Dual Enrollment Programs:
J.D./Ph.D. and J.D./M.A. in Political Science, and J.D./M.P.A.
Approved by Political Science Faculty and Law School Faculty

The Law School and the Department of Political Science have cooperated to design a dual enrollment program for students who wish to pursue a JD and an MA or PhD in political science or who wish to pursue a JD and an MPA. Students spend the first year in law school courses and at least one year exclusively as a graduate student in Political Science. Other years are spent taking classes from both departments. Some classes have been pre-approved by the Law School and Political Science to count as credit toward both degrees, therefore lessening the amount of time it takes to complete both degrees compared to the time students would be enrolled for the programs separately. Students must be accepted into both programs independently before being accepted into the dual enrollment program.

Note: all of the usual policies of the Law School, Graduate School, and Political Science Department regarding both application requirements and degree completion apply to dually-enrolled students. Please see applicable web sites:

Political Science:  http://www.as.ua.edu/psc/gradhandbook.htm
Graduate School:  http://graduate.ua.edu/
Law School:  http://www.law.ua.edu/

A. Application Process

Students applying to the program must be admitted to the Law School and the Graduate School, and should include all of the materials required of the standard applications. Letters of recommendation should appear in both applications, and it is the applicant’s responsibility to insure that copies of the letters used for both programs are submitted to both the Law School and the Political Science Department. (It is also recommended that applicants make their recommenders aware of their application to the dual enrollment program.)

Applicants must pay the application fees of both the Law School and the Graduate School.

Students should make clear that they are applying for a dual enrollment program, and which one it is (J.D. and Ph.D., M.A., or M.P.A.).

Students whose applications are successful to one school and not the other, or who are not accepted into the dual enrollment program, shall be admitted to either of the schools separately.

B. Graduate Teaching/Research Assistantship Eligibility in the Graduate School

1. Students will be eligible for departmental assistantships only during such time as they are enrolled in the Graduate School and taking courses in the Political Science Department (see below), including PSC 699 Dissertation Research for students enrolled in the J.D./Ph.D. Typically, it is only students enrolled in the Ph.D. program who are awarded assistantships.

2. Law scholarships will apply for a maximum of six semesters and will apply only for semesters in which the student is predominately enrolled in Law School classes.
C. Tuition and Fees

Students in the dual enrollment programs pay tuition based upon University policies. Generally, students will pay tuition based on the school in which they are enrolled for the most hours.

D. Course of Study

1. Students spend their first year in the Law School completing the normal requirements of first year Law degree students.¹

2. Thereafter, students are expected to spend at least one year exclusively in the Department of Political Science.

3. During other years, courses may be divided between the Schools, but in any given semester, students will be enrolled in either the Graduate School or the Law School.

Students must remain in good standing with both the Graduate School and the Law School to remain a part of the dual enrollment program.

E. Political Science Credits & Degree Requirements

Note: students are again reminded that all of the regular Graduate School and Political Science degree requirements with regard to residency, plan of study, fields of study, comprehensive exams, dissertation committee, etc. are applicable.

1. Dual enrollment students are expected to complete the full requirements for the M.A./M.P.A. (36 Hours, or 30 Hours and a Master’s Thesis) or Ph.D. (60 hours and completion of a dissertation), including the field requirements for each degree. Students are strongly urged to decide on their fields of study as early as possible. Core courses in each field must be completed within the Department of Political Science. The department’s methodology requirements, however, may be waived, on a case-by-case basis, by the Graduate Director or, for Ph.D. students, the major field advisor in coordination with the Graduate Director. Law School courses may be applied toward degree requirements as follows:

¹ First-Year of Law School consists of the following:

First Semester (Hours)
600 Contracts I (2)
602 Torts (4)
603 Criminal Law (4)
608 Civil Procedure (4)
610 Legal Writing and Research (2)

Second Semester (Hours)
605 Contracts II (3)
601 Property (4)
609 Constitutional Law (4)
642 Evidence (3)
648 Research & Writing (Moot Court) (2)
a. **Ph.D.** Fifteen semester hours of elective Law School credits of a political science nature may be applied to the Ph.D. requirements. A maximum of six hours of Law courses per major field and three hours per minor field can be counted. Beyond the field and methods requirements, the Ph.D. program requires nine more hours, and these may be Law courses approved for any field or as electives.

b. **M.A.** Nine semester hours of elective Law School credit of a political science nature may be applied to the M.A. requirements. A maximum of one Law course for each of the three M.A. fields may be applied.

c. **M.P.A.** Fifteen hours of Law School credit may be applied toward the M.P.A., the details to be worked out with the M.P.A. advisor.

2. A list of courses within the Law School courses pre-approved or being considered for Political Science credit is appended. The list does not imply that other courses are necessarily excluded, including courses taught by visitors to the Law School. The list will change as future courses are added or changed; courses not on the list must be approved by Political Science faculty in the appropriate fields (i.e., American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Administration). Such courses must be approved by the appropriate field faculty before the student can receive credit; students should obtain this approval (through their Department advisor) before taking any such courses.

3. **Comprehensive Exams in Political Science**

   a. **M.A. and M.P.A. students:** the appropriate advisors will determine, with appropriate Law School faculty, the degree of involvement of Law School faculty in comprehensive exams.

   b. **Ph.D. students:** Law School professors will offer questions for the student’s fields, participate in grading, and be given the option of participating in oral exams.

4. **Advising**

   Dual-enrollment students will be advised on their Political Science course of study by an advisor within the Political Science Department. M.A. and Ph.D. students will be advised by the Director of Graduate Studies; M.P.A. students will be advised by the Director of the M.P.A. Program

## F. Law School Credits and Degree Requirements

1. To complete a J.D., dual-enrollment students will complete 75 credit hours within the Law School and 15 hours in the Department of Political Science that are approved for Law School credit, as indicated in the appended list.

