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Students may enroll in an approved joint degree program with another College of the University. At present, there are two such programs: a joint J.D./M.B.A. (Masters of Business Administration) and a joint J.D./M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration).

B.1 MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.)

A J.D./M.B.A. student may earn law school credit pursuant to the dual degree requirements approved by the faculties of the College of Law and the College of Business & Economics and provided to students admitted to that program. (See below for program requirements.) J.D./M.B.A. students receive twelve credits toward the J.D. degree if the M.B.A. degree is awarded concurrently with the J.D. degree, which means that at least 79 J.D. credit hours are required. Grades earned in business school classes do not affect the cumulative law school GPA. Professor Jena Martin is the College of Law contact person for the J.D./M.B.A. program.

*The College of Law's perspective requirement is met by completing the dual-degree. Also, the capstone requirement is met by completing Business Transactions Drafting, which is required in the J.D./M.B.A. program.

**Students may substitute up to two (2) of the courses marked with a double-asterisk with approval from the J.D./M.B.A. advisor.

***Students are strongly encouraged (but not required) to take the Entrepreneurship Clinic (14 hours) as part of their J.D./M.B.A. electives. Admission into the clinic is subject to the standard admission procedures for Clinics.

B.2 MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (M.P.A.)

A J.D./M.P.A. student may earn law school credit for one M.P.A. course (up to four hours) if that course is taken after the student has entered the College of Law and been admitted to the joint degree program. If the M.P.A. degree is awarded before or concurrently with the J.D. degree, an M.P.A. student may receive an additional two hours of law school credit for courses included in the M.P.A. degree that the student takes while enrolled in the College of Law. Additionally, the College of Law’s perspective requirement is met by completing the dual-degree. Grades earned in Public Administration do not affect the cumulative law school GPA. Professor James Van Nostrand is the College of Law contact person for the J.D./M.P.A. program.

B.3 J.D./LL.M IN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAW

College of Law students may earn credit toward the College of Law Energy and Sustainable Development L.L.M. while finalizing their J.D. degree. College of Law students can apply for the program at the end of their 2L year (approximately May 1). Applications must be received by June 15.

Current J.D./LL.M. students must complete their J.D. with an Area of Emphasis on Energy and Sustainable Development Law (http://www.law.wvu.edu/academics/academic-programs/energy-sustainable-development-law-concentration/). Following completion and conferral of the J.D. degree and after completing the requirements for the Energy and Sustainable Development Area of Emphasis, students must complete an additional 14 credits of coursework that qualify for the LL.M. in Energy and Sustainable Development Law, including the LL.M. Seminar and LL.M. Capstone. Students seeking this J.D./LL.M. shall endeavor to obtain a clinical opportunity in an appropriate clinic or a relevant externship opportunity, and if unable to do so, shall enroll in such other experiential learning opportunity (including Business Transactions Drafting and Trial Advocacy), which is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Energy and Sustainable Development Area of Emphasis.

Students from other law schools may apply for the program starting on February 1 each year. Applications to the J.D./LL.M program must be received by June 15.

In order to be admitted to the J.D./LL.M. program, at student must apply to attend WVU Law as a visiting student for their entire 3L year. Visiting students from other law schools should state the intent to pursue the J.D./LL.M. in Energy & Sustainable Development Law as the primary reason for seeking admission as a visiting student. A visiting student must include in his or her application to attend WVU Law a letter from the applicant's Dean (or equivalent) authorizing the student's attendance at WVU Law and stating that the home school will agree to transfer credits earned at WVU Law.

Visiting students must complete the coursework for the Energy & Sustainable Development Law Area of Emphasis in their 3L year while attending WVU Law. Some courses taken at a student's home institution may be approved to satisfy some area of emphasis requirements. Visiting students must take a
minimum of nine credit hours in qualifying courses (related to the area of emphasis) while visiting at WVU Law, in addition to the required LL.M. courses. In addition to the coursework required, students will be required to complete all their LL.M. Degree requirements, including the research paper or field work requirement and the portfolio of work. Professor Jamie Van Nostrand is the College of Law advisor and contact person for the J.D./LL.M. program.