

## **Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Construction Management Joint Degree Program**

Florida International University (College of Law and College of Engineering and Computing) offers a joint degree program culminating in both a Juris Doctor degree, awarded by the College of Law, and a Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM) degree, awarded by the College of Engineering and Computing.

Under this joint degree program, a student can obtain expertise in both fields (construction and law) in significantly less time than it would take to obtain both degrees if pursued consecutively.

Essential criteria relating to this joint degree program are as follows:

1. Candidates for the program must meet the entrance requirements for and be accepted by both Colleges. Both Colleges must be informed by the student at the time of application to the second program that the student intends to pursue the joint degree.
2. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned one degree.
3. For law students, enrollment in the MSCM program is required no later than the completion of 63 credit hours in the J.D. program. For MSCM students, enrollment in the J. D. program is required no later than the end of the first semester after beginning the MSCM program. A summer session is counted as a full semester for the MSCM program.
4. The College of Law will allow 9 credit hours of construction management courses earned with a 3.0 or higher to be credited toward both the J.D. degree. These 9 credit hours will be in lieu of three elective courses required for the J.D. degree. Foundation courses must be completed prior to application to the joint degree and cannot be substituted with any MSCM courses. Reciprocally, MSCM students may receive 9 credit hours toward the satisfaction of the MSCM degree for courses taken in the College of Law curriculum upon completion of the MSCM degree curriculum with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. These 9 credit hours law courses will be in lieu of electives required for the MSCM degree. The students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in each of the three law courses for inclusion in their MSCM degree program.
5. A student enrolled in the joint degree program may begin their studies in either College, but full-time law students must take the first two semesters of law study consecutively and part-time law students must take the first three semesters of law study consecutively. Students enrolled in the MSCM program must be enrolled at least in one course in any given semester during his/her entire course of study. Students admitted to one College but electing to begin study in the other College under the combined degree program may enter the second College thereafter without once again qualifying for admission so long as they have notified the second College before the end of the first week of the first semester in the second College and are in good academic standing when studies commence in the second College.
6. A student enrolled in the joint degree program can receive either degree if the student has satisfied all of the requirements for that degree.