

JD/MS Environmental Science or Water Resources Concurrent Degree Requirements

1. Apply separately to be admitted by both the College of Law and the College of Graduate Studies/Environmental Science Program or Water Resources Program. Upon acceptance by each college, a letter seeking admission to the concurrent degree program should be sent to: Jenifer Finney, Director of Admissions of the College of Law.
2. Provided you satisfy all requirements for receipt of the M.S. degree, up to 12 hours of M.S. graduate school credit from the list of courses approved by the law faculty may be applied toward satisfying the graduation requirements for the J.D. degree. In the event that you fail to complete all requirements for the M.S. degree, a maximum of six hours of M.S. graduate school credit may be applied toward the J.D. degree with the approval of the Associate Dean of the College of Law.
3. Up to 6 hours of law credit are allowed toward the M.S. degree from a list of courses approved by the environmental science or water resources faculty and your advisor.
4. As part of the M.S. program, students are required to write a thesis.
5. The first year of study is exclusively in the College of Law with courses in both programs beginning in the second year; given the program's thesis requirement, the fourth year of study will be primarily in the master's degree program.
6. The two degrees operate separately. Each college maintains academic standards, course and grade requirements for its own degree program. The two degrees are granted concurrently because a student will be required to complete the requirements for both degrees to qualify for the credit exchange. If a student fails to complete the requirements for receipt of the M.S. degree, only 6 semester hours may be toward the J.D. degree, with the approval of the College of Law Associate Dean; if a student fails to complete the requirements for receipt of the J.D. degree, the student must satisfy all requirements of the Environmental Science or Water Resources program before receiving the M.S. degree.