

## Dual-degree program: MD/JD

Juris doctor



# Training physicians of the future in the intellectual disciplines and practices of medicine and law

Physicians of the future are not only doctors, but also economists, administrators and problem solvers working toward the common goal of improving patient care. Answering the nation's need to transform medical school education, Mayo Clinic School of Medicine and Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law have created the MD/JD dual-degree program.

Combining your MD degree with a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU will prepare you for leadership roles in a variety of health care institutions, for developing health care policies for governmental agencies or nonprofit organizations, and for careers in medical and legal education. The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law is one of the nation's preeminent law schools, conveniently located on ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus.

The JD provides students with the following knowledge and skills:

- Case law and statutory rules related to health care
- Legal research, analysis, reasoning and problem-solving

- Written and oral communication in the legal context
- Professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and the legal system

### Curriculum overview

The MD/JD can be completed in six years. Medical students admitted into the program complete two years of courses at ASU Law, including one summer, then return to their medical studies. During their final year of medical studies, they complete a four-credit capstone project that ties together their medical and legal training. Courses cover legal doctrine and theory, provide experiential learning opportunities, and include a variety of courses related to health care, including the opportunity to do independent study projects with an MD/JD professor.

"The glory of medicine is that it is constantly moving forward, that there is always more to learn."

— William J. Mayo, M.D.

#### Best law school

**#25**  
in the U.S.

— U.S. News & World Report

#### Health law

**#16**  
in the U.S.

— U.S. News & World Report

#### Passing bar exam in Arizona

**#1**  
in Arizona

— Arizona Bar Exam

#### Top 10 in the U.S. for employability

**#9**  
in the U.S.

— Global University Employability Survey 2016

#### Best value

**#16**  
in the U.S.

— National Jurist 2015

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— Rachel Lindor, MD, JD, instructor of Emergency Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine



“My JD has enabled me to view health care in general and the practice of medicine in particular through a new lens. The degree opened doors, identified new opportunities and, most important, has allowed me to be a resource for colleagues and patients.”

— John Shufeldt, MD, JD, chief medical officer, San Carlos Apache Healthcare Co.

## Degree requirements

Program length: Two years (including summer after the first year)

Students must complete a total of 88 JD credit hours to graduate, including all of the following:

- 30 credits of prescribed course work during the first JD year
- Two to eight credits satisfying two writing requirements
- Six credits of experiential learning
- One four-credit capstone project to be completed during the final year of the MD degree
- Electives

Students will be awarded their JD at the same time they receive their MD.

## Admission

Application deadline: March 1

Applicants must take the Law School Admission Test and submit exam scores, along with a completed application, to the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law to be considered for admission to the JD program.

Full-time 2018	Tuition and fees*
Nonresident JD	\$134,664
Dual-degree MD/JD	\$76,632

\*Technology, financial aid trust and other mandatory university fees may apply.

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— U.S. News & World Report 2016, 2017 and 2018



## FAQs

### When do I need to apply?

While our regular admission application deadline is March 1, we encourage people to apply as early as August 15 to help secure a seat. There is an upside in signaling your interest early. For instance, you will be invited to various events on campus to learn more about law school. We can tailor your experience by matching you with MD/JD alumni and advisors. We can also help you plan financially.

### Do I have to take the LSAT?

Yes. We encourage you to take the Law School Admission Test no later than September or October. You must take the LSAT no later than February for regular admission on March 1. You will need to register with the Law School Admission Council Credential Assembly Service, complete the LSAC electronic application, and submit a complete application to ASU Law.

### What kind of financial support is available?

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we award millions of dollars in scholarships each year. All admitted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships and will be notified if additional information is required.

### What is the average LSAT score for admission?

Average scores for 2016 were:

- LSAT: 75 percentile (164); 50 percentile (162); 25 percentile (157)
- GPA: 75 percentile (3.87); 50 percentile (3.75); 25 percentile (3.36)

### Whom should I contact for information?

All Mayo Clinic students and staff must indicate their intention to apply for this program to:

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