

APPENDIX E

Joint Degree Program in Law and Global Indigenous Nations Studies (J.D. /M.A.)

Program Objectives

The objectives of this joint degree program are:

- To broaden the intellectual horizons of both the School of Law and the graduate program in Global Indigenous Nations Studies by facilitating interdisciplinary studies.
- To support the interest of students who wish to pursue study in both fields.
- To provide an educational opportunity that trains candidates for leadership and policy-making roles in Indigenous communities worldwide, in higher education, and in state, national, and international institutions and organizations.

Admissions

Candidates for the joint program must meet the separate admission requirements and be accepted by both the Law School and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' GINSP. You must submit individual applications to, and be separately admitted by, the Law School and GINSP. Admission into one school does not guarantee acceptance by the other school and creates no presumption favoring admission to the other.

Timing of Admissions

You may apply to both degree programs simultaneously, but you are not required to do so. If you are admitted into the Law School program first, you should seek admission into GINSP as soon as possible and must be admitted into that program no later than the end of the Spring semester of your second year of law study.

If you are admitted to the Master's program first, you should seek admission into the Law School program as soon as possible and must be admitted into that program no later than the end of your third semester of study as a Master's student.

NOTE: Some of the Law School and GINSP courses are cross-listed, meaning they have a Law course number and a GINSP course number. Only courses taken under the Law course number will count toward Law school credits. This is an important point, as the manner in which you enroll in classes can affect a timely completion of the dual program, especially if GINSP is started first.

Joint Program Requirements

If you are enrolled in the J.D. /M.A. program, you must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours for the Law degree.

If you are enrolled in GINSP, you must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours for the Master's degree.

If you are enrolled in the joint J.D. /M.A. Program, you may count nine (9) credit hours of approved GINSP courses toward your required 90 Law credit hours and twelve (12) credits hours of approved Law School courses toward your M.A. degree.

You can complete the joint J.D. /M.A. program in seven semesters if you include summer school.

Grading

You must earn a grade of B or better to receive Law credit for your GINSP courses. You must earn a C+ or better to receive M.A. credit for your Law courses.

Completion of Thesis/Non-Thesis & Law School Writing Requirement

You must complete the Thesis/Non-Thesis requirement for GINSP and the Law School's writing requirement. These projects may overlap but must meet each individual degree requirements. For further information, see the Tribal Law and Government Center webpage <http://www.law.ku.edu/academics/triballaw/center/index.shtml>