

# M.A.-J.D. Degree Program

A dual degree in economics and law can be applied to virtually any area of legal practice and is especially valuable in corporate law, tort law, contract law, civil procedure, and international law. Additional career options include mergers and acquisitions consultant, policy advisor, legislator, regulatory investigator, and several options in the financial services sector.

## Admission to Graduate Studies

### Admission Requirements

- All applicants must meet the requirements outlined in the Admission to Graduate Study (<https://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/admission-to-graduate-study/>) policy.
- Bachelor's degree: A copy of official transcripts showing proof of a bachelor's degree (and any post-bachelor's coursework or degrees) from a regionally accredited institution, or a foreign university with equivalent bachelor's degree requirements is required.
- English proficiency: Proof of English proficiency (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/english-requirements/>) for non-native or non-native-like English speakers is required. There are two bands of English proficiency, including Admission and Full proficiency. For applicants to online programs, Full proficiency is required.

**Applicants to the M.A. and M.A./J.D. programs** should have taken a minimum of 2 courses in calculus (6 to 10 semester hours) and a statistics course. Students with little background in economics may be advised to take ECON 520 Microeconomics and/or ECON 522 Macroeconomics and/or ECON 526 Introduction to Econometrics as preparation for M.A. courses. ECON 520, ECON 522, and ECON 526 do not count toward completion of M.A. degree requirements.

Students must **first** be accepted to the University of Kansas Law School before applying to the Department of Economics M.A. program. Admission to the M.A./J.D. degree program must be approved by the School of Law (<http://www.law.ku.edu/>), the Department of Economics (<http://www.economics.ku.edu/>), and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://clas.ku.edu/>). In the spring semester (year 1) of law school, students can apply for the Department of Economics M.A./J.D. degree. The application deadline for a summer or fall start is May 1. The graduate program coordinator in economics can assist with questions.

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The M.A./J.D. degree in Economics & Law requires a total of 100 hours and is a course work-only master's degree. The requirements for the combined degree are as follows:

### Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 700	Survey of Microeconomics <sup>1</sup>	3
ECON 701	Survey of Macroeconomics <sup>1</sup>	3
ECON 715	Elementary Econometrics <sup>1</sup>	3
9 hours of ECON electives at the 500+ level		9

82 hours of LAW coursework <sup>2</sup>	82
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Doctoral-level theory courses (ECON 801, ECON 810, ECON 817) can be substituted.

<sup>2</sup> A full list of required LAW coursework for the juris doctorate can be found on the School of Law academic catalog page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/law/jd/#requirementstext>).

The Department of Economics gives credit toward the M.A. degree for 12 hours of pertinent work in the law school, and the law school gives credit toward the J.D. degree for 8 hours of pertinent work in economics. The 8 hours of economics courses that count toward the J.D. degree should be chosen in consultation with the student's law school academic advisor. The student takes only law classes the first year and spreads out the 18 hours of credit in economics in the following semesters (e.g., 1 course per semester).

At initial enrollment, each candidate must discuss a preliminary plan of study with the M.A. graduate program coordinator. This plan may be revised over time.

### Electives

Below is a list of available electives in Economics.

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 305	History of Economic Analysis	3
ECON 350	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 351	Philosophy of Economics	3
ECON 360	Economic Systems	3
ECON 363	Current Economic Issues of East Europe	3
ECON 382	Economic Development	3
ECON 384	Economic Development of Latin America	3
ECON 386	Economic Issues in China	3
ECON 409	Sports Economics	3
ECON 410	Energy Economics	3
ECON 413	Behavioral Economics	3
ECON 464	Topics in Applied Economics: _____	3
ECON 490	Game Theory	3
ECON 497	Research in Economics	1-3
ECON 600	Money and Banking	3
ECON 604	International Trade	3
ECON 605	International Finance	3
ECON 620	Elements of Mathematical Economics	3
ECON 622	Public Finance	3
ECON 630	Industrial Organization and Antitrust Policy	3
ECON 640	Labor Economics	3
ECON 664	Topics in Economics: _____	3
ECON 669	The Economics of Financial Markets	3
ECON 680	Economic Growth	3
ECON 696	Research Methods in Economics	3
ECON 705	Development of Economic Thought	3
ECON 716	Econometric Forecasting	3
ECON 718	Elementary Financial Econometrics	3
ECON 719	Digital Economics	3
ECON 730	Topics in Industrial Organization	3

ECON 740	Theory of Economic Growth and Development	3
ECON 769	Financial Economics	3
ECON 770	Economics of the Labor Market	3
ECON 780	Topics in Economics: _____	1-3
ECON 790	Game Theory and Applications	3
ECON 791	Game Theory and Applications II	3
ECON 800	Optimization Techniques I	3
ECON 801	Microeconomics I	3
ECON 802	Microeconomics II	3
ECON 809	Optimization Techniques II	3
ECON 810	Macroeconomics I	3
ECON 811	Macroeconomics II	3
ECON 816	Probability and Statistics	3
ECON 817	Econometrics I	3
ECON 818	Econometrics II	3
ECON 830	Game Theory and Industrial Organization	3
ECON 854	Advanced Environmental Economic Theory	3
ECON 869	Advanced Financial Economics	3
ECON 870	Applied Microeconomics	3
ECON 880	Advanced Topics in Economic Theory: _____	1-3
ECON 901	Advanced Economic Theory I	3
ECON 911	Applied Macroeconomics	3
ECON 912	Advanced Macroeconomics	3
ECON 913	Monetary Economics	3
ECON 914	Computational Methods for Economics	3
ECON 915	Advanced Econometrics I	3
ECON 916	Advanced Econometrics II	3
ECON 917	Advanced Econometrics III	3
ECON 918	Financial Econometrics	3
ECON 919	Advanced Health Economics	3
ECON 950	Special Problems in Economics	1-3

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Acquire Knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law.
- Develop legal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, professional skills, and written and oral communication in the legal context.
- Exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and the legal system.
- Apply tools of economic analysis to critique original research in their specific field or subfield.
- Apply broad knowledge of theory and research methods to questions and current problems in the field of economics.
- Communicate effectively to professional audiences and the public through technical reports and presentations.