

## **M.S. in Sport Management & Policy-JD Joint Degree**

The MS in Sport Management & Policy in the College of Education at The University of Georgia (UGA) collaborates with the University of Georgia School of Law to offer the MS/JD joint degree program. This program allows a student to earn both degrees in four years, eliminating approximately one year of academic work.

Applicants must be considered for and receive admission to each program separately. Applicants must take both the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) to be considered for admission to these programs. Admissions decisions are made by faculty committees in each program (and approved by the Graduate School in the case of MS in Sport Management & Policy).

MS/JD students choose between two academic sequences.

1. MS-JD-JD Split: Students spend their first year in the MHP program, their second and third years in the Law School, and their fourth and final year finishing up requirements in both academic units. While a student may matriculate to this Dual Degree program after a year of graduate work, pursuant to ABA standard 311(d), the coursework for the first MS Sports Management and Policy year will count towards the Masters degree and not the JD.
2. JD-JD-MS- Split: Students complete their first two years in the Law School, their third year in the MS program, and their fourth and final year finishing up requirements in both academic units.

Students are only eligible for an assistantship during their academic year in the MS program, namely, their first or third year respectively. MS/JD students must take their first two years of Law School consecutively.

MS/JD students must complete all law school requirements, except for the 88 credit hours normally required for the JD degree. MS/JD students must complete at least 76 credits in the law school. Complete information regarding JD requirements can be found on [the Law School website](#) as well as in the [University of Georgia Law Student Handbook](#).

Both thesis and non-thesis options are available for the MS portion of the joint degree. If a student chooses the thesis option for the MS portion of the degree, they must complete 6 hours of research courses, 9 hours of thesis area courses, and 9 hours of concentration courses. Electives typically required for the MS-Thesis Option in Sport Management & Policy are waived, as these elective requirements are fulfilled through JD coursework.

If a student chooses the non-thesis option for the MS portion of the degree, they must complete 3 hours of research courses and 24 hours of concentration courses. Students who choose the non-thesis option must also complete a minimum of 3 hours of internship or practicum; however, this requirement can be completed through a clinic, practicum or externship in the JD program. Electives typically required for the MS-Non Thesis Option in Sport Management & Policy are waived, as these elective requirements are fulfilled through JD coursework.

For more information about both the thesis and non-thesis options for the M.S. in Sport management and policy, review the ["Sport Management Master's Degree Program Requirements"](#).