

Joint JD/MEMP Degree Option

A joint JD/MEMP degree allows students to earn both a Law degree (<http://law.duke.edu/admis/degreeprograms/jd-ma/>) and a Master of Engineering Management degree in three years and a summer rather than four years, providing students with significant tuition and time savings.

Program Requirements

The Law School requires 84 credits and six semesters (three years) of study to earn a J.D. degree. The Master of Engineering Management Program is a one-year professional interdisciplinary program offered by the Pratt School of Engineering with the support of the Fuqua School of Business and the Duke School of Law. The Master of Engineering Management degree requires 30 credits:

- 12 credits from core engineering management courses;
- 12 credits from technical electives; and,
- 6 credits from an internship.

In this joint program, students begin their studies in June instead of August and complete both degrees in three years: six semesters plus a summer session prior to their initial fall semester. JD/MEMP students complete 72 credits from the Law School and 30 credits from the Master of Engineering Management Program for a total of 102 credits to earn both degrees. A typical schedule for this joint degree program is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Typical JD/MEMP Schedule

Yr. 1

June – August: Law summer session	10 Credits
August – May: Law and MEMP Classes	26 Credits

Yr. 2

June – August: Internship (MEMP Requirement)	6 Credits
August – May: Law and MEMP Classes	30 Credits

Yr. 3

June – August: Summer Employment	0 Credits
August – May: Law and MEMP Classes	<u>30 Credits</u>
	102 Credits

Because this is a joint degree program, students will not receive either degree until all requirements for both degrees are completed.

Curriculum Requirements

In addition to the credit requirements discussed above, students enrolled in the JD/Master of Engineering Management joint degree program are required to fulfill the specific course requirements for both degrees. For the Master of Engineering Management degree, one of the core engineering management classes is EGRMGMT 520: Intellectual Property, Business Law, and Entrepreneurship. JD/MEMP students are

required to take Law 270 Intellectual Property in lieu of EGRMGMT 520, allowing them to take one additional elective in either law or engineering management.

Admissions

Acceptance into this program requires a separate application and admission to each school. There are no academic prerequisites for admission to the Law School, other than exceptional academic performance at and graduation from an accredited undergraduate institution. The Master of Engineering Program requires that applicants have a degree in science or engineering. Applicants to the joint degree program are required to sit for both the LSAT and GRE exams.

Tuition

Students pay for three years and one summer of law tuition and are billed through the Law School (<http://law.duke.edu/admis/tuition/>). Students are not charged additional Master of Engineering Management tuition.

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*For the 2005-2006 year, the Law School summer tuition was \$12,310 and the academic year tuition was \$35,870. The Master of Engineering Management Program tuition was \$30,000. Separately, the cost of both degrees would be \$137,610, but students in the joint program can expect tuition savings of \$17,690 over three years.