

MDIV/JD

Purpose Statement

The joint degree links the faculties, resources, and educations of a nationally recognized law school and a top-tier seminary, offering to students an education that prepares them well for a multitude of leadership opportunities. Graduates will be fully qualified to serve in a traditional law practice and/or in a congregational setting. Beyond these contexts, the skill sets developed from this program would also allow graduates to serve in non-profit organizations, particularly those focused on human rights, or in careers that provide legal advocacy for society's underserved populations.

Admission

To pursue the joint MDiv/JD degree, a prospective student must make regular application for admission to, and be accepted by, both the Law School and the Seminary. Once admitted to both schools, the student will declare his or her intent to enroll in the joint degree with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Seminary and the Associate Dean of the Law School. Applicants also may begin the coursework in one school before applying for admission to the other program so long as admission to the second program is obtained before completion of the work in the first.

Once admitted to both programs, joint degree students have some flexibility in scheduling their coursework in each school; however, there are stipulations. Because it is generally in their best interest to take the bar examination immediately upon completing their JD degrees, it is recommended that students end the joint degree program with the law school courses. Additionally, MDiv credits earned prior to matriculation at the law school cannot be applied toward the JD degree. If starting with the MDiv, a joint degree student could move to the law school after the first year of seminary and have any later MDiv courses applied to the JD degree. Alternatively, they may choose to begin and complete the MDiv coursework between the first and second or second and third years of their JD coursework.

Advising

All joint degree students are required to meet with the Director of Academic Services at Truett Seminary and the Director of Academic Services & Registrar in the Law School once a year to monitor their academic progress.

Requirements for Master of Divinity

Code	Title	Hours
Spiritual Formation		
PRTH 7101	Spiritual Formation I	1
PRTH 7102	Spiritual Formation II	1
PRTH 7103	Spiritual Formation III	1
PRTH 7004	Spiritual Formation Retreat	0
Introductory Classes ¹		
THEO 7340	Introduction to Christian Scriptures	3
THEO 7341	Introduction to Christian History and Theology	3
Christian Scriptures		
THEO 7370	Christian Scriptures I	3
THEO 7372	Christian Scriptures II	3

THEO 7371	Christian Scriptures III	3
THEO 7373	Christian Scriptures IV	3
Christian Theology		
THEO 7360	Christian Texts and Traditions I	3
THEO 7361	Christian Texts and Traditions II	3
THEO 7362	Christian Texts and Traditions III	3
THEO 7382	Constructive Theology	3
THEO 7396	The Baptist Identity	3
Christian Ministry		
LEAD 7301	Leadership for Ministry	3
or PAST 7330	Introduction to Pastoral Care	
PRCH 7316	Preaching I	3
PRTH 7391	Integrative Seminar: Faith and Practice	3
WOCW 7385	Introduction to Christian Witness and Mission	3
Additional Requirements		
Elective hours		12
Satisfactory academic progress		
Credit from JD Degree		27
Total Hours		87

¹ These are required courses; however, based upon previous academic experience, students may petition to waive or substitute these courses. Introductory courses are waived from the degree plan by passing an advanced standing exam (see the Advanced Standing Policy (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/truett-theological-seminary/academic-regulations/#advanced>)).

Juris Doctor Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
1L Curriculum		
LAW 9101	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication 1: Introduction to Legal Writing, Part 1	2
LAW 9103	Legal Analysis, Research & Communication 2: Introduction to Legal Writing, Part 2	1
LAW 9104	Legal Analysis, Research & Communication 4: Transactional Drafting	1
LAW 9105	Legal Analysis, Research & Communication 5: Litigation Drafting	1
LAW 9203	Legal Analysis, Research & Writing 3: Persuasive Communications	2
LAW 9207	Taxation & Accounting Principles for Lawyers	2
LAW 9405	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 9407	Contracts 1	4
LAW 9408	Contracts 2	4
LAW 9303	Criminal Law	3,3
LAW 9356	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 9401	Constitutional Law: Structure, Power & Legislation	4
LAW 9411	Property 1	4
LAW 9312	Property 2	3
LAW 9413	Torts 1	4

LAW 9314	Torts 2	3
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2L Curriculum

LAW 9521	Business Organizations 1	5
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LAW 9504	Trusts and Estates	5
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LAW 9326	Remedies	3
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LAW 9301	Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties	3
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Law School Electives		24
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3L Curriculum

LAW 9527	Practice Court 1: Pretrial Practice & Procedure	5
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LAW 9520	Practice Court 2: Trial Evidence, Procedure & Practice	5
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LAW 9528	Practice Court 3: Trial & Post-Trial Practice, Procedure & Evidence	5
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LAW 9229	Professional Responsibility	2
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Law School Electives		13
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Total Hours		115
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Requirement	Hours
Total Hours taken in the Law School	114 quarter hours
Credit from MDiv Degree	12 quarter hours
Total Hours for JD	126 quarter hours

Master of Divinity/Juris Doctor Degree

Requirement	Hours
Master of Divinity Degree	60 semester hours (84 quarter hours)
Juris Doctor Degree	114 quarter hours (81.4 semester hours)
Total Hours	141.4 semester hours (198 quarter hours)