

BIOLOGY/LAW, BA/JD

Pace University offers an accelerated six-year combined degree program, allowing students to earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Biology and a Juris Doctor (JD) from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pace.edu%2Fflaw%2Facademics%2Fdual-and-joint-degrees&data=05%7C02%7Cjirtman%40pace.edu%7C299251bbcecf4b0e9ddc08de7bc7256e%7C0799c53eca9a49e88901064a6412a41d%7C0%7C0%7C639084292412317302%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFPbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZgcXesbLmMj1g%2Bim79ez9OI0aCEhc3L45JXvTUEvq7Q%3D&reserved=0>). This program prepares students for specialized legal fields such as environmental, patent, and biomedical law, requiring a 120-credit BA and subsequent law school admission.

Program Details and Structure:

- **Accelerated Timeline:** The program allows for completion of both degrees in six years.
- **Application Process:** Students typically apply for the program early in their sophomore year, with separate, rigorous admissions processes for both the undergraduate and law school components.
- **Curriculum:** The BA in Biology requires 120 credits, focusing on fundamental biological concepts, while the JD requires the standard law curriculum.
- **Admission Criteria:** Successful candidates usually apply in their junior year and must meet all established criteria, including a competitive LSAT score.
- **Focus Areas:** This pathway is specifically designed for students aiming for careers in patent law, environmental law, or policy, leveraging a science background in legal practice.

Efficiency: Saves time and potentially tuition by overlapping undergraduate and legal studies.

- **Versatility:** The BA in Biology provides a flexible, STEM-designated foundation that, unlike the BS, allows for more liberal arts coursework, making it easier to double-major or minor, as well as more easily complete the combined degree.

Interested students should contact the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences for advising on the specific sequence of courses to ensure all undergraduate requirements are met before starting the law curriculum.