Doctor of Jurisprudence—Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics. The School of Law, in association with the Graduate School, offers a program that enables a student to earn both the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master of Science Agricultural and Applied Economics (M.S.) degrees in three to four years of academic work. This program is of particular interest and benefit to students who are interested in practicing law in a rural setting or who want to pursue certain types of careers in agribusiness finance or natural resource law. Both degrees may be completed with considerably fewer hours than if pursued independently. This is made possible by allowing 12 hours of approved law courses to transfer as elective credit toward the M.S. degree and vice versa. These transfers are of credit hours, not grades. Therefore, graduate course work will not be computed in a student's Law School GPA and class ranking.

Interested students must declare their intent to pursue the dual degrees no later than their fourth semester in Law School. The first year of study consists entirely of law courses. During the second and third years, the remaining required law courses are to be completed together with selected law electives and an appropriate number of graduate business core courses. Students may enroll in the Graduate School at Texas Tech University and complete all leveling course work and earn up to 12 credit hours toward the M.S. in the academic year prior to matriculation to the Law School. Students who have earned more than 12 credit hours (excluding leveling course work) prior to matriculation to the Law School are ineligible for the J.D. dual-degree program. Students must meet the admission requirements for both the Law School and Graduate School. The Graduate School will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GRE or GMAT exam.