

Combined JD in Law with Graduate Studies in

Industrial Relations, Economics, or Public Administration

JD/MIR, JD/MA & JD/MPA

Why combine the Juris Doctor with a Master's degree?

Because today's knowledge-based economy demands law graduates with specialized and interdisciplinary education, the Queen's Faculty of Law has partnered with the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs to offer students cross-disciplinary legal education in three combined degree programs: Juris Doctor/Master of Industrial Relations, Juris Doctor/Master of Arts (Economics) and Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration. The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (JD/MIR) is a 4 year combined degree program that merges graduate training in human resources management, employment, and labour policy with a professional degree in law.

Likewise, the Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor (JD/MPA) is a 4 year combined program. The JD/MPA is an excellent choice if you seek to combine advanced skills in policy analysis and management with training in law for successful policy development and implementation. In the three-year JD/MA (Econ) combined degree program, students receive excellent training and gain a strong comparative advantage to pursue careers in specialized legal work that requires knowledge of economic theory and social science methods, high-level policy work, and academia.

Program Structure

JD/MA (ECON)

- Three years (full time). Course



- work, seminars, plus MA (Econ) research essay.
- First-year registration in School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, undertake first-year law courses, complete mandatory Economics courses, complete Master's research essay in spring/summer term (MA Economics convocation in the Fall).
- Registration in Faculty of Law in second and third year. Complete all mandatory courses required for the combined program.
- Participate in summer placements with government agencies or other firms.
- Licensing Exams and Articling pursued after graduation.

JD/MIR

- 4 years (full time) course work and seminars.
- First year registration with the Faculty of Law and complete all 1st year requirements.
- 2nd year- registration with the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs to complete MIR core and elective course requirements, along with

Employment and Labour Law.

- Registration in Faculty of Law for third and fourth year. Complete all mandatory courses required for the combined program.
- Take positions with employment & labour law firms in second & third year spring/summer terms. Licensing Exams and Articling pursued after graduation.

JD/MPA

- 4 years of course work and seminars.
- First-year registration in School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, undertake first-year law courses, complete MPA courses (MPA convocation in the Fall).
- Registration in Faculty of Law in third and fourth year. Complete all mandatory courses required for the combined program.
- Take positions with provincial or federal government offices or law firms with a public law focus in second & third year spring/summer terms.
- Licensing Exams and Articling pursued **after** graduation.

Graduate Studies FAQs

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the [SGSPA website](#) for available resources.

What is the community like?

At Queen's, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers, and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen's more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world's best scholars, and prize-winning professional development opportunities, Queen's offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to Apply?

Requirements

- Competitive applicants for the JD/MIR and JD/MPA combined degree programs require a four-year honours undergraduate degree, an A- average or 3.7 GPA in the last two years, and an LSAT score of at least 160 (80th percentile).
- Competitive applicants for the JD/MA (Econ) program must hold an Honours BA in Economics or related field with a minimum B+ cumulative average and A- in the final two years of the undergraduate program.
- Concurrent applications for admission must be made to the Faculty of Law through OLSAS and to Queen's School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs (SGSPA) for admission as a graduate student in the first year of each combined degree program.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (LAW):

- Application through OLSAS
- 2 Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions attended
- Official LSAT score(s)
- Personal Statement
- 1-3 confidential academic references

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (ECONOMICS, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS):

- Application through SGSPA
- 2 Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions attended
- 2 confidential academic references

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION):

- Application through SGSPA
- 2 Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions attended
- 2 confidential academic references
- Statement of Interest

Key Dates & Deadlines

- **LAW:** November 1st (through OLSAS)
- **ECONOMICS:** January 15th (through SGSPA)
- **INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:** To be eligible for graduate awards, March 1st (through SGSPA)
- **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** January 15th (through SGSPA)

Funding

ECONOMICS, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MA, MIR, AND MPA)

- Applicants to these graduate programs are encouraged to apply for OGS and Tricouncil awards including SSHRC, CIHR, NSERC (where applicable). Applicants will also be considered for internal awards from the graduate programs where these are available.

LAW (JD)

- The Faculty of Law automatically considers eligible applicants entering the first year of the JD program for seven merit-based scholarships. There are four additional merit-based scholarships for which first year JD students may apply.

For more information about the combined JD programs, interested students are encouraged to visit the [Program Website](#) or contact jd@queensu.ca