JOINT MASTER OF ARTS IN THE
ELLIOTT SCHOOL AND JURIS
DOCTOR DEGREE

The Elliott School of International Affairs cooperates with the Law
School in offering a program of study leading to a joint master of arts
and juris doctor degree. Student must be accepted for admission
by both schools; applications should be made separately to each
school, with a notice of interest in the joint program. The Law
School stipulates that the first year of coursework for the Juris Doctor
degree must be taken as a unit; students should consult with the Law
School’s Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

As part of this program, each school accepts up to 12 credits
of coursework from the other school in fulfillment of its degree
requirements. The Elliott School MA portion of the program may
not include a thesis. The joint program takes approximately four
years of full-time study for completion. All requirements for both
degrees must be fulfilled. As degrees in joint programs are awarded
simultaneously, degree requirements for both programs must be
met before either degree is awarded. Joint degree students must
apply for graduation from both schools. All work for this joint degree
program must be completed in five years, unless an extension of
time is granted by the respective deans.

Visit the Elliott School (https://elliott.gwu.edu/joint-and-dual-
degrees/) and Law School (https://www.law.gwu.edu/joint-
degrees/) websites for additional information