

LAW/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - JOINT DEGREE (JD/MPA)

Offered jointly with the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences' School of Public Service, the JD+Masters in Public Administration (MPA) promotes effective management of government agencies and fosters development of sound public policies affecting the delivery of social services. The MPA program balances theoretical and applied approaches to contemporary challenges of administration and policy analysis, and offers courses such as ethical leadership and government financial administration. Following the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, the Public Administration program devotes special attention to policies and practices that promote social equity through delivery of affordable, quality services to those in greatest need.

Traditional JD students must complete 86 credit hours to graduate from the College of Law. However, under a joint degree program, a student earns the JD degree after completing a minimum of 76 credit hours. The College of Law applies up to 10 credit hours toward the JD degree for work completed in the other graduate degree program. Traditional Public Administration students must complete 52 credit hours to receive the MPA degree. However, under the joint degree program, students are required to complete a minimum of 36 credit hours. The Public Administration program will accept up to 16 credit hours for work completed in the College of Law. A joint degree student may not receive credit for courses that create a redundancy in coursework.

Students pursuing the JD+MPA will complete the core requirements of the MPA degree and not pursue a concentration. Please visit the Public Administration catalog for complete program information.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
MPA Requirements	36
Total hours required	36

Program Requirements	Semester Hours
JD Requirements	76
Total hours required	76

Learning Outcomes

JD Students will be able to:

- Solve legal problems by applying foundational knowledge of civil procedure, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, property law, and torts.
- Solve legal problems by applying foundational knowledge of the rules regulating the legal profession.
- Identify and apply relevant legal authority.
- Communicate clearly in speech and writing.
- Demonstrate the fundamental professional lawyering skills for competent and ethical participation as a member of the legal profession.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of cross-cultural competence in the legal profession and the obligation of lawyers to promote a justice system that provides equal access and eliminates

bias and all forms of invidious discrimination, including racism, in the law.

Master of Public Administration Students will be able to:

- Apply leadership and organizational management skills and concepts in an ethical manner amidst an ever-changing public sector.
- Analyze and interact with governance structures, jurisdictional boundaries and the public policy and implementation processes.
- Analyze and synthesize data regarding an existing public affairs issue and use empirical analysis to prepare solutions for informed, decision-making in the public sector using critical thinking.
- Articulate in written or oral forms a commitment to ethical service to all people with a focus on social justice, professionalism, efficiency, cultural sensitivity, and transparency.
- Integrate the social justice lens in delivery of services and programs to a diverse public and workforce.

Degree Requirements

A joint degree program allows a student to complete two graduate degrees concurrently in less time than it takes to finish each program individually. As a specified number of credit hours apply toward both degrees, students also pay less in overall tuition by combining programs.

Before beginning a joint degree program, both full-time and part-time law students must complete the required first-year curriculum and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.00 in those courses. Full-time students earn 29 credits the first year, while part-time students must earn at least 29 credits within the first three semesters of the law program.

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Required Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
MPA Required Courses		36
MPS 500	PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT	4
MPS 501	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 514	GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	4
MPS 533 or MPS 536	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING EXCEL) APPLIED STATISTICS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (USING SPSS)	4
MPS 541	ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 542	POLICY DESIGN AND ANALYSIS	4

MPS 583	RESEARCH METHODS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE	4
MPS 593	INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR	4
MPS 594	ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE	4
J.D. Core Required Courses (semester hours)		35
LAW 101	APPLIED LEGAL SKILLS	1
LAW 105	CONTRACTS	4
LAW 112	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION I	2
LAW 115	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION III	3
LAW 119	LEGAL ANALYSIS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS II	3
LAW 120	CIVIL PROCEDURE	4
LAW 130	PREPARING TO PRACTICE I	0
LAW 131	PREPARING TO PRACTICE II	0
LAW 140	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	4
LAW 160	PROPERTY	4
LAW 170	TORT LAW	4
LAW 481	LEGAL PROFESSION	3
LAW 506	CRIMINAL LAW	3
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	3
LAW 559	FOREIGN EXCHANGE: MADRID, SPAIN	1-4

Experiential Education Requirement

Students must complete at least six credit hours of experiential education courses from the list of approved courses below. Most, but not all, courses are offered for three credit hours.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select at least six credit hours of the following:		6
LAW 121	ADVANCED BRIEF WRITING	
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	
LAW 246	PATENT & TRADEMARK SEARCHING	
LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC (Spring Only)	
LAW 287	ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW PRACTICUM (Spring Only)	
LAW 288	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW FIELD WORK	
LAW 290	ANATOMY OF A DEAL: FROM INCEPTION TO CLOSING	
LAW 312	TRIAL ADVOCACY II	
LAW 319	PROSECUTING & DEFENDING CRIMINAL CASES	
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
LAW 369	LITIGATION LAB	
LAW 400	BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND DOCUMENTATION	
LAW 419	LITIGATION STRATEGY: PRE-TRIAL, CIVIL	
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I	
LAW 438	MEDIATION	
LAW 450	TRIAL ADVOCACY I	
LAW 453	COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION	

LAW 460	BUSINESS PLANNING
LAW 469	LITIGATION STRATEGY: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAW 475	NEGOTIATIONS
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II
LAW 524	EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM
LAW 538	NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM
LAW 555	ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH
LAW 564	EXTERNSHIP SEMINAR
LAW 566	FIELD CLINIC SEMINAR
LAW 567	FIELD CLINIC PRACTICE
LAW 641	PRACTICAL LEGAL RESEARCH
LAW 712	THE PRACTICE OF HEALTH CARE LAW
LAW 751	HEALTH LAW MOOT COURT

Advanced Writing Requirement

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select one of the following:		
LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	
LAW 227	CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 427	APPELLATE TECHNIQUE	
LAW 428	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I (Advanced Criminal Appeals ONLY)	
LAW 455	LEGAL DRAFTING	
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II (Advanced Criminal Appeals ONLY)	
LAW 559	FOREIGN EXCHANGE: MADRID, SPAIN (Master's Thesis)	

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement

JD students matriculating Autumn 2022 or later must complete one course from the list of approved courses below. These courses include substantial engagement with the legal system's relationship with social inequality, racism, and/or other forms of bias; and/or include substantial opportunities for students to learn about and practice skills in cross-cultural competence.

