

# J.D. - LL.M. in Advocacy

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Students in Stetson University's J.D. - LL.M program will save a semester of full-time study by applying up to 12 hours of prescribed J.D. courses towards the LL.M. degree, allowing them to complete the LL.M. degree in less than six months by taking an additional 12 hours of LL.M. coursework. Students will be able to take all 12 credits in one semester, or they may opt to complete the program on a part-time basis, provided that the student completes the LL.M. program (12 credits) within 2 years.

## ***Joint J.D. - LL.M. in Advocacy Program --***

Statement of Interest (PDF) (<http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/advocacy/llm/media/statement-of-interest-jd-llm.pdf>)

## ***Application for Admission --***

J.D. - LL.M. Application for Admission (PDF) (<http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/advocacy/llm/media/llm-jd-application.pdf>)

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## **FAQs**

### **Is this one degree or two?**

Students who complete the required curriculum will receive two degrees; a J.D. and an LL.M. in Advocacy degree.

### **Do I need to be a Stetson student to participate in this program?**

Yes, you must be enrolled in Stetson's J.D. program to participate.

### **Why should I participate in this joint degree program?**

While our Stetson students are capable of hitting the ground running with our current J.D. degree, the addition of the joint J.D./LL.M. degree would further advance your skill sets, making you potentially more attractive to both firms and government agencies. In the LL.M. portion of the program, you will create a portfolio that includes writing and performance samples for prospective employers.

### **When can a new Stetson student begin this program?**

An entering J.D. student may apply for the program in their third full-time semester pending successful completion of their courses. December graduates can start immediately after graduation in the next (spring) semester. May graduates can start in the fall. Courses in this program will not be offered in the summer. You must also be in good standing to be considered for this program.

### **How long do I have to complete this program?**

A student must begin the LL.M. program within two years of conferral of the J.D. degree. A student must complete the LL.M. program within two years of starting LL.M course work.

### **What are the steps in the application process?**

Interested students must complete a Statement of Interest (<http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/advocacy/llm/media/statement-of-interest-jd-llm.pdf>), which expresses a desire to enroll in the joint-degree program. Full-time students must complete this by the end of the spring semester of their first-year. Part-time students must submit a Statement of Interest by the end of the fall semester of their second year. Transfer students must submit their statement by the end of their first semester at the College of Law.

The second step is to complete an Application for Admission (<http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/advocacy/llm/media/llm-jd-application.pdf>). Full-time students must complete the Application by the end of the spring semester of their second-year. Part-time students must submit the application by the end of the spring semester of their third year. Part-time students who convert to the full-time program must submit an Application for Admission no later than the end of the semester in which they convert from the part-time program to the full-time program.

In extraordinary circumstances, the Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, with the concurrence of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, may allow a student to submit an Application for Admission when a student has failed to have previously submitted a Statement of Interest in a timely manner and/or does not submit the Application for Admission in a timely manner.

### **What is the cost of the program?**

The J.D. portion of the program is the same as standard J.D. tuition; the 12 hours of LL.M. coursework is \$1,100 per credit hour.

### **What courses do I need to take for the LL.M. portion of the program?**

Tethered Evidence (4-credits), Tethered Trial Advocacy (3-credits) and Pretrial Practice (4-credits). You must also take one or more elective courses from the list below to achieve a total of 12 credits to be applied toward the LL.M. requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
LAW 3055D	ADV CIVIL TRIAL SKILLS-DAMAGES	1 credit
or LAW 3055V	ADV CIV TRIAL SKILLS-VOIR DIRE	
LAW 3075	ADVANCED CRIMINAL TRIAL ADVOCACY	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3145	ARBITRATION	2 credits
LAW 3539	IMMIGRATION LITIGAT & ADVOCACY	3 credits
LAW 3587	INT'L SALES LAW & ARBITRATION	2 to 3 credits
LAW 3592	INTERVIEWING AND COUNSELING	2 credits
LAW 3761	NEGOTIATION AND MEDIATION	2 credits
LAW 3810	REMEDIES	3 credits
LAW 3825	SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE WORKSHOP	2 to 3 credits

**Will I be taking the same classes as a J.D. student?**

Stetson will not have any LL.M. students sitting in J.D. classes. The 12 required credits for the LL.M. are only available to LL.M. students.

**Is this joint degree online?**

The vast majority of the LL.M. courses are asynchronous online courses, but some may be offered on campus. Most J.D. courses take place on campus.

**I graduated from Stetson a couple of years ago. Am I eligible to participate in the new J.D./LL.M. program?**

A Stetson University College of Law graduate is not permitted to participate in the new joint degree program. However, you have two years as a J.D. graduate to pursue our 24 credit Online LL.M. in Advocacy at a reduced rate of \$800 dollars per credit hour.

**What are the academic qualifications for admission?**

An enrolled student with a cumulative grade point average of 2.4 or above and not subject to the Further Required Curriculum is eligible to apply. Student below that grade point average must consult with the Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.