



JD/MPS COMMITMENT OF COMMITTEE FORM

Juris Doctor (JD) & Master of Professional Science (MPS) Programs

This form is to be completed by JD/MPS students dually enrolled in the UM School of Law and the MPS program who intend to use an approved piece of work from their law studies to substitute the MPS internship requirement. Please read the details provided in this document carefully before signing. Digital/electronic **or** handwritten signatures accepted. **All signatures must be provided on one form.**

STUDENT: _____
Name (print) Track

UM E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Anticipated Graduation Term/Year (Ex: Fall 2024): _____

COMMITTEE CHAIR: _____
Name (print)

UM E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

COMMITTEE MEMBER 2: _____
Name (print)

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

COMMITTEE MEMBER 3: _____
(OPTIONAL) Name (print)

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE TO STUDENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

JD/MPS students are expected to assemble a graduate committee of at least **two (2) members**:

- 1) A Committee Chair chosen from the Rosenstiel School faculty who holds a PhD degree
- 2) One faculty member from the UM School of Law, another Rosenstiel faculty member, or an external committee member

Each committee member should be an expert in the topic of the student's MPS Final Report topic. **Active students at any institution (MS or PhD) cannot serve on an MPS student's committee.**

All JD/MPS students are required to submit a detailed Final Report during the final semester of their dual-degree program (exempt from submitting a project proposal). Students may use their required upper-class research paper, law review, report from a legal internship (related to MPS concentration), or paper published in their law journal at the UM School of Law to fulfill the Final Report requirement. The student's work in the joint program, whether related to courses, seminars, or an individual research project at the School of Law or the Rosenstiel School, must result in a substantial written analysis (publishable quality) of marine law, policy, or related scientific issues. The Final Report topic must be vetted and approved by all committee members.

JD/MPS students may host an oral presentation at the request of their committee, but this requirement is optional. Further details about degree requirements and program milestones can be found in the [MPS Student Handbook and Dual-Degree JD/MPS Track List](#).

COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee Chair*

- Should be an individual from the Rosenstiel School faculty who holds a PhD degree. **This person can be different from the student's Academic Advisor.**
- Acts as a resource to the student regarding career guidance and development of the Final Report and, if requested, the oral presentation.
- Acts as the authority on deciding if the scope of the Final Report is satisfactory for the graduate degree.

*** Students should identify their Chair no later than the last day to add a course of your final semester.**

All Committee Members

- Expected to maintain regular communication with the student to ensure progress and compliance with the MPS program requirements and expectations.
- Review and approve the student's paperwork, Final Report, and oral presentation (optional).
- Attend the oral presentation during the student's last semester in residence (if applicable).

Any problems that may arise with the Final Report that cannot be resolved by the committee should be brought to the attention of the MPS Office immediately.

SIGNATURES

I, the JD/MPS student, agree to execute the requirements and uphold the expectations of the MPS degree program to the best of my ability. I will submit an upper-class research paper, or law review, at the UM School of Law to substitute the MPS internship requirement and to fulfill the Final Report requirement. If requested by my committee, I agree to deliver an oral presentation of my work during my final semester in residence.

Student Signature:

Signature

Date

As a committee member, I understand and take responsibility for carrying out the obligations of serving on the above JD/MPS student's committee. Signing this form indicates that I support and agree with the details, expectations, and proposed contributory plan for the commitment outlined with this document.

Committee Signatures:

Committee Chair

Date

Committee Member #2

Date

Committee Member #3
(optional)

Date

After acquiring all committee members' signatures on one page, submit this form to mps@earth.miami.edu. The MPS Office staff will review the form for accuracy and submit completed forms to the MPS Program Director for final approval. **This form is due to the MPS Office no later than the last day to add a course of your, the student's, final semester.**

All questions and concerns should be addressed to the MPS Office during regular hours of operation from Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET.

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Approved:

MPS Program Director

Date