

JD/MPA OU Degree Requirements

Cooley JD Degree Requirements:

Cooley students *must* complete a total of 90 credit hours and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. Of the 90 hours, 63 are required courses and a minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained in required courses. The required courses are designed to prepare students to successfully pass the bar and enter practice in any jurisdiction in the United States. The remaining class work consists of 27 hours of electives, allowing students to focus their electives in their chosen area of practice. For more information visit cooley.edu.

OU MPA Degree Requirements:

MPA degree students must complete 40 credits and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. A core program of 24 hours is required. All core classes must be taken at Oakland University. The program is structured to provide a focus of 12 elective credits on top of the generalized core. Students with limited or no background in statistics, accounting, and macro-economics are provided foundation courses to correct these deficiencies. In addition, students are expected to complete either a 4-credit internship or a research project. For more information visit www2.oakland.edu/mpa.

Note:

- All J.D. requirements should be fulfilled within six years of completing the first law course. Similarly, Oakland University policies require that all master's-level requirements must be completed within six years of enrolling in the first Oakland University graduate course. Exceptions to these six-year limits may sometimes be granted by both institutions for extenuating, documented reasons.
- Students whose first course work as a degree partnership student is at Cooley Law School must satisfactorily complete 27 credits of Cooley courses before taking their first Oakland University MPA course. Students whose first course work is at Oakland University may begin taking Cooley Law School courses after registering for at least three credits in the MPA program.
- Students pay tuition and fees for Cooley Law School courses at the established Cooley rates and pay tuition and fees for Oakland University courses at that school's rates. In general, students may receive financial aid at one or the other institution in a given semester. Financial aid will be coordinated by Cooley Law School and Oakland University to determine the maximum award that most benefits each partnership student within Federal regulations.
- Students are always advised to avoid combined course loads at both institutions that might jeopardize their good academic standing. At Cooley Law School, a student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to remain in good academic standing. At Oakland University, a student must maintain a 3.0 or higher.