

J.D./M.S.ED. IN COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Overview

This joint degree is ideal for J.D. students with an interest in public interest law. The combined degrees provide globally aware leaders:

- An additional set of knowledge and skills in community organizations
- Background in the essentials of research methodologies in social and behavioral sciences
- Increase in leadership skill strength based on both theory and practice
- The skills to create, inspire and engage community organizations to foster well-being in diverse community settings

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to the Law School J.D. program and the Community and Social Change masters program separately. The Program in Community and Social Change will accept a limited number of joint degree students. Admitted students and current 1L students supply a personal statement attached to an email indicating they are applying to the joint degree program in Law, Community and Social Change. It should be sent to: Hakim Lakhdar, Director of Professional and Intellectual Life Programming, School of Law. (See contact information below.)

- **Prospective Law Students** are admitted to the Law School first, 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 Education and Human Development for admissions consideration. The student will then hear from the School of Education and Human Development regarding his/her admission to the joint degree program.
- **1Ls** are also able to apply to the program by completing a School of Education and Human Development application.
- An LSAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE.

Curriculum Requirements*

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JD REQUIREMENTS (82 CREDIT HOURS)		73
Refer to the link below for more information on the JD Requirements for Dual/Joint Degrees https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd/#curriculumtext		
JD COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		9
M.S.ED. REQUIREMENTS (21 CREDIT HOURS)		
EPS 624	Essentials of Research in Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
EPS 625	Program Evaluation	3
EPS 626	Multicultural Communities in a Globalized Society	3
EPS 628	Social Change Praxis	3
EPS 629	Seminar in Community and Social Change	3
MSED COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		
EPS 622	Community Well-being and Change: Theory and Practice	3
EPS 623	Development and Change in Community Organizations: Theory and Practice	3
Total Credit Hours		103

- No single course may satisfy more than one of the three graduation requirements (skills, writing and professional responsibility).
- Some designated courses and clinics may satisfy EITHER the skills or the writing requirement.
- Externships Cap: Only 9 externship credits may be counted towards the minimum credits required for graduation.
- There are a number of ways to meet the substantial writing course requirement, including through enrolling in designated courses and seminars, and through faculty supervised independent writing credit.

Sample Plan of Study

3-Year Program with 2 Summers

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
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
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
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
Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
Summer		
Law Courses		6
Credit Hours		6
Year Two		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
Credit Hours		16
Summer		
Law Courses		6
Credit Hours		6
Year Three		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.S.Ed. Courses		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		103

3 1/2 Year Program

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
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
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
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

Elective		3
	Credit Hours	16
Year Two		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
	Credit Hours	16
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		1-6
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
	Credit Hours	16
Year Three		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.S.Ed. Courses		3
	Credit Hours	12
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.S.Ed. Courses		6
	Credit Hours	15
Year Four		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		12
	Credit Hours	12
	Total Credit Hours	103