

# JD/MPP (MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY) DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM



Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

The study of both law and public policy provides a strong foundation for those interested in a career involving public service. It equips practitioners to participate in every stage of the legal and policy process – the identification and analysis of complex social and regulatory problems, the design of effective solutions to these problems, the role of advocacy in multiple venues (legislative, judicial, or executive), plus the tools of implementation and evaluation of policy outcomes.

Through the JD curriculum students develop knowledge of substantive law plus the professional skills and values that are essential in the responsible practice of law. The Master of Public Policy teaches students the political and analytical skills to determine how politics influences policy choices, to design more effective programs, and how to evaluate the impacts of existing ones.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students apply to both the School of Law and the Master of Public Policy Program. For these students, LSAT scores in place of GRE scores are accepted by the MPP program. Students must be admitted to both programs in order to qualify for the JD/MPP degree.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the JD/MPP program, students take 65 Law School credit hours plus 24 Master of Public Policy credit hours for a total of 89. Five MPP classes are requirements; three are electives. The dual degree program can be completed in 3 years with careful planning. Students will spend their first year as full-time law school students, potentially taking one MPP course in the spring semester. The remaining Law School requirements, including the skills and experiential core courses, will be taken in the second and third years, concurrent with two MPP courses each semester. A public service externship will be completed in the summer following either the first or second year.

## MAPPING A COURSE PLAN

A typical progression of JD/MPP students is shown in the table below. Students must develop their specific course plan in consultation with an advisor from each program. Course credit hours are in parentheses. Courses in orange are requirements for the MPP program. Courses in green indicate an MPP elective. Courses in blue are required core Law School courses. All MPP courses are 3 credits.

**General JD/MPP Dual Degree Course Plan**

1st Year Fall	1st Year Spring	2nd Year Fall	2nd Year Spring	2nd Year Summer	3rd Year Fall	3rd Year Spring
Civil Procedure (4)	Constitutional Law (4)	Advocacy (2)		Law School Externship (2)		
Property (4)	Contracts (4)	Law School elective (3-4)	Law School elective (3-4)		Law School elective (3-4)	Law School elective (3-4)
Torts (4)	Criminal Law (3)	Law School elective (3-4)	Law School elective (3-4)		Law School elective (3-4)	Law School elective (3-4)
Legal Writing (2)	Legal Writing (2)	Law School Skills or Experiential Course (2-4)	Law School Skills or Experiential Course (2-4)			
	MPP 403 Public Budgeting and Finance (3) OR MPP 408 Political Feasibility Analysis (3) OR Law School elective (3)	MPP 400 Policy Analysis and Design (3) OR MPP 405 Statistical Analysis for Public Policy (3)	MPP 403 Public Budgeting and Finance (3) OR MPP 408 Political Feasibility Analysis (3)		MPP 400 Policy Analysis and Design (3) OR MPP 405 Statistical Analysis for Public Policy (3)	MPP 401 Analytical Tools for Public Policy (3) OR MPP 408 Political Feasibility Analysis (3)
		Public Policy Process (3)	MPP elective (3)		MPP elective (3)	MPP elective (3)