

SOCIOLOGY, M.A. & LAW, J.D. DUAL DEGREE

The School of Law and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology offer a dual degree program (J.D./M.A.). This specialized program combined the J.D. and M.A. degrees, broadly focusing on the relationship between law and society. The dual degree capitalizes on the advantages of legal training and social science research expertise. Graduates of the J.D./M.A. program are in demand in jobs requiring skill in gathering and analyzing information, interpreting legal issues and implementing administrative policy.

Students may earn both degrees in roughly four years, instead of the typical five years. The savings in time and tuition are considerable. Participants must meet the admission requirements for the master's degree in sociology as well as the admission requirements for the J.D. degree.

There are several practical objectives to this dual degree program. Graduates of this program enjoy an increased number of the job opportunities in federal and state law enforcement, corrections and judicial positions. Graduates gain additional competitive advantages in a broad range of job possibilities over graduates with only one of the degrees. Further, graduates find their education useful as social entrepreneurs applying their legal, administrative and research knowledge in policy areas from mental health, economic development, and environmental sustainability to issues of civil rights, immigration, international human rights, and employment discrimination. Moreover, this program attracts highly qualified students from outside the region as this is one of the only J.D./M.A. programs of its kind in the middle of the country.

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

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

Sociology, M.A. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/sociology-anthropology/sociology-ma>)

Accreditation

The Saint Louis University 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 wishing to enter the J.D./M.A. program must fulfill all admission requirements for the School of Law and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. They must apply to each separately. Students may apply to both schools during the same admission period, or may wait to apply to the M.A. program during their first year in the School of Law.

Requirements

Students must complete the basic first-year requirements for the School of Law before beginning their studies in the M.A. program. Thereafter, students attend classes in both the School of Law and Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Students complete a total of 106 credits of academic work, including a summer internship, in order to complete

the J.D./M.A. (82 credits in the School of Law and 24 credits in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Of the 91 credits required for the J.D. degree, 9 credits are satisfied by sociology and anthropology courses and 9 credit of law school courses are accepted toward the 33 credits required for the master's degree.

Continuation Standards

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