Dual J.D./MS-Finance

(Juris Doctor / Master of Science in Finance)

The James E. Rogers College of Law
Eller College of Management

The Dual JD/MSF degree program prepares students to practice law in specialized business and finance related areas where obtaining the additional credential of the MSF will help their careers.

The student must meet, independently, the entry requirements of both the J.D. program and the MSF program to be admitted to the Dual JD/MMF program. With the appropriate background, applicants admitted to the James E. Rogers College of Law will likely be admitted to the MSF program. The LSAT will be accepted in lieu of the GMAT when applying to the MSF program for the dual degree.

University policy on dual degrees stipulates that a maximum of 50% of the credit hours for the shorter program may be counted toward both degrees. Therefore, the JD/MSF degree requires a total of 106 units: the 79 units of JD course work, to include 9 units of finance-related law college electives, plus an additional 27 units of required Finance courses, to include 9 units of finance courses applied to the JD requirements.

The J.D. and MSF programs require a student to complete the first year of law school, then one semester (minimum of 12 credit hours) of the MSF program before taking courses from both programs simultaneously. Following completion of the three semesters specified, a student may take both law and MSF courses simultaneously, in order to complete both degrees.

In summary:

JD Degree requirements:  88 units of course work
MSF Degree requirements:  36 units (30 units of course work plus a 6-unit summer project or 36 units of course work)

However:  9 units of JD course work can be counted toward the MSF and 9 units of Finance course work can be counted toward the JD

Therefore, to receive the dual degree, the following are required:

- For the JD degree:
  70 units of course work taken from the JD curriculum
  9 units of course work taken from the JD curriculum to count toward the JD and MSF*
  9 units of 500-level Finance electives* (not including FIN 510, FIN 525, or FIN 909)
  **88 units** meets requirement for the JD degree

- For the JD/MSF degree:  In addition to the 18 units above* that count toward the MSF, 12 units in Finance (not including FIN 510)
  6 units of MSF Project course work (FIN 909) or 6 units in Finance
  **18 units**

**106 Total Units**
Master’s in Finance Courses

The following list identifies the Finance courses available to meet the 27 units for completion of the MSF degree program. Specific courses required for the MSF degree depend on the chosen track of study—Investment Management, Fixed Income or Corporate Finance (https://msf.eller.arizona.edu/tracks). Those identified by an asterisk (*) will not apply to the MSF degree. Those indicated by a diamond (◊) will not apply to the JD degree.

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College of Law Courses

Students in the dual JD/MSF degree program may apply up to nine (9) units of course work in the College of Law towards the MMF degrees. This includes courses in corporate structure and taxation, commercial law, securities regulation and industry, real estate, and international trade.

Examples include:

- 616 Corporations I
- 617 Corporate Finance
- 618 Antitrust
- 632 Multinational Tax
- 633a Sales (Uniform Commercial Code)
- 633c Secured Transactions
- 638 Real Estate Transactions
- 646 Federal Income Tax
- 647 Corporate Taxation
- 658 Securities Regulation
- 662 Bankruptcy
- 663 Introduction to Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy
- 666 NAFTA and Other Regional Trade Agreements
- 683 Pension and Employee Benefit Law
- 696L International Trade Law and Policy
- 696N International Financial and Technology Transfer Law
- 696N International Commercial Transactions