

Joint Degree Enrollment

Students enrolled at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law may enroll in one of several joint degree programs approved by the Cumberland faculty. In order to register for courses in these programs, students must complete this form step by step and return it to the office of Law Student Records. Please read below section 210 of Cumberland's Academic Standards which pertains to joint degree programs.

210 JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

(a) General Policies: The law school participates in certain joint degree programs permitting J.D. students to earn an additional degree in concert with study for the J.D. degree. The details vary from program to program, but the typical joint degree program permits the participating student to count certain hours of credit in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements, and to count certain hours of credit in the J.D. program toward the other degree requirements. Courses taken prior to matriculation in the law school's J.D. program may not be counted toward the J.D. degree requirements.

(b) Eligibility: To be classified as a joint degree student in the law school, a student must have completed the first year of the J.D. degree program and must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in the J.D. program at the end of the first year of law school (or, if later, at the time of admission to the joint degree program).

(c) Time J.D. Degree Will Be Awarded: A student participating in a joint degree program will not be permitted to count the credit hours for courses taken in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements unless and until the other degree is awarded following completion of all applicable requirements.

(d) Calculation of Grade Point Averages: In calculating a joint degree student's grade point average for all law school purposes (including class rank and honors granted by the law school), only courses taken in the law school shall be considered.

(e) Law Course Selection: Joint degree students may receive no more than ten (10) credit hours toward the J. D. degree for law courses (other than approved distance-learning courses) that do not have regularly scheduled class sessions. Courses to which this ten-hour limit apply include the following: Law 720 & 721 (Directed Research I & II), Law 908-917 (Externship Placements), Law 751 & 752 (Legal Research Teaching Assistant), Law 722 (Law Review Writing Seminar), and Law 733 (Trial Journal Writing Seminar).