

**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.<sup>1</sup>
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:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

### **Proposed Program of Study for J.D./M.A. or J.D./Ph.D. in Political Science, or J.D./M.P.A.**

First Year - Fall Semester (16 hours)	Second Year - Fall Semester
LAW 600 Contracts I (2 hours)	12 hours fulfilling M.A./M.P.A. requirements
LAW 602 Torts (4 hours)	
LAW 603 Criminal Law (4 hours)	Second Year - Spring Semester
LAW 608 Civil Procedure (4 hours)	12 hours fulfilling M.A./M.P.A. requirements
LAW 610 Legal Research/Writing I (2 hours)	
	Third Year - Fall Semester
First Year - Spring Semester (16 hours)	6 political science hours
LAW 605 Contracts II (3 hours)	6 law school hours
LAW 609 Constitutional Law (4 hours)	
LAW 606 Property (4 hours)	Third Year - Spring Semester
LAW 642 Evidence (3 hours)	6 political science hours or thesis work
LAW 648 Legal Research/Writing II (2 hours)	8 law school hours
	TAKE POLITICAL SCIENCE COMPS
	Fourth Year - Fall Semester
	14 law school hours
	Fourth Year - Spring Semester
	15 law school hours

### **Proposed Program of Study for J.D./Ph.D. in Political Science**

First Year - Fall Semester (16 hours)	6 political science hours
LAW 600 Contracts I (2 hours)	6 law school hours
LAW 602 Torts (4 hours)	Third Year - Spring Semester
LAW 603 Criminal Law (4 hours)	6 political science hours
LAW 608 Civil Procedure (4 hours)	6 law school hours
LAW 610 Legal Research/Writing I (2 hours)	
	Fourth Year - Fall Semester
First Year - Spring Semester (16 hours)	15 law school hours
LAW 605 Contracts II (3 hours)	
LAW 609 Constitutional Law (4 hours)	Fourth Year - Spring Semester
LAW 606 Property (4 hours)	16 law school hours
LAW 642 Evidence (3 hours)	
LAW 648 Legal Research/Writing II (2 hours)	Fifth Year - Fall Semester
	9 political science hours
	Fifth Year - Spring Semester
Second Year - Fall Semester	TAKE POLITICAL SCIENCE COMPS
12 political science hours	Begin dissertation hours (PSC 699 – total of 24 hours required for graduation)
Second Year - Spring Semester	
12 political science hours	Sixth Year
	Write and defend dissertation.
Third Year - Fall Semester	

## **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