



JD/MAPJ Concurrent Degree Program

The University of San Diego offers a concurrent degree program with the School of Law and the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. Students may earn their JD and MAPJ degrees concurrently. Students who are interested in pursuing concurrent degrees must apply to and be accepted by both schools.

As long as you are in pursuit of your JD degree, you will be billed the law school tuition rate and your financial aid will be processed by the School of Law Financial Aid Office. Only scholarship funds awarded by the MAPJ program will be available in your MAPJ-only year. 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 MAPJ degrees. Six units from the MAPJ degree count towards the JD, and nine units from the JD degree count toward the MAPJ. Please consult with both your JD and MAPJ 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 Kroc School of Peace Studies. Below is a sample of a typical four-year academic plan:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
First Year All classes 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
Summer	Legal externship or possible participation in School of Law Summer Study Abroad.	
Second Year All classes at the Kroc School of Peace Studies.	MAPJ Required and Elective courses <hr/> Minimum 10 units January intersession Field-Based Practicum <hr/> 3 units	MAPJ Required and Elective courses <hr/> Minimum 10 units
Summer	Required internship through the Kroc School of Peace Studies (250 hours).	
Third Year Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and Kroc School of Peace Studies	Kroc School Externship JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	JD Required and Electives courses <hr/> 16 units maximum
Summer	Legal or policy-related externship depending on the student's career goals.	
Fourth Year Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and Kroc School of Peace Studies	Peace and Justice Capstone JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	Peace and Justice Capstone JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum
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/MAPJ Concurrent Degree Program- FAQs

Can I apply to both the JD and MAPJ 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?

All JD/MAPJ students are charged the full-time block tuition rate of the law school for each semester that students are enrolled in the JD and MAPJ concurrent degree program. USD is able to offer a grant during the MAPJ-only year to offset the tuition to align with the [Kroc School's rate](#). 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.

You are only permitted to take a maximum of 16 units per semester. In the event that you take more than those maximums, you must pay the School of Law's per unit rate for each additional unit.

Which program do I need to start with?

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

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

Yes. Six of the units you take for the MAPJ will count towards your JD degree, and nine units you take for the JD will count towards your MAPJ degree (for a total of 15 units).

For six MAPJ units to count towards your JD degree, you must be enrolled in the JD program when you take the MAPJ 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 nine JD units to count towards your MAPJ degree, you must see your MAPJ 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/MAPJ concurrent degree program?

It will take four years to finish both the JD and MAPJ degrees. To finish both degrees, you will need to complete a total of 112 units. Aside from the required MAPJ three-unit intersession practicum (available only during your MAPJ-only year), no summer school or additional intersession units are necessary to complete both degrees in four years.

How many units may I take per semester?

If you are enrolled in at least one law course, you cannot take more than 16 units during the semester.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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