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 to offer students cross-disciplinary legal education in three combined degree programs: Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor, Master of Arts (Economics)/Juris Doctor and Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor.

The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (MIR/JD) 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 (MPA/JD) is a 3.5 year combined program. The MPA/JD 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 MA (Econ)/JD 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 OVERVIEW and STRUCTURES**

**MA (ECON)/JD**
- Three years (full time). Course work, seminars, plus MA (Econ) research essay.
- First-year registration in School of Graduate Studies, 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.
- Option to participate in International Business Law and Public International Law Programs at Bader International Study Centre (U.K.) in second year spring term.
- Licensing Exams and Articling pursued after graduation.

**MIR/JD**
- Three to 3.5 years (full time). Course work, seminars, + MIR research project.
- First-year registration in School of Graduate Studies, complete first-year law courses & MIR courses, & complete a Master’s research project or attend the summer term at the BISC (MIR convocation in the Fall).
- Registration in Faculty of Law in second, 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.

**MPA/JD**
- Three to 3.5 years of course work and seminars.
- First-year registration in School of Graduate Studies, undertake first-year law courses, complete MPA courses (MPA convocation in the Fall).
- Registration in Faculty of Law in second, 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.
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

Requirements

- Competitive applicants for the MIR/JD and MPA/JD 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 MA (Econ)/JD 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 (SGS) 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 SGS
- 2 Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions attended
- 2 confidential academic references

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS):
- Application through SGS
- 2 Official transcripts from all post secondary institutions attended
- 2 confidential academic references

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION):
- Application through SGS
- 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 SGS)
- INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: March 1st (through SGS)
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: January 15th (through SGS)

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). Tri-council 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.

Apply to Economics, Industrial Relations or Public Administration in 5 easy steps!

For more information about the combined JD programs, interested students are encouraged to visit the Program Website or contact:

- LAW: JD Admissions, jd@queensu.ca
- ECONOMICS: Danielle Wallace, grads@econ.queensu.ca
- EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS: Anne Marie Bergman, am.bergman@queensu.ca
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Fiona Froats, froatsf@queensu.ca

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 SGS HABITAT 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.

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