2. The Dean of the Law School will determine a procedure for identifying a sufficient number of courses and credits within the Department of Political Science to meet the 15 hour requirement.
G.  GPA

Courses taken in the Law School that count for credit in the Department of Political Science will not be computed as a part of the student’s graduate degree GPA. Likewise, courses taken in the Department of Political Science (or the Graduate School generally) will not be counted as a part of the law student’s overall GPA towards a JD.

H.  Progress Toward Degrees

Dually-enrolled J.D. and M.A. or M.P.A. students are normally expected to receive both of their degrees in their 4th or 5th year of study.

Dually-enrolled J.D./Ph.D. students are expected to complete their law degree no later than 6 years from their entry into the Law School. Later graduation dates must be sought with the permission of the Dean of the Law School. Ph.D. degrees must be completed within eight years from the time of first registration in Ph.D. courses.

Students graduating from the J.D./M.A., J.D./M.P.A. and J.D./Ph.D. programs receive the diplomas of the Law School and the Graduate School.

Students in the dual enrollment program who do not complete their J.D. may receive credit for courses for which they receive a grade of “C” or better from the Law School, not to exceed 12 credit hours for Ph.D. students.

Students in the dual enrollment program who do not complete the M.A. or M.P.A. may receive credit toward the J.D. for 6 Political Science hours with a grade of “C” or better. If a student in the dual enrollment program does not complete 51 hours in the Ph.D. program, he/she may receive credit toward the J.D. for 6 Political Science hours with a grade of “C” or better. If a student in the dual enrollment program completes 51 hours in the Ph.D. program, he/she may receive credit toward the J.D. for 15 Political Science hours.
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Hours Proposed or Approved for Credit for
Dually-enrolled J.D./Ph.D., J.D./M.A., and J.D./M.P.A. Students

Political Science Classes which Count Toward the J.D. Degree. Dually-enrolled J.D./M.A., J.D./M.P.A. and J.D./Ph.D. students are allowed to transfer 15 Political Science credits to the J.D. Program from the following courses:

- PSC 661 The Environment of Public Administration
- PSC 512 Urban and Metropolitan Government*
- PSC 513 American Foreign Policy
- PSC 514 American Defense Policy*
- PSC 615 American National Government Exec./Legislative Institutions
- PSC 561 Administrative Regulation
- PSC 562 Public Personnel Administration
- PSC 634 Politics of Advanced Industrialized Democracies
- PSC 635 Politics of the European Union
- PSC 612 Judicial Politics
- PSC 613 Intergovernmental Relations*
- PSC 544 International Organization*
- PSC 552 American Political Thought
- PSC 650 Ancient Political Thought
- PSC 651 Modern Political Thought

*Not currently offered, although may be in the future.

Law School Classes Tentatively Proposed or Approved to Count Toward a Political Science Degree, by Field. Dually-enrolled students are allowed to transfer up to 15 Law School credits to the Ph.D. Program; up to 15 hours to the M.P.A. program and up to 9 hours to the M.A. Program, from the following courses.

Note: courses that are checked have been approved by the Political Science field faculty based on syllabi available online. Other courses listed for each field are just possibilities at this time.

American Politics

- LAW 609 Constitutional Law (may count toward Political Theory)
- LAW 630 Constitutional Law
- LAW 670 Federal Jurisdiction
- LAW 764 First Amendment Survey
- LAW 613 Election Law
- LAW 693 Legislation
- LAW 726 Civil Rights Legislation
- LAW 652 Race, Racism and American Law (or possibly Political Theory)
- LAW 633 Gender and the Law
- LAW 744 Legislative Drafting

Comparative Politics
LAW 782  European Union Seminar
LAW 754  Legal Anthropology
LAW 786  Comparative Constitutions
LAW 639  Comparative Law, European and American

**International Relations**

LAW 710  International Law
LAW 666  International Trade Law
LAW 625  International Law—Special Problems
LAW 763  Environmental Law Seminar (Protecting Global Environment)

**Political Theory**

LAW 609  Constitutional Law (may count toward American Politics, depending on syllabus)
LAW 717  Jurisprudence
LAW 719  Law and Religion

**Public Policy and Administration**

The following have potential to apply to the MPA Core Coursework:

LAW 683  Administrative Law (also potentially fits in the Generalist track)
LAW 650  State and Local Taxation* (also potentially fits in the Budgeting and Finance concentration, and Generalist track)
LAW 677  Local Government Law* (also potentially fits in the Generalist track)
LAW 694  Land Use Planning* (we are a little unsure of whether this could be a core course without further information)

The following have potential to apply to the MPA Concentration in Personnel and Labor Relations:

LAW 607  Disability Law
LAW 721  Employment Discrimination
LAW 732  Employee Benefits
LAW 704  Employment Law: Occupational Safety & Health*
LAW 676  Labor Law I
LAW 631  Labor Law II

The following have potential to apply to a planned new Concentration in Health Care Management:

LAW 718  Biomedical Ethics

The following have potential to apply to a new Concentration in Environmental Policy:

LAW 702  Environmental Law I
LAW 771  Environmental Law II
LAW 763  Environmental Law Seminar
LAW 738  Environmental Law & Policy: Coastal Law
LAW 640  Energy Law
LAW 690  Water Law

The following courses initially do not appear to fit into the core or a concentration but it is possible a concentration might be devised:

LAW 723  Law and Economics
LAW 655  Immigration Law & Policy
LAW 792  Special Education Law
LAW 769  Poverty Law