Law & Master of Library Science

University law libraries are transforming into increasingly comprehensive research centers, and organizations are creating and supporting complex databases for case law. The dual Master of Library Science / Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) will help you thrive in these environments and others, as a law librarian or information specialist.

You'll also earn two degrees in fewer credit hours—and less time—than it would take to earn them separately.

The IU Maurer School of Law offers the J.D.

How to Apply

You must apply for admission to—and meet the admission requirements for—both programs. See our program’s information for domestic students and international students.

Requirements (Minimum of 109 Credit Hours)

M.L.S. Foundation Requirements (18 cr.)

M.L.S. digital literacy requirement.

Complete one course from each of the foundation areas below.

Approach professional issues with understanding (3 cr.)

- Z510 Introduction to Information Studies: Must be fulfilled before you complete 18 credit hours

Assist and educate users, and develop and manage collections of information resources (3 cr.)
• Z501 User Services and Tools

Represent and organize information resources (3 cr.)

• Z503 Representation and Organization

Manage and lead libraries and other information organizations (3 cr.)

• Z551 Library Management
• Z552 Academic Library Management
• Z553 Public Library Management
• Z671 School Media

Use research effectively (3 cr.)

• Z505 Evaluation of Resources and Services
• Z506 Introduction to Research: Z501 and Z502 are prerequisites.

Deploy information technologies in effective and innovative ways (3 cr.): Courses in this list that are also M.I.S. requirements can count for both requirements.

• Z511 Database Design
• Z512 Information Systems Design
• Z516 Human Computer Interaction
• Z517 Web Programming
• Z532 Information Architecture for the Web
• Z534 Information Retrieval
• Z554 Library Systems
• Z556 Systems Analysis and Design
• Z634 Metadata
• Z636 Semantic Web
• Z637 Information Visualization
• Z652 Digital Libraries
• Z656 Information Technology Standardization
• Z661 Concepts and Contemporary Issues in Human-Computer Interaction

Additional M.L.S. Requirement (6 cr.)

• Z525 Government Information
• Z654 Law Librarianship

M.L.S. Electives (9 cr.)

Choose from information and library science courses. Z533 Online Searching and Z640 Seminar in Intellectual Freedom are particularly appropriate.

J.D. Requirements (79 cr.)

The IU Maurer School of Law provides information about the J.D. requirements.

Graduation

You will graduate after you finish both degrees—the degrees must be awarded simultaneously.
Tuition Rates

Different Indiana University schools charge different graduate tuition rates. For dual degrees, you will be coded in one of the two schools and pay that school’s tuition rate. To switch to the other school’s tuition rate, contact that department’s recorder as you near the halfway point in your program.

IU Resources and Professional Development

- [American Association of Law Libraries scholarships](#)
- [Law and Political Science Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)](#)
- [Law Library at the IU Maurer School of Law](#)
- [Legal Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA)](#)

Pre-Fall 2013 Requirements

If you began the M.L.S. / J.D. before fall 2013, you have different requirements. See the requirements »