

**Joint Program in Law and Dispute Resolution:
Joint JD/MADR Program**

Coursework Requirements Curriculum Checksheet

The joint Juris Doctor (JD) and Master in Dispute Resolution (MADR) program (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 also permits the achievement of this knowledge in less time than would be required 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 required for the JD degree alone.

Students apply and are admitted separately to each program and *thus must meet the minimum admission requirements for each program*. In order to get appropriate credit for DR courses, students take their first year of law school classes before enrolling in the MADR courses.

JD Program 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 required credits = 86

MADR Program Requirements:

- Eight core courses (24 credits)
- Minimum two elective courses (6 credits)

Total required credits = 30

Joint JD/MADR Program affordances when taken together:

- LEX 7616 (Negotiation) and LEX 7016 (Alternative Dispute Resolution) are equivalent to the core MADR courses of DR 7210 (Negotiation) and DR 7220 (Intervention) respectively and thus are *required* for students in the Joint Program.
- Four additional core DR courses (3 credits each) will be counted as electives for the JD program. (Note: Law Schools expects that no more than 1 course outside the law school per semester will count toward JD credit during years 2 and 3.)
- 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.

When in the combined JD/MADR program a typical student can expect to take approximately 102-108 credits to complete their required courses (compared to 116 required when taking the programs separately).

Visit comm.wayne.edu/madr.php for a sample schedule for the joint JD/MADR degree.