

CONCURRENT DEGREE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

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1. The concurrent degree programs available at the SIU School of Law are:

JD/MD* JD/Phd. Poly.Sci. JD/MPA JD/MBA JD/MSW
JD/Masters in Accounting JD/MS Ed. JD/MS E&CE

Students must gain admission to both programs. See Graduate Catalog for details.

* Admission to the JD/MD program is determined before the student begins law school.

2. Students begin a concurrent degree program upon the successful completion of their first year of law school. (JD/Ph.d Pol. Sci. may begin as late as the fourth semester of law study.) Admission to a concurrent degree program is subject to the approval of the Associate Dean of the School of Law and the program representative in the non-law department. Students interested in participating in a concurrent degree program should apply to both programs and begin making plans for participation during the Spring semester of their first year of law study after their fall grades have been received.

3. Planning for participation in a concurrent degree program includes meeting with the Associate Dean of the School of Law (currently Frank Houdek) and meeting with a representative of the desired non-law degree program. (See Concurrent Degree Program Contacts list.) These meetings should take place after receipt of the Fall semester law grades.

4. Once students have met with the Associate Dean and the program representative, they should complete the Concurrent Degree Program Application Form and turn it in to the School of Law Registrar's Office. Students will be notified of their acceptance or rejection for participation in the concurrent degree program prior to the end of the Spring semester of their first year of law school.

5. Participation in a concurrent degree program is contingent upon compliance with applicable rules in the law school and the non-law degree department. This includes maintaining a **2.6 [2.45 for students who matriculated prior to June 9, 2008]; (2.8 [2.65 for students that matriculated prior to June 9, 2008]** gpa if in Pol. Sci. or SW concurrent program) in law school work while participating in the concurrent program. Failure to comply with applicable rules and policies may result in the student being withdrawn from the non-law program.

6. Registration for a non-law course procedure: Student must bring a Registration Form from the Graduate School completed and signed by the **program representative in the non-law department** and the **Associate Director of the Graduate School** (currently Ratna Sinha) to the School of Law Registrar. Student must complete and submit an Application for Non-Law Course Credit for each course. (*This application form is available at the Registrar's Office at the Law School.*) The Registrar's Office at the Law School will register the student for the non-law course(s).