GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TABLE: J.D./M.M.A. JOINT DEGREE

	Roger Williams University School of Law J.D.	University of Rhode Island Department of Marine Affairs M.M.A.
Credit Hours	90 Hours total, Including up to 9 credits transferred from URI for selected courses.	30 Hours total, Including up to 6 credits transferred from RWU for select courses.
	*A semester load of more than 16 hours requires a variance.	*A semester load of more than 15 hours requires a variance when obligations of both universities are considered.
Required Courses	Civil Procedure I & II (Law 600/601) Constitutional Law I & II (Law 639/760) Contracts I & II (Law 604/605) Criminal Law (Law 623) Criminal Procedure: Investigation (Law 627) Evidence (LAW 645) Legal Practice I & II (Law 610/611) Legal Practice III* (Law 646) Professional Responsibility (Law 655) Property (Law 622) Torts I & II (Law 616/617) Year Two: Electives (13-15 credits) Year Three: Legal Practice Upper Level Courses (1 course – may be taken in Year Two) Electives (28-32 credits) Graduation Requirements: Writing Requirement Pro Bono Experiential Learning Requirement	Economics of Marine Resources (EEC 514, Spring) International Ocean Law (MAF 577, Fall) Marine Affairs Seminar (MAF 651, Fall) Master's Research Project (MAF 589, either) Ocean Uses and Marine Sciences (MAF 511, Fall)
	*Begins with Class of 2017	
Transfer Credits	RWU accepts 9 hours of transfer credit from the following URI courses: Coastal Ecosystem Governance Economics of Marine Resources Fisheries Law & Management International Ocean Organizations Master's Project Research Port Operations & Policy Coastal Zone Law Federal Ocean Policy & Organization International Ocean Law Marine Pollution Policy Ocean Uses & Marine Sciences Port Operations & Policy	URI accepts 6 hours of transfer credit from the following RWU courses: Administrative Law Climate Change Law & Policy Environmental Law Land Use Planning Maritime Practice & Procedure Ocean & Coastal Law Zoning the Ocean: Planning for Ocean Resource Use
	A "C" or 2.00 cumulative average is required for graduation.	A "B" cumulative average or 3.00 is required for degree candidate status and graduation.



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Writing Requirement	In order to graduate, every student, under the direction of a faculty member, must individually author a substantial, independently researched written work or body of work reflecting complex legal analysis. To qualify, the work or body of work must be at least 5,000 words in typed form, exclusive of notes, and must reflect an intensive drafting and revision process, which should generally include the submission of an outline and one or more drafts prior to the final paper, or a comparably rigorous writing process. A student may fulfill the writing requirement only by: (a) A directed research paper or papers prepared under the supervision of a full-time faculty member provided that the paper or papers earned a grade of "C" or higher; (b) A seminar or course paper or papers where the paper or papers count(s) for at least one-half of the grade given by the full-time or adjunct faculty member provided that the paper or papers each earned a grade of "C" or higher; (c) A paper submitted to acquire or maintain Law Review membership which is approved by the Law Review Editorial Board and the Faculty Advisor and for which academic credit is awarded; (d) A paper singled out for recognition in a national writing competition and approved by the Associate Dean; or (e) A paper written while enrolled in law school which is published in a scholarly periodical, journal or treatise and which is approved by the Associate Dean Dean providing approval must certify the student's compliance with the writing requirement on appropriate forms. To assure uniformity in the treatment of the papers supervised by adjunct faculty in seminars, the Associate Dean is obliged to review the papers before they are certified as satisfying the requirement. Every graduating student must submit her or his writing requirement by November 15 (fall graduates) or April 15 (spring graduates) to allow for processing.	Each candidate shall prepare a Masters' Research Project (MAF 589) that will demonstrate ability to perform and report independent research in a scholarly fashion. Joint Degree candidates should pursue a topic and appropriate faculty member as a research advisor during their second semester and submit a proposal to the faculty member during the semester/summer prior to signing up for MAF 589. To register for MAF 589 meet with a MAF faculty member during her/his office hours to confirm your topic and the willingness of the faculty member to participate. Sign up for the section of MAF 589 that corresponds with the faculty member's name after you obtain approval of your topic. Most projects range between 75 and 125 pages.
Other Requirements	PRO BONO EXPERENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT Prior to graduation each student must engage in fifty (50) hours of law-related public service. Services satisfying this requirement must be donated; neither monetary compensation nor academic credit may be exchanged for the services. A public service means working with indigent clients, non-profit organizations (including, but not limited to 501(c)(3) organizations), public interest groups, and private practitioners handling <i>pro bono</i> cases. The law school's Associate Director of Pro Bono Programs will oversee the placement of students in public service opportunities and will certify satisfactory completion of this requirement. Every graduating student must complete his or her public service no later than thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated graduation date in order to allow for processing.	PROGRAM OF STUDY All candidates must prepare a program of study with the guidance of the Master's Program Coordinate or their major professor and submit it to the Dean of the Graduate School. The program of study ensures that students, at an early stage in their study, organize coherent, individualized plans for their course work and research activities. No degree may be awarded for credits without an approved program of study. Courses should be concentrated in the candidate's field of interest and related areas to produce a well-developed and coherent plan. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION All students in the M.M.A. /J.D. program must take a written comprehensive examination which will be administered toward the end of the student's last semester. The exam focuses on material in the required courses (MAF 511, MAF 577, MAF 651, and REN 514).

It is the candidate's responsibility to know the calendar, regulations, and pertinent procedures of the URI Graduate School and RWU School of Law to meet each institution's standards and requirements. These are set forth in each school's Student Manuals.