Courses that meet both the Diversity Requirement and the Experiential Education Requirement can be counted for both requirements. Courses that meet both the Diversity Requirement and the Advanced Writing Requirement can be counted for both requirements.

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Select at least one of the following:		2-3
LAW 202	EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION	
LAW 206	SEX, GENDER, AND THE LAW	
LAW 213	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRACTICUM	
LAW 227	CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW	
LAW 232	CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE & THE LAW	

LAW 250	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR (Critical Race Theory; Citizenship; Crimmigration; Feminist Jurisprudence; When Justice Fails; or other approved topic)
LAW 258	WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW
LAW 286	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC
LAW 301	SPECIAL TOPICS IN LAW (Trauma-Informed Lawyering; Human Rights in Latin America; Transnational Criminal Law; Reproduction and the Law; or other approved topic)
LAW 313	JUVENILE JUSTICE
LAW 321	ADOPTION LAW
LAW 363	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
LAW 372	ELECTION LAW
LAW 378	ANTISEMITISM, THE HOLOCAUST, AND THE LAW
LAW 390	POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE
LAW 429	LEGAL CLINIC I (Asylum and Immigration Law; Civil Litigation and Health Law; Civil Rights; Croak Civil; Croak Criminal; Criminal Appeals)
LAW 434	PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
LAW 449	PREDATORY LENDING
LAW 477	FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION
LAW 482	INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS I
LAW 487	HOUSING LAW
LAW 498	EDUCATION LAW & POLICY
LAW 501	RACE, RACISM AND UNITED STATES LAW
LAW 502	HATE CRIME LAW
LAW 503	CIVIL RIGHTS
LAW 514	LEGAL CLINIC II (Asylum and Immigration Law; Civil Litigation and Health Law; Civil Rights; Croak Civil; Croak Criminal; Criminal Appeals)
LAW 516	IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY
LAW 517	ASYLUM AND REFUGEE LAW AND POLICY
LAW 523	MISSION-BASED LAWYERING: LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR
LAW 529	CHILDREN & THE LAW
LAW 546	POVERTY LAW
LAW 567	FIELD CLINIC PRACTICE (Family Law)
LAW 583	STUDY ABROAD: MADRID, SPAIN
LAW 585	STUDY ABROAD: HEREDIA, COSTA RICA
LAW 587	GLOBAL GOVERNANCE DURING TIMES OF CRISIS
LAW 588	STUDY ABROAD: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
LAW 593	STUDY ABROAD: HAVANA, CUBA
LAW 702	ELDER LAW
LAW 706	HEALTH POLICY AND THE LAW

LAW 709	HEALTH EQUITY AND THE LAW
LAW 716	DISABILITY LAW

Admission

Students seeking a joint degree with a college outside of the College of Law must independently apply and be admitted to the other graduate degree program. Full-time law students typically apply to the other graduate program in the summer prior to their second year of law school. Part-time law students typically apply to the other graduate degree program in the spring semester of their second year.

After admission to the other graduate program, joint degree applicants should submit a copy of the acceptance letter and law school transcript to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the College of Law. The transcript and acceptance letter should be accompanied by a cover letter from the student requesting that the student's program be changed from Juris Doctor to the appropriate joint degree program. The letter should include the student's full name, student identification number, mailing address, email address and phone number. The joint degree candidate should also schedule a meeting with the appropriate adviser in the other college to which the student has been admitted to discuss the curriculum.

Combined Credits and Expenses

Full-time joint degree students generally complete the program in four years. Part-time applicants generally complete the joint degree program in five years. A student may accelerate the program by taking classes in the summer or by taking more courses during the academic year. By doing so, a student may complete both programs one-half year earlier.

Once enrolled in a joint degree program, students no longer pay the College of Law package tuition; instead, students pay by the credit hour for law classes and classes taken in the other program.

Grading Standards

Joint degree students must meet the grading standards of the College of Law and the respective graduate degree program in order to remain in good standing. Grades are recorded on the transcript under the college in which the courses are taken, and the combined degree is recorded after graduation. Students who are dismissed from either program may be able to continue studies in the other program. Students must satisfy the normal program requirements of the other school to receive the degree; no double counting of credits is permitted after a dismissal from one college.

Leaves of Absence/Withdrawal

Students must receive permission from both colleges to take a leave of absence from the joint degree program or to withdraw from the joint degree program. A leave of absence is granted for a maximum of one year. If a student does not enroll in classes after one year, he or she will be permanently withdrawn from both programs and only may re-enroll by applying to the admission offices of both colleges as a new student.

Graduation

To receive the joint degree, a student must graduate from both schools on the same date, in the same semester/quarter and in the same year. Double counting of credits occurs only after concurrent completion of both programs.

For a December graduation, all requirements must be completed at the end of the fall semester and fall quarter. For a spring graduation, all non-law requirements must be completed at the end of the spring quarter.

and all law requirements at the end of the spring semester. Students who complete non-law requirements in the spring that they expect to graduate may not have their degrees granted in time to be certified for the July bar exam. A student will not be eligible to graduate, cannot be certified for admission to the Bar, and cannot sit for bar examinations until all degree requirements are met and degrees conferred.