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 3.5 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 3.5 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.
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 ≥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):

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (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 SGS)
- 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). Tricouncil award holders will automatically receive a one time $5000 top up in their first year in their combined degree program. 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 Admissions, jd@queensu.ca
- Dianne Flint, Graduate Program Coordinator