

AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law offers dual degree programs with graduate programs across the Mizzou campus. Contact the admissions office if you are interested in a dual degree that is not listed. Customized dual degree programs to meet individual student interests will be considered.

Dual degree programs enable students to earn two degrees concurrently – the juris doctor and the master's or doctorate. Traditionally, dual degree students spend their first year in the School of Law then continue with a mix of law and graduate courses for the remaining years (four years total).*

DUAL DEGREES

MASTER'S DEGREES

- » Atlantic History & Politics
- » Business
- » Economics
- » Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
- » Health Administration
- » Human Development & Family Science
- » Journalism
- » Library & Information Science
- » Public Affairs

DOCTORAL DEGREES

- » Journalism

Dual degree students must fulfill all entrance requirements of both schools, including the LSAT and, when applicable, the graduate school's entrance exam. Applications to the master's and doctoral programs may be made before or after enrollment in the School of Law.

Students interested in pursuing a dual degree are not required to declare their intentions during their first year of law school. Students may decide in their second (or sometimes third) year to pursue a dual degree. All students should contact Mizzou Law Admissions to learn specific requirements.

*All programs may vary in length, particularly the doctoral program in journalism.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Mizzou's certificate programs capitalize on existing strengths at the School of Law and the university. These specialized programs enhance the law school experience, enable students to interact closely with teachers/scholars and classmates who share their interests, and may assist students in their efforts to find employment in competitive fields.

The most current list of dual degree and certificate programs is available at law.missouri.edu.

LAW SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Dispute Resolution (law.missouri.edu/csdr)

Clients and society today need and expect much more than traditional advocacy from their lawyers. Modern lawyers need to be able to address legal problems in ways that accommodate a variety of needs, goals and values, in addition to vindicating legal rights. As a result, today's lawyer must have the knowledge, skills and perspectives not only to advocate in the courtroom, but to participate in such processes as client counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and creative problem-solving. The Certificate of Dispute Resolution is designed to foster such learning in students by providing the opportunity to work with some of the nation's leading dispute resolution scholars and practitioners. This program gives students an advantage in addressing the complex challenges of today's legal environment.

Additional, non-law school specific certificate programs at Mizzou can be found at law.missouri.edu/academics/certificates.

LAW SCHOOL CONCENTRATIONS

Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Concentration is designed for two groups of students: those who are considering beginning their legal careers as prosecutors or criminal defense counsel and those who may not have an express interest in criminal practice, but who are nonetheless seeking a course of study structured to provide training in the range of skills necessary to the practice of law in most substantive areas – particularly including legal analysis, factual investigation, counseling, negotiation and the persuasive arts employed in written and oral advocacy.

Tax Law

The Tax Law concentration is designed to provide each student in the concentration basic education in both general skills and subject-matter specific knowledge and provide each student with an opportunity to bring the entire skill set to bear in a capstone experience designed to teach integrated legal problem-solving. Completion of a concentration should improve the overall preparedness of graduates by conferring entry-level competence to begin practicing law with appropriate supervision in the concentration's subject matter area or practice setting.

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