



## **JD/MPP Joint Degree Program Law & Public Policy Studies**

The JD/MPP Joint Degree Program in Law and Public Policy provides students with an opportunity to master the fundamentals of legal and policy analysis. It provides students with full legal training and a solid understanding of public policy, preparing them for careers in legal academia, government and policymaking.

Upon completion of the graduation requirements of both schools, students of the joint degree program will receive both a JD from the School of Law and an MPP from the School of Public Policy. Both degrees can be achieved on a full-time basis in approximately four years, instead of the five years that would be required if each degree were pursued sequentially.

Students interested in pursuing the joint degree should begin their studies in the School of Law. The program expects students to complete the first-year required coursework in the School of Law and apply to the joint program in the spring. If admitted to the joint degree program, students will spend the second year pursuing the MPP in the School of Public Policy, and the third and fourth years completing the JD plus any remaining MPP coursework.

### **Basic Requirements for the JD**

Joint degree students admitted to the School of Law must earn a minimum of 75 credits toward the JD. Joint degree students entering the School of Law must complete all 42 credits of the required law curriculum (see accompanying table). Thirty-three additional law credits are required in upper division coursework in order to complete the JD.

### **Basic Requirements for the MPP**

The MPP requires a total of 36\* credit hours, 33 of which must be taken in the School of Public Policy. Joint degree students must complete all 30 credits of the required curriculum (see following table). Six additional policy credits are required in upper division coursework in order to complete the MPP. Any student entering the program without relevant work experience will be expected to complete a policy related internship.

<b>Original Curriculum Required Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>Original Curriculum Required Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Intro to Legal Research, Writing & Analysis	2		PUBP 501 Policy and Organizational Analysis	4
Contracts I	3		PUBP 502 Governance and Policy Processes	4
Property	4		PUBP 503 Culture, Organization, and Technology	4
Civil Procedure	4		PUBP 700 Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
Torts I	3		PUBP 704 Stat Methods in Policy Analysis	3
Economic Foundations of Legal Studies	3		PUBP 720 Managerial Econ & Policy Analysis	3
Trial-Level Writing	2		PUBP 730 U.S. National Policy Systems	3
Torts II	3		PUBP 741 U.S. Financial Policy	3
Contracts II	3		Advanced Methods (704, 712, 713, or 731)	3
Criminal Law	3			
Appellate Writing	2			
Constitutional Law I	4			
Legal Drafting	2			
Professional Responsibility	2			
Constitutional Law II	2			
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>
Electives	42		Electives	9
			Professional Experience (Internship)	3*
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>84</b>		<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Joint Program New Combined Total = 111 Credit Hours</b>				
Required Coursework	42		Required Coursework	30
Electives	33		Electives	6
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>	
Law	75		Policy	36* or 39*
<b>New Combined Total</b>		111	<b>New Combined Total</b>	

### **Additional Requirements**

Applicants should apply to the joint degree program in the spring of their first year of law school. Applications will consist of the Joint JD/MPP Degree Supplemental Admissions Form, a current resume, and a 500-word statement addressing why the applicant would like to pursue the joint degree. Applications should be sent to the School of Law Admissions Office by June 1. Applicants may not receive a decision on their application until after spring law class grades have been posted. Joint degree applicants must qualify for admission in the respective programs according to the standards independently established by the School of Law and the School of Public Policy. Those who have

