

## MASTER OF ARTS IN SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Lawyers are increasingly serving as development planners and policy makers in the US and abroad, working toward a global society free of poverty, preventable disease and environmental degradation. Together with the Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, the School of Law offers a dual-degree JD/MA in Sustainable International Development. The accelerated four-year program, including combined law/international development co-ops, gives students experience in applying the law in an international development context.

### Sample schedule for dual-degree candidates:

Year One		Year Two				Year Three			Year Four				GRADUATION
Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	
First-Year Law Curriculum (No Co-op)		Law Co-op	Law School Courses	Law Co-op	Law School Courses	Courses at Brandeis			Law School Courses	Law/SID Co-op	Law School Courses	Final Law/SID Co-op; Brandeis Capstone	

### CURRICULUM

Completion of the JD/MA dual-degree program takes four years, rather than the average five years if the degrees were obtained separately. A carefully sequenced curriculum allows some courses at each school to count for credit in both programs.

### EXAMPLES OF NORTHEASTERN COURSES IN THE PROGRAM:

- Asylum/Refugee Law
- Comparative Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Policy
- Immigration Law
- International Business Regulation
- International Human Rights
- Law and Development
- Public International Law

### EXAMPLES OF BRANDEIS COURSES IN THE PROGRAM:

- Economics for Management and Social Policy
- Frameworks for Development
- Gender Analysis in Development Planning
- Leadership and Organizational Behavior
- Micro-Enterprise Development and Finance
- Natural Resources Management
- Religion and Development
- Rights-Based Approach to Development
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Sustainable Energy: Technology and Economics
- Theory and Analysis of Social Policy
- World Health

### EXAMPLES OF CO-OPS IN THE SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FIELD:

- Alternatives for Community and Environment, Boston
- Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva, Switzerland
- Ceres, Inc., Boston
- Conservation Law Foundation, Boston
- Global Justice Center, New York
- Global Rights, Washington, DC
- Human Rights First, New York
- International Consortium for Law and Development, Boston

- International Rescue Committee, New York
- Liberty, London, England
- National Center for Law and Economic Justice, New York
- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Washington, DC
- Oxfam America, Boston

### ADMISSION

Candidates for the JD/MA program must independently apply and gain admission to each program. While admission to the School of Law is a prerequisite for admission to the dual-degree program, it does not guarantee admission to the Heller School program. Students should apply online to the law school through LSAC or by downloading a paper application from the law school Website. The Heller School application is available at [www.heller.brandeis.edu/sid](http://www.heller.brandeis.edu/sid). Northeastern will forward the law admission file to Brandeis, including letters of recommendation, test scores and transcripts. GRE scores are not required for admission to the Heller School program.

The JD/MA dual-degree program also accepts applications during a law student's first or second year of law school or from students transferring to the law school. Students in the master's program at the Heller School may apply to the law school during their first year of studies, provided they take the LSAT by December and apply by March 1.



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