



JD/MS and JD/PhD Law and Environmental Studies

CU-Boulder has nationally renowned programs in both environmental law and environmental studies. Those who wish to pursue advanced degrees across these fields have the option of two dual degree programs: MS/JD and PhD/JD. Students will complete coursework in the core areas of the law, the natural and social sciences, values and ethics, and policy. Graduates of our dual degree program in law and environmental studies have the skills to impact future policies in government, industry, and non-profits or to pursue research-focused careers.

Description of Curriculum

1. Law students must complete the following 31 credits in their first year.

Civil Procedure	LAWS 5303	Property I	LAWS 5624
Contracts	LAWS 5121	Legal Writing I	LAWS 5226
Constitutional Law	LAWS 6005	Legal Writing II	LAWS 5223
Criminal Law	LAWS 5503	Legislation & Regulation	LAWS 5205
Foundations of Legal Research	LAWS 5646	Torts	LAWS 5425

2. The following coursework is required in addition to thesis and other coursework outlined by Environmental Studies:
 - ENVS 5000-Policy, Science and the Environment
 - ENVS 5003-Conceptual Foundations of Environmental Studies
 - ENVS 5004-Research Design in Environmental Studies
3. The Law School will grant credit (B grade or higher) in graduate-level environmental studies courses toward the JD degree. Up to nine credits (for MS students) or 12 credits (for PhD students) of the required 89 credits for the JD degree are allowed. Environmental Studies will grant up to nine credits (for MS students) or 12 credits (for PhD students) in law courses (C- grade or higher). The JD program will be considered the student's primary program.
4. Credits used from each program to satisfy requirements for the other program can only be applied if degree requirements for both degrees are completed.
5. Students should check with the program adviser each term to ensure they are on track for graduation.

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Graduation Requirements

1. JD/MS Program: Dual degree students will be required to complete 21 hours of ENVS coursework and 80 hours of Law coursework, for a total of 101 hours of combined coursework for the JD/MS in Environmental Studies.
2. JD/PhD Program: Dual degree students will be required to complete 21 hours of coursework, plus 30 additional hours of dissertation credit hours of ENVS coursework. Plus, 77 hours of Law coursework, for a total of 128 hours of combined coursework for the JD/PhD in Environmental Studies.
3. Both degrees must be awarded simultaneously.
4. Dual degree students must maintain the academic and ethical standards required of both schools. Students in good standing in one school, but not the other, may be allowed to continue in the school in which they are in good standing.
5. Students who do not complete the dual degree program requirements (i.e., who withdraw for any reason from one of the two programs) will be required to meet the full requirements of the remaining program in which they are enrolled.

Admissions Policy

Students must apply to and meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students admitted simultaneously to both programs must begin the Law program first.

A person may elect the dual degree program at the time of initial application to both schools; or a student enrolled in the applicable degree program of either school may *during his or her first year of study* under the degree program of that school apply for admission to the other school and elect to be enrolled under the dual degree program.

Students must meet the admissions standards for each program separately

Law School Admissions Process

See the Law School Admission website at <https://www.colorado.edu/law/apply-colorado-law/jd-program>

The application process includes:

- Registration for the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
- Take Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)
- Submit all undergraduate and graduate transcripts to LSAC
- Submit two letters of recommendations to LSAC
- Submit your application, personal statement, and resume electronically through LSAC
- Submit In-State Tuition Classification Application (if applicable)
- Pay application fee

A student enrolled in the dual degree JD/MS or JD/PhD program in Environmental Studies may commence studies under the program in either the Law School or Environmental Studies, but must notify each school of that decision at or prior to the date established by each school for such notification.

All information on this document is subject to change. Check with the program directors to confirm the accuracy of this plan.

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<https://www.colorado.edu/envs/graduate-studies/graduate-programs/dual-degrees-msjd-and-phdj>

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