

**WAYNE STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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**COLLEGE OF FINE, PERFORMING  
AND COMMUNICATION ARTS**

**JD – MADR Joint Degree**

**Description**

Current trends in the legal profession emphasize alternatives to litigation for resolving disputes. The field of dispute resolution is premised on the belief that there are multiple avenues for resolving disputes, many of which will permit the disputants to maintain control over their own dispute and to develop a mutually satisfying resolution. Thus, the trend among attorneys and law schools has been to seek out or offer additional work in alternative dispute resolution to facilitate a more constructive dispute resolution practice.

The Joint *JD-MADR* program allows law students to develop greater breadth and depth in alternative dispute resolution than is possible from taking only one or two different courses. It will also permit the achievement of this knowledge in less time than would be requested if the student had to pursue an LLM degree or the MADR degree as a separate academic program. Students will be able to complete the joint degree program in as little as one semester more than the three year period normally for the JD degree alone.

**Curriculum**

The degree is offered only as a Plan C master's program, requiring the completion of a minimum of 102 credits. The first year of study is spent in law school. After completion of the first year, students may elect one course per semester, up to a total of four core graduate courses in the MADR program, credit for which is applicable towards the JD degree. In addition, Law School courses LEX 7016 (Alternative Dispute Resolution) and LEX 7616 (Negotiation) are considered equivalent to two core MADR courses, DR 7220 (Neutral Intervention) and DR 7210 (Negotiation) and may be taken credit for the MADR. Finally, students may also apply one Law School course (3 Credits) as MADR elective credit.

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## Joint Program in Law and Dispute Resolution (Joint JD/MADR)

**OBJECTIVE:** provide law students with breadth and depth in Alternative Dispute Resolution afforded by the MA in DR in a minimum length of time.

### CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

**J. D. requirements:** Eleven core courses (32 credits); 54 credit hours of electives (up to four courses or 12 credits can be taken outside the Law School); total credits = 86

**MADR requirements:** Eight core courses (24 credits); minimum of three elective courses (10 credits); total credits = 32-35

### Joint JD/MADR:

- a) LEX 7616 (Negotiation), LEX 7016 (Alternative Dispute Resolution) are equivalent, to the core MADR courses of DR 7210 (Negotiation), DR 7220 (Neutral Intervention) – and thus, are "required" for students in the Joint program.
- b) Four additional core DR courses (3 credits each) will be counted as electives for the JD program.
- c) One Law School elective will be counted as meeting one elective requirement for the MADR program. The remaining elective credits for MADR must be taken outside the Law School and will not be counted toward the JD degree.
- d) A graduate level course in Research Methods (3-4 credits) is required for the Joint Degree. It is considered a pre-requisite for the MADR program that can be waived by the MADR Program Director if research competence can be demonstrated. This course will NOT count toward either degree.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Students are admitted separately to each program and thus must meet the minimum admission requirements for each program.

### Sample Schedule For JD/MADR Joint Degree

#### YEAR 1:

Fall Semester	Total Cr.	JD Cr.	MADR Cr.
LEX 6100 - Civil Procedure A (3 cr.) *			
LEX 6200 - Contracts A (3 cr.) *			
LEX 6300 - Criminal Law (3 cr.) *			
LEX 6400 - Legal Writing & Research A (2 cr.) *			
LEX 6600 - Torts (4 cr.) *			
Credit hours:	15	15	0
Winter Semester			
LEX 6100 - Civil Procedure B (3 cr.) *			
LEX 6200 - Contracts B (3 cr.) *			
LEX 6400 - Legal Writing & Research B (2 cr.) *			
LEX 6500 - Property (4 cr.) *			

LEX 6700 - Constitutional Law I (3 cr.) \*

Credit hours: 15 15 0

**YEAR 2:**

Fall Semester

LEX 7616 - Negotiation (2 cr.) \*\*

DR 7100 - Roots of Social Conflict (3 cr.) \*\* 1

Research Methods (3-4 cr.) (prerequisite for MADR)

Other Law School electives (6 cr.) \*

Credit hours: 14-15 11 5

Winter Semester

LEX 6800 - Professional Responsibility (2 cr.) \*

LEX 7016 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (2 cr.) \*\*

DR 6120 - Human Diversity & Human Conflict (3 cr.) \*\* 1

Other Law School electives (7 cr.) \*

Credit hours: 14 14 5

Spring Semester (or Fall semester)

