

# **EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT / LAW, M.E.E.R.M. / J.D.**

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## **Admission**

The combined J.D./M.E.E.R.M. program requires that students be accepted independently into each of the programs, that the students begin their first year with courses exclusively in the Joseph F. Rice School of Law, and that the remaining years be divided between the two programs. Upon acceptance by both programs, students must complete a dual degree form. Acceptance into one program does not affect the decision of the other school with regards to admission. Upon admission to the dual degree program, the student must select electives from an approved list of courses.

## **Degree Requirements M.E.E.R.M. (36 Hours) / J.D. ( 90 Hours)**

The Environment and Sustainability Program in cooperation with the USC Joseph F. Rice School of Law and The Graduate School offers a dual degree program. The dual degree program, the Master of Earth and Environmental Resources Management (M.E.E.R.M.) and law degree (J.D.), permits students to complete the joint program in approximately four years. Through the combined program, the total course load may be reduced by as many as 18 credit hours from that required if the two degrees were earned separately, since up to 9 hours of electives toward the M.E.E.R.M. degree may be taken in approved law courses and 9 hours of electives toward the J.D. may be earned in the M.E.E.R.M. program.