



**Syracuse University
College of Law**

Joint Degree Programs

Syracuse University College of Law students who desire a greater degree of specialization have a wide range of interdisciplinary opportunities from which to select. In a joint degree program, a student may pursue a J.D. and a related master's or doctoral degree concurrently. The joint degree programs are structured so students can earn both degrees in substantially less time than would be required to earn each degree separately. Students enrolled in a joint degree program must complete their first year of study in the College of Law. Students must apply and be admitted to both programs separately. Because a joint degree program involves reciprocal application of electives, students are not awarded either degree until the requirements for both degrees are completed.

Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Information Studies

The Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Information Science is a joint degree which may be conferred by the School of Information Studies and the College of Law. A student who is admitted to this program has the opportunity to obtain both the J.D. degree and the M.S.(L.I.S.) degree in substantially less time than would be required were the two degrees obtained independently.

College of Law students who want to be considered for admission to the J.D./M.S.(L.I.S.) program must submit to the School of Information Studies a Graduate School Internal Admission Application, a copy of the law school application including letters of recommendation, transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate work including any coursework at the College of Law, LSAT result, and statement of goals for the M.S.(L.I.S.) program. Once a student is accepted through the School of Information Studies to pursue a joint degree program, s/he must contact the Office of Student Affairs to begin the College of Law approval process. Students must be approved through both departments of the joint degree. The approval request is submitted through the Student Services Request Form and must include a proposed comprehensive plan of study outlining how the student will meet each program's requirements throughout their time at the College of Law.

The 36 credit hour M.S.(L.I.S.) program will accept 7 credits from the law school toward the M.S.(L.I.S.) degree, and the College of Law will allow 7 credits from the M.S.(L.I.S.) program toward the law degree. The joint J.D./M.S.(L.I.S.), therefore, requires 102 credits (72-law and 29-M.S.(L.I.S.)) instead of the 123 credits required if the programs were pursued independently.

A joint degree program in Law and Information Management (J.D./M.S.) and Telecommunications and Network Management requires the same admission process as the joint degree with M.S.(L.I.S.) The Master of Science in Information Management is a 42 credit hour degree program, which accepts 8 credits from the College of Law (72

for Law and 34 MS/IM). Students may also be eligible to waive credit based on appropriate full-time professional experience, which can reduce the total number of credits required for the joint degrees (72 for Law and 30 for IM). MS/IM graduates possess a broad range of capabilities to meet systems and information needs in many kinds of organizations. The program focuses on the user and strategic management of technology. The Master of Science in Telecommunications and Network Management is a 36 credit hour degree program, which accepts 5 credits from the College of Law (72 for Law and 31 MS/TNM). TNM graduates gain a comprehensive overview and understanding of business, government and technology related to telecommunications and data networks

The LSAT will generally be accepted in lieu of the GRE. There is no admission deadline for law students and the acceptance standards are flexible.

If you have questions concerning the J.D./M.S.(L.I.S.) or the J.D./M.S.(IM) you may contact Jose Tavarez, Graduate Counselor, 114L Hinds Hall (443-5601; jltavare@syr.edu). Current students with general questions and inquiries concerning procedures regarding joint degrees should contact the Office of Student Affairs at lawstudentaffairs@law.syr.edu; prospective students should contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@law.syr.edu.