DR 7310/LEX 7660 - Practicum (3 cr.) \*\* 1

Credit hours: 3 0 3

**YEAR 3:**

Fall Semester

PCS 6100 – Introduction to International Peace and Security Studies (3 cr.) \*\*\* 1

COM 6350 - Communication, Culture and Conflict (3 cr.) \*\* 1

Law School elective applied to MADR (3 cr.) \* 2

Other Law School electives (6 cr.) \*

Credit hours: 15 12 9

Winter Semester

DR 7890 Final Seminar in Dispute Resolution (3 cr.) \*\* 1

Law School elective applied to MADR (3 cr.) \* 2

Other Law School electives (6 cr.) \*

Credit hours: 14 12 6

**Year 4:**

Fall Semester

Elective for MADR (outside of Law School) (4 cr.) \*\*  
Other Law School Electives (8 cr.) \*

Credit hours:	14	8	4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	102-103	86	32

Notes:

- Required course for JD degree \*\* Required course for MADR degree
1. Up to four of these courses may be applied as electives for credit toward the JD degree, one per semester during the second and third years of Law School.
  2. A list of courses offered in the Law School approved for credit as electives for the MADR degree is attached to this schedule.

## **Law School Courses Approved as Elective in the MADR Program (By area of Study)**

### **1. Workplace Area**

LEX 7221 - Employment Law  
LEX 7506 - Labor Relations and the Law  
LEX 7886 - Union Democracy  
LEX 7501 - Labor Law

### **2.Environmental/Hazardous Waste Area**

LEX 7231 - Environmental Law  
LEX 7511 - Land Use  
LEX 7931 - Water Law

### **3. Family Area**

LEX 7301 - Family Law  
LEX 8101 - Family Violence

### **4. Health Care Area**

LEX 7356 - Health Law  
LEX 7601 - Mental Health Area

### **5. Human Diversity and Conflict Area**

LEX 7086 - Civil Rights Litigation  
LEX 7421 - Jewish Law  
LEX 8261 - Law, Race and Racism in American History

### **6. Urban Studies Area**

LEX 7581 - Local Government Law  
LEX 8401 - Urban Housing and Community Development

### **7. International Conflict and Cooperation Area**

LEX 7116 - Comparative Law  
LEX 7371 - Immigration and Nationality Law

LEX 7404 - International Business Transactions  
LEX 7408 - International Law  
LEX 7411 - International Protection of Human Rights

**8. Law and Conflict Area**

LEX 7836 - Trial Advocacy  
LEX 7121 - Conflict of Laws  
LEX 7126 - Constitutional Law II  
LEX 7161 - Criminal Procedure I  
LEX 7162 - Criminal Procedure II  
LEX 7516 - Law of Elections and Political Organization  
LEX 7426 - Jurisprudence LEX 7526 - Legal Process  
LEX 8041 - Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Law and Procedure  
LEX 8386 - United States Constitutional and Legal History  
LEX 7526 - Legal Process

**9. Conflict and Communication Area**

LEX 7026 - Copyright Law

**10. Industrial Conflict Area**

LEX 7026 - Antitrust LEX 7156 - Corporations  
LEX 7671 - Products Liability  
LEX 7831 - Trademarks and Unfair Competition  
LEX 8001 - Current Issues in Antitrust and Trade Regulation  
LEX 8246 - Law and Economics

## Acknowledgment of M.A. and G.C. Handbook Policies and Procedures

*I have read the Department of Communication Master of Arts and Graduate Certificate Handbook and familiarized myself with the policies and procedures governing the program I am pursuing. I also understand that I must familiarize myself with the policies, procedures, and directives from the Graduate School as detailed in the Graduate Bulletin.*

*I understand that deviations from the Department of Communication or Graduate School policies and procedures may interfere with reasonable and normal academic progress and, in extreme circumstances, may result in my dismissal from the program. I further understand that I am to maintain regular contact with my academic advisor so that I may complete my degree in a timely manner.*

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Student's Name (Please Print)

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Signature and date

Please sign and return this form to the Graduate Secretary of the Department of Communication, 585 Manoogian Hall, along with the signed Plan of Work form and the appropriate M.A. or G.C. Checksheet. The Plan of Work is to be completed in consultation with your academic advisor and must be filed by the completion of twelve credit hours of coursework.

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