



## 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.

During your 1L year and two hybrid years (when you are taking both Law and Kroc courses) 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 MAPJ-only year, your Kroc School scholarship will apply, you will be charged Kroc School 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](mailto: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 year at the School of Law, their second year at the Kroc School of Peace Studies, and third and fourth years hybrid across both schools. Students may only be in residence at the School of Law during their 1L year, meaning only taking law classes. Students may only be in residence at the Kroc School during their MAPJ-only year, meaning only taking Kroc classes. Below is a sample of a typical four-year academic plan:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<b>First Year</b> Classes may ONLY be taken 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
<b>Summer</b>	Legal externship or possible participation in School of Law Summer Study Abroad.	
<b>Second Year</b> Classes may ONLY be taken 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
<b>Summer</b>	Recommended internship through the Kroc School of Peace	
<b>Third Year</b> Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and Kroc School of Peace Studies	MAPJ Required and Elective Courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	MAPJ Required and Elective Courses JD Required and Electives courses <hr/> 16 units maximum
<b>Summer</b>	Legal or policy-related externship depending on the student's career goals.	
<b>Fourth Year</b> Hybrid year with classes at both the School of Law and Kroc School of Peace Studies	MAPJ Required and Elective Courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum	MAPJ Required and Elective Courses JD Required and Elective courses <hr/> 16 units maximum
<b>Summer</b>	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?**

During your 1L year, and the two hybrid years (taking classes at both the School of Law and Kroc School) you will be billed the School of Law tuition rate, with School of Law scholarships applied. During the MAPJ-only year, you will be billed the Kroc School tuition rate with Kroc School 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](mailto: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.

### **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 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?**

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 MAPJ-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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