



Joint Degree Application

Step 1: Applicant to complete the following:

Name: _____ SUID: _____

Start term requested: _____

Joint degree program to which student is applying:

JD/LLM (JFRC) _____

JD/MBA _____

JD/MAcc _____

JD/LLM (JHLW) _____

JD/MPA _____

JD/MATS _____

JD/LLM (JHLC) _____

JD/MPH _____

JD/MDiv _____

JD/LLM (JSLO) _____

JD/MSEM _____

By signing this form, the applicant affirms they have read section 210 of Cumberland’s Academic Standards which pertains to joint degree programs.

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Step 2: To be completed by the Law Registrar.

By signing this form, the Law Registrar confirms that the student meets the minimum GPA required to apply for the above program.

Tami M. Zenker, Law Registrar GPA: _____ Date: _____

Step 3: Apply to the selected program:

By signing this form, the Director of the Graduate Program confirms that the applicant has applied to the degree program checked above.

Director of Graduate Program Date: _____

Step 4: Applicant will return this form to the Law Registrar.

Step 5: When the law registrar is notified of the student’s acceptance into the graduate program, the student’s program will be changed in Banner and the maximum allowed hours increased to 18. A joint degree student taking 18 hours in any regular semester may not register for more than 12 law hours in that semester.

Joint Degree Enrollment

Students enrolled at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law may apply to one of several joint degree programs approved by the Cumberland faculty. Please read below section 210 of Cumberland's Academic Standards which pertains to joint degree programs.

Academic Standard 210 JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

(a) **General Policies:** The law school participates in certain joint degree programs permitting J.D. students to earn an additional degree in concert with study for the J.D. degree. The details vary from program to program, but the typical joint degree program permits the participating student to count certain hours of credit in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements, and to count certain hours of credit in the J.D. program toward the other degree requirements. Courses taken prior to matriculation in the law school's J.D. program may not be counted toward the J.D. degree requirements.

(b) **Eligibility:** To be classified as a joint degree student in the law school, a student must have completed the first year of the J.D. degree program and must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in the J.D. program at the end of the first year of law school (or, if later, at the time of admission to the joint degree program).

(c) **Time J.D. Degree Will Be Awarded:** A student participating in a joint degree program will not be permitted to count the credit hours for courses taken in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements unless and until the other degree is awarded following completion of all applicable requirements.

(d) **Calculation of Grade Point Averages:** In calculating a joint degree student's grade point average for all law school purposes (including class rank and honors granted by the law school), only courses taken in the law school shall be considered.

(e) **Since Academic Standard 201(a)(iv) requires that a student earn 64 credit hours from certain courses in the law school to earn the J.D. and since credit-hours earned in courses outside the law school do not count toward that requirement, joint degree students must take care to assure they satisfy the requirement set forth in Standard 201(a)(v).**