WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES, M.A./J.D. DUAL DEGREE

Saint Louis University’s dual Juris Doctor/Master of Arts Women’s and Gender Studies program provides students with a rigorous, interdisciplinary, and critical study of law, gender and social justice.

While taking courses through both the Saint Louis University School of Law and the women’s and gender studies department, students develop research projects that focus on how law and legal policies intersect with gendered social institutions and practices. By pursuing both degrees concurrently, students acquire a broader context for thinking critically about and advocating for gender equality in law and policy.

Dual J.D./M.A. Women’s and Gender Studies students at SLU acquire skills applicable to a variety of settings, including:

• Advocating for the rights of women and other minorities
• Helping survivors of gender-based violence
• Working in local and national feminist legal organizations
• Practicing law with a clear understanding of how gender issues interconnect with public and private policies

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

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

Women’s and Gender Studies, M.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-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 apply for admission to each program independently. Students begin the J.D. program first and then apply for admission to the women’s and gender studies master of arts program during their first year in law school.

Requirements

The program is designed to be completed in four years. Students choose 18 credits (six courses) that count simultaneously toward both degrees. Examples of courses include Gender and Culture, Sexuality and the Law, Employment Discrimination, Family Law, Disability Law, and Critical Race Theory.

Of the 91 credits required for the J.D., nine credits are satisfied by completion of women’s and gender studies courses. Credit from law courses will be accepted toward completion of the credits required for the women’s and gender studies degree.

Continuation Standards

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