

Double J.D. Program for Doshisha Law Students/Recent Graduates

Requirements for acceptance to
Michigan State University College of Law J.D. Program 2025-2026

This program makes it possible for Doshisha Law students and Doshisha Law School graduates to obtain a J.D. degree from Michigan State University College of Law (MSU) in two years rather than the three years typically required. Graduation from a J.D. program at an American Bar Association (ABA)-accredited institution such as MSU confers eligibility to sit for the bar exam in every American State. The MSU program can be completed before graduation from Doshisha Law School (therefore not interfering with the Japanese bar exam). The program can also be completed after graduation from Doshisha Law School. Incoming students, currently-enrolled students and recent graduates of Doshisha Law School are welcome to apply.

The program allows for accelerated completion of the MSU J.D. program through recognition of up to 29 credits of Doshisha Law course work. In addition to saving one year's worth of MSU tuition, MSU is also offering a discount of at least 25% on non-resident tuition for the remaining hours. Additional tuition discounts may also be granted to Doshisha Law applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic performance.

Timing of application and admission to MSU J.D. Program

To apply for admission to MSU for fall of 2025, applicants should apply no later than May 31, 2025. Early applications for admissions in later years (e.g. Fall 2026) will also be considered.

Restrictions

In accordance with American Bar Association accreditation rules, Doshisha Law graduates who wish to apply to the MSU J.D. Program and obtain transfer credit for Doshisha Law coursework, must begin their studies at MSU within 72 months of their graduation from Doshisha Law School.

Application Fees

The standard application fee is not required for Doshisha Law Students and Alumni.

Application Requirements

- Current Doshisha Law Students must be in good academic standing
*Students must obtain at least 29 credits at Doshisha Law School to be admitted for MSU J.D. program, but may apply before doing so, in which case you will be required to submit transcripts to MSU when available.
- English transcript of Doshisha Law Course work (showing graduation, if applying as alumni)
- Recommendation letter from Doshisha Law faculty member (in English).
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores showing: TOEFL—overall score of 100 or greater, OR
IELTS—overall score of 8 or greater *
*Applicants who are close to but do not fully satisfy the English requirements or wish to demonstrate fluency through other means may request a waiver. Acceptance in such case may be contingent upon participating in supplementary legal English training.
- By applying to this program you consent to your personal information (including information relating to your academic performance at Doshisha Law School as well as TOEFL, IELTS and other test scores) being shared with MSU so that MSU may make provisional and final admission decisions and keep necessary records of its evaluation process.

****NOTE: APPLICANTS DO NOT NEED TO TAKE THE LSAT OR SUBMIT LSAT TEST SCORES**

How to Apply

- If you are applying for admission to Doshisha Law School, currently a Doshisha Law School student, or a recent Doshisha Law School graduate, please fill out, sign, date and submit the application form via e-mail (in PDF format) to: ji-ls@mail.doshisha.ac.jp

By fax to: **81-75-251-3069** or by express mail (速達) to:

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