

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 (ECS) from the Leonard and Jayne Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy (<https://abess.miami.edu/>).

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 state 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 marine conservation and 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 ECS Ph.D. programs separately. J.D. students wishing to pursue the J.D./Ph.D. program must apply to the ECS 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 ECS 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 take the GRE and complete the ECS Ph.D. application.

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

For more information

J.D.

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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 ECS 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 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 PhD program.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	JD REQUIREMENTS (79 CCREDIT HOURS)	67
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 TAKEN IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		12
PHD REQUIREMENTS (48 CREDIT HOURS)		
Core Courses		
ECS 601	Interdisciplinary Environmental Research: Introduction to the Why and the How	3
ECS 603	Interdisciplinary Environmental Methods	3
ECS 605	Interdisciplinary Environmental Law and Policy	3
Electives		15
Dissertation Research ³		15
ECS 830	Pre-Candidacy Research	
ECS 840	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		127

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.