

JD-MAIR Concurrent Degree Program



The University of San Diego offers a concurrent degree program with the School of Law and the College of Arts & Sciences. Students may earn their JD and MAIR degrees concurrently. Students who are interested in pursuing concurrent degrees must apply to and be accepted by both schools.

During your three School of Law years, you will be billed the law school tuition rate and your financial aid will be processed by the School of Law Financial Aid Office. During your MAIR-only year, your College of Arts & Sciences scholarship will apply, you will be charged College of Arts & Sciences tuition, and your financial aid will be processed by the University's Office for Financial Aid. There are other important financial aid implications for concurrent degree students. For more information, please contact the School of Law Financial Aid Office, located in Warren Hall Room 203. They can also be reached at lawaid@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4570.

It will take four years to finish the JD and MAIR degrees. Six units from the MAIR degree count towards the JD, and six units from the JD degree count toward the MAIR. Please consult with both your JD and MAIR academic advisors for information on how to apply these units as each school has its own process.

Students typically spend their first, third, and fourth years at the School of Law, then their second year at the College of Arts and Sciences. Below is a sample of a typical four-year academic plan:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
First Year All classes ONLY at the School of Law. First year law classes are set for you.	Civil Procedure Criminal Law Torts Legal Writing & Research I Experiential Advocacy Practicum I <hr/> 15 units	Contracts Property Constitutional Law I Legal Writing & Research II Experiential Advocacy Practicum II <hr/> 15 units
Second Year All classes ONLY at the College of Arts & Sciences or hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and the College.	MAIR Required and Elective courses <hr/> Minimum 9 units	MAIR Required and Elective courses <hr/> Minimum 9 units
Third Year Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and College of Arts & Sciences	MAIR Required and Elective courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	MAIR Required and Elective courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum
Fourth Year Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and College of Arts & Sciences	MAIR Required and Elective courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	JD Courses <hr/> 16 units maximum For Bar exam purposes, it is recommended that you end with a JD-only semester.
Summer	Study for and take the Bar Exam to become a licensed attorney. Please meet with the Office for Academic Success and Bar Programs to talk about your Bar prep plan.	

JD/MAIR Concurrent Degree Program- FAQs

Can I apply to both the JD and MAIR programs with one application?

No. Students who are interested in pursuing concurrent degrees must separately apply to and be accepted by each school. Each school has its own entrance exam, admission application, and admission requirements.

What tuition rate will I be charged while pursuing my concurrent degrees?

During your 1L year, and the two hybrid years (taking classes at both the School of Law and College of Arts & Sciences) you will be billed the School of Law tuition rate, with School of Law scholarships applied. During the MAIR-only year, you will be billed the College of Arts & Sciences tuition rate with College of Arts & Sciences scholarships applied. For more information, please contact the School of Law Financial Aid Office, located in Warren Hall Room 203. They can also be reached at lawaid@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4570.

As 1Ls and during the two hybrid years, you are only permitted to take a maximum of 16 units per semester. You may petition to take one additional unit, one time. That additional unit is charged at the School of Law's per unit rate.

Will the School of Law Financial Aid Office process my financial aid package during my year of enrollment with the MAIR program?

No. The University's Financial Aid Office will process and disburse financial aid during the year of enrollment with the MAIR program. The Cost of Attendance (COA) during this period of enrollment will differ due to the lower MAIR program vs. JD program tuition rate and the traditionally lower comparative food and housing budget for the MAIR program. Additionally, due to the later MAIR start date, loan disbursements and refund timelines will not match those associated with the JD program. Therefore, students must plan accordingly and work with the University's Financial Aid Office to supply information required to proactively address any concerns. For questions, please contact the University's Financial Aid Office and One Stop Student Center, located in Hahn University Center 126. They can also be reached at onestop@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4700.

Which program do I need to start with?

In order to maximize your unit crossover options, it is strongly recommended to start at the School of Law.

Can I apply units from the MAIR program towards my JD degree and vice versa?

Yes. Six of the units you take for the MAIR will count towards your JD degree, and six units you take for the JD will count towards your MAIR degree (for a total of 12 units).

For six MAIR units to count towards your JD degree, you must be enrolled in the JD program when you take the MAIR courses and turn in the Permission to take Non-Law Courses at USD form before you graduate. Please see the Office for Law Student Affairs for more information on this process.

For six JD units to count towards your MAIR degree, you must see your MAIR academic advisor for more information on this process.

For both programs, you must receive a letter grade of B or higher to transfer the credits.

How long will it take me to finish the JD/MAIR concurrent degree program?

It will take four years to finish both the JD and MAIR degrees. To finish both degrees, you will need to complete a total of 106 units. No summer school or additional intersession units are necessary to complete both degrees in four years.

How many units may I take per semester?

At the School of Law, you may take a maximum of 16 units a semester.

Can I be a paid School of Law Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or Academic Success fellow during my MAIR-only year?

It is not possible to hold a position as an RA, TA, or Academic Success Fellow during the year you are in full-time residence at the graduate school. It is often possible to defer your appointment to the year you return to the law school. There are many similar opportunities for you to get involved with at the graduate school, and we encourage you to engage fully in the life of your graduate school.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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