**LAW, JD/POLITICAL SCIENCE, MA**

**Degree:** Master of Arts (MA)  
**Field of Study:** Political Science  
**Program Information:** bulletin.case.edu/arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ma/

**Degree:** Juris Doctor (JD)  
**Program Information:** bulletin.case.edu/law/programs/law-jd

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**Program Overview**

For students in dual degree programs, students must be separately admitted to both degree programs in order to pursue a dual degree, the qualitative requirements of both degrees must be fully met, and the two degrees must be earned simultaneously. Students must begin coursework in the second degree program prior to beginning the fifth semester of law school work. Also, no coursework completed prior to official matriculation in the law school may be counted towards the law school degree.

**Admissions**

Students accepted to the School of Law may pursue a Master of Arts in Political Science in conjunction with their JD degree. Students wishing to enroll in the dual-degree program must be separately admitted to each program, but the department will waive the GRE requirement and accept the LSAT in the admissions process.

**Program Requirements**

Completion of the program requires 97 hours of course work, and so would be expected to require seven semesters. Students must complete a total of 21 hours of credit within the political science department, including at least three credit hours in American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods. Dual-degree students will normally begin study in the law school and defer enrollment in the MA program until their second year. They must either pass the MA comprehensive examination or complete an MA Thesis upon completion of their political science course work. Up to six hours of POSC 651 Thesis M.A., may count towards the required credit hours for the degree.