

**Center for the Study of Law and Religion**  
**Emory University**  
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**Information for Prospective Joint Degree Candidates in Law and Religion**

The Center for the Study of Law and Religion (“CSLR”) at Emory University offers four joint degree programs. The Juris Doctor and Master of Divinity (J.D./M.Div.) and the Juris Doctor/Master of Theological Studies (J.D./M.T.S.) degree programs are offered in conjunction with the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The Juris Doctor/Master of Judaic Studies (J.D./M.A.) degree program is offered in conjunction with the Institute for Judaic Studies in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The Juris Doctor/Doctor of Philosophy (J.D./Ph.D.) degree program is offered in conjunction with the Graduate Division of Religion in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

**Admissions and Registration Requirements.** Prospective candidates for any of these joint degree programs in law and religion must apply separately to each school, and be admitted by each school. A student must also apply separately for scholarships and financial aid in each school.

Once matriculated at Emory, joint degree candidates in law and religion take one full year of study in one school, then one full year of study in the other school. From the third year forward, candidates take a mixture of courses in both schools each semester. Included among the electives available are a dozen law and religion courses, which joint degree candidates can take for credit in either school.

Each semester, candidates pay tuition to the school in which they are registered, regardless of the mixture of courses they happen to take that semester. All scholarships and financial aid packages are handled separately by each school, and are applied only during the semester in which the student is registered in that school. The Center offers modest additional research stipends and scholarships for selected joint degree candidates in their final two years of study.

For application materials and further application instructions see:

School of Law: J.D. Program

<http://www.law.emory.edu/admission.html>

School of Theology: M.Div. or M.T.S. Program

[http://candler.emory.edu/ADMISSIONS/mdiv\\_requirements.cfm](http://candler.emory.edu/ADMISSIONS/mdiv_requirements.cfm)

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: M.A. or Ph.D. Program

[http://www.emory.edu/GSOAS/departments\\_programs/degrees/29/](http://www.emory.edu/GSOAS/departments_programs/degrees/29/)

<http://www.des.emory.edu/>

**Degree Requirements.** All four joint degree programs allow candidates to save a year of study (and tuition payments) in attaining their two degrees.

1. ***The J.D./M.Div.*** is a five-year or ten-semester degree program (instead of the twelve semesters required to attain these degrees separately). This program combines academic and clinical/practical training in law and theology. It is recommended for candidates interested in combining their law degree with preparation for ministry. A candidate must earn 79 hours (five semesters) of academic credit in the School of Law and 70 hours (five semesters) of academic credit in the School of Theology. A candidate must maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average set by each school and fulfill all other curricular requirements for the J.D. and the M.Div. respectively.
2. ***The J.D./M.T.S.*** is a four-year or eight-semester degree program (instead of the ten semesters required to attain these degrees separately). This program is recommended for candidates interested in pursuing a career in law but who have interests in theology, ethics, church life, or various forms of social service or ministry. It is also recommended for candidates aspiring to academic careers in law or theology, including those contemplating later Ph.D. work. A candidate must earn 79 hours of academic credit (five semesters) in the School of Law and 39 hours of academic credit (three semesters) in the School of Theology. A candidate must maintain the minimum grade point average required for each school and fulfill all other curricular requirements for the J.D. and the M.T.S. respectively.
3. ***The J.D./M.A.*** is a four-year or eight-semester program. This program is recommended for students interested in practicing law, but acquiring specialized training in Jewish law, literature, and culture. A candidate must earn 79 hours of academic credit (five semesters) in the School of Law and 48 hours of academic credit (three semesters) in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The M.A. component of this program has specific requirements for language proficiency and thesis preparation, which need to be devised and approved by the program advisor in the Institute for Judaic Studies.
4. ***The J.D./Ph.D.*** is administered by the School of Law and the Graduate Division of Religion, a unit of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. A candidate must complete 79 hours of academic credit (five semesters) in the School of Law. A candidate must also complete 36 hours of academic credit (three semesters) in the Graduate School, followed by two additional semesters for Ph.D. examinations and preparation and defense of the dissertation proposal. Beyond the basic course requirements, each J.D./Ph.D. candidate designs his or her own program of course work and writing which must be approved by the advisor in the Graduate School.

For information on any or all of the above degree programs, please refer to the List of Contacts for names and addresses of persons within each school or department.

**Career Options.** While at Emory, joint degree candidates participate actively in the Center's research projects and public forums, pursue their own research and internships programs, and engage in a number of social and academic events with other joint degree candidates. Some joint degree alumni/ae choose to practice law with large or small firms, with local, state, and federal governments, or with any number of public interest groups in America and abroad. Others pursue ordained ministry or work within the administration or polity of various religious organizations. Others associate with non-profit agencies, non-governmental organizations, and human rights or religious freedom advocacy groups. Others work in prison fellowship organizations, social welfare ministries, mediation and arbitration centers, and more. The choice of career depends as much upon a candidate's own individual interests and talents as it does upon the job market. The degree programs provide flexibility for students to experiment with their interests and to tailor a program suited to their long term professional aspirations.

For further information about the Center's offerings and the specific requirements of various joint degree programs, please feel free to contact:

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