

# J.D./M.A. IN MUSIC INDUSTRY

## Overview

The University of Miami School of Law and UM's Frost School of Music – consistently ranked one of the top music business schools by *Billboard Magazine* - offer the first ever dual degree program in law and music industry. Upon completion of this program, a student earns the Juris Doctor degree from the School of Law and a Master of Arts in Music Industry (<https://musicindustry.frost.miami.edu/>) degree from the Frost School of Music.

In this specialization, students not only learn the essentials of law, but also the common practices of music industry– essential skills for becoming a successful attorney in the music industry.

Through this dual degree program, students can complete both degrees in less time (3 to 4 years) while studying at a top law school and one of the best music schools in the country.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants may apply before they begin the J.D. program OR they may apply during their first or second year of Law School. (Students must be accepted to the J.D. program before they are eligible for acceptance into the J.D./M.A. program.

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

## Curriculum Requirements

- Students will complete the first-year law school curriculum in its entirety before taking any M.A. courses.
- All other J.D. requirements must be met. Six credits will be satisfied by two M.A. courses. These courses must be completed before the J.D. degree will be conferred.
- Twenty-one credits of M.A. courses are required and cover topics such as music copyright law, music industry agreement, music publishing and licensing, recorded music operations, marketing and promotion, and others. More information about courses in the M.A. curriculum can be found in the UM Academic Bulletin (<https://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/music/music-industry/music-industry-ma/>).
- Nine School of Law credits will be applied to the M.A. degree in the areas of intellectual property, business, and tax law topics. The M.A. degree will not be conferred until these nine credits are completed.
- Student are encouraged to fashion a balanced upper-class law school curriculum which prepares them to provide legal services to clients in the business and entertainment industries including specific offering regarding arts and entertainment law, as well as more general offerings in domestic and international aspects of fields such as antitrust, business associations, commercial law, intellectual property, tax and torts.
- If a student in the dual degree program wants to take music elective course (e.g., Musicology, Psychology of Music, Audio for Producers, etc.) arrangements will be made to accommodate the request.
- Students are able to complete the dual degree program within three years if summer courses are taken. Students may also choose to complete the program within three and ½ years or four years.

## JD/MA in Music Industry

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>		
Please select from the following or others with approval:		
LAW 100	Business Associations	
LAW 112	Copyright Law	
LAW 138	International Intellectual Property	
LAW 147	Intellectual Property Problem Solving	
LAW 205	Labor Law	
LAW 206	Applied Topics in Advanced Music Copyright Law	
LAW 341	International Copyright	
LAW 743	Law and the Media	
<b>MA IN MUSIC INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS</b>		
MIN 673	Music Publishing	3
MIN 752	Music Licensing	3
<b>Electives</b>		

Approved MIN Electives	6
<b>Final Project</b>	
Choose from:	3
MIN 802	Music Industry Practicum
MIN Elective	
<b>Cumulative Exit Exam</b>	
<b>MIN COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES</b>	
Please choose from the following or others with approval:	
MIN 750	Music Industry Agreements
MIN 774	Music Copyright Law
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>103</b>

\* To fulfill joint degree requirements, credit must be earned with a grade of B or higher.

## Sample Plan of Study

	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Year One</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I
LAW 12	Contracts
LAW 13	Elements
LAW 15	Torts
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
LAW 14	Property
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II
Law Elective	
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>16</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>6</b>
<b>Year Two</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	
MIN 673	Music Publishing
MIN 774	Music Copyright Law
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	
MIN 752	Music Licensing
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>16</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>6</b>
<b>Year Three</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	
Approved MIN Elective	
MIN 750	Music Industry Agreements
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	<b>12</b>

<b>Spring</b>	
Upper Level Law Courses	9
Approved MIN Elective	6
MIN Cumulative Exam	
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>103</b>