graduate.earth.miami.edu/phd-and-ms-programs/environmental-science-and-policy/>).

Who Should Consider this Joint Program?

This program enables students with strong interests in both environmental policy and law to prepare for careers in either the private or public sector in a shorter amount of time than if pursuing both degrees separately.

As an intensive program, it provides high-level knowledge and research experience and is especially suited to those seeking to:

- Implement and impact environmental policy and regulation at the city, state, and/or national levels
- Engage in cutting-edge research related to environmental policy in an academic setting
- Serve as environmental legal consultants or litigators
- Work with international agencies, governments, or organizations
- Gain expertise in environmental science for those with the desire to go into environmental law
- Understand legal fundamentals in order to work on conservation or coastal conservation issues, and need to understand some legal fundamentals in order to formulate policy recommendations for these regimes.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to pursue the J.D./Ph.D. program must be admitted to both the J.D. and EVR Ph.D. programs separately. J.D. students wishing to pursue the J.D./Ph.D. program must apply to the EVR Ph.D. program for admission no later than Fall semester of their second year of law school. Enrolled law students who are subsequently accepted into the joint program must notify the law school registrar before taking their first EVR credits.

In order to be accepted to the Law School, students must take the LSAT and complete the online Law School application. In order to be accepted to the Ph.D. program, students must complete the EVR Ph.D. application.

Acceptance by one program does not in any way indicate or guarantee acceptance by the other degree program.

The admissions process is explained in full detail [here](#).

The joint program enables students to obtain both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in 6 years. Students fulfill all requirements of the current J.D. and EVR Ph.D. programs, including completing and defending a doctoral dissertation. One full year of the six will be spent taking courses in the School of Law, and the additional five years are spent taking both Law and ECS courses. Click [here](http://media.law.miami.edu/academics/pdf/2012/sample-schedule-jd-phd-2012.pdf) to see schedule and credit specifics (<http://media.law.miami.edu/academics/pdf/2012/sample-schedule-jd-phd-2012.pdf>) about entering the program through the School of Law and for information about entering through the Ph.D. program.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JD REQUIREMENTS		79
Refer to the link below for more information on the JD Requirements for Dual/Joint Degrees https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd (https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd/)		
JD COURSES TAKEN IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES (12 CREDIT HOURS)		
PHD REQUIREMENTS (48 CREDIT HOURS)		
Core Courses		
EVR 603	Interdisciplinary Environmental Research: Introduction to the Why and the How	3
EVR 606	Interdisciplinary Environmental Methods	3
EVR 605	Interdisciplinary Environmental Law and Policy	3
EVR 607	Environmental Governance	3
Electives		15
Dissertation Research ³		15
EVR 830	Doctoral Dissertation	
Required Examinations		

Additional Requirements		
RSM 700	Research Ethics	
EVR Seminars ⁴		
Educational Training Program (TA) ⁵		
RSM 771	Educational Training 1	
RSM 772	Educational Training 2	
RSM 773	Educational Training 3	
PHD COURSES TAKEN IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		9
Total Credit Hours		130

Plan of Study

Your actual course sequence may vary depending on your previous academic experience as well as current course offerings. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester to determine the appropriate course selection.