

# Joint Degree Programs

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In addition to separate graduate and law degrees, the Law School and the Graduate Studies also offer a joint program of studies leading to degrees of Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and select Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), and Master of Public Administration (M.P.A) degree programs. The joint degree program allows a student to complete the requirements for both degrees in three to four years. This is accomplished by twelve hours of law credit being transferred as elective credit to the appropriate masters degree and six hours of masters credit being transferred as elective credit toward the J.D. degree. Student must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of master courses at St. Mary's University, exclusive of prerequisites.

The first year of study consists of law courses. During the second and third years, the student completes the remaining law and appropriate master courses.

Admission to the joint program requires application to both Schools although application to the Graduate Studies need not be made until the student begins law School.

For more information, please visit the Law School Joint Degree Program website (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/special-programs/joint-degrees/>).