Saint Louis University’s dual Master of Arts in Political Science and Public Affairs/Juris Doctor program allows students to complete a J.D. and an M.A. in Political Science and Public Affairs in roughly four years, with less time and expense than would be incurred completing the two degrees separately.

The dual degree is compatible with any concentration or topic in SLU’s political science and public affairs master’s program. A student interested in the role law plays in American society, for instance, might focus on courses on American political institutions and public law, while a student interested in international law might combine the J.D. with a concentration in international affairs.

For additional information see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Law, J.D. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor)

Political Science and Public Affairs, M.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma)

Accreditation

The School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

Admission

Students who wish to enter the J.D./M.A. program must fulfill all admission requirements for the School of Law and the Department of Political Science and must apply to each program separately.

Requirements

Students must complete the first-year requirements for the School of Law before beginning their studies in the M.A. program.

Thereafter, students will attend classes in both the School of Law and Department of Political Science. Students will ordinarily complete a total of 103 credits of academic work in order to complete the M.A./J.D., 82 credits in the School of Law and 21 credits in the Department of Political Science.

Of the 91 credits required for the J.D. degree, 9 credits are satisfied by political science courses and 9 credits of law school courses are accepted toward the 30 credits required for the master’s degree. To request law school course credit for these nine hours, students must complete the Request for Dual Degree Non-Law Credits to be Applied to School of Law Transcript form.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.