

The University of Michigan Law School
Dual Degree Program

**Law & Public Health Policy
JD/MPH**

or

**Law & Health Services Administration
JD/MHSA**

The Law School and the School of Public Health offer two dual degree programs. The program offers qualified students the opportunity to work toward the Juris Doctor (JD) and either the Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) or the Master of Public Health Policy (MPH) degrees. Both programs are designed so that all requirements for the degrees can be completed in four years.

The JD/MHSA dual degree focuses on important issues in health care management, policy, and research. The Law School offers a number of courses in this area, including Administrative Law; Health Law; Law and Medicine; Insurance Law; and Law, Medicine, and Society. The Law School also offers a number of related seminars, including Bioethics and the Law; Health Care: The Firm, the Market, and the Law; and Law and the Elderly. All of these Law School offerings complement work done in the School of Public Health.

The JD/MPH dual degree emphasizes public health policy. The core curriculum is similar for the MHSA degree. Appropriate careers for this dual degree are in the areas of health law and public policy. Students interact with clients coping with current public health policy issues, resulting in increased sensitivity of their clients' needs and the development of practical skills and knowledge they will use in future public health policy decision-making.

Students admitted to either combined program are required to take the complete sequence of first-year courses in one school during the first year of the program, and the complete sequence of first-year courses in the other school during the second year of the program. Each school will apply its own deferred admission standards to students who elect to take the first year in the other school.

Basic Requirements for the JD

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum.

The JD requires a minimum total of 82 credits earned between Law School courses and courses through the School of Public Health. Students must earn at least 70 credits toward the JD through courses taken in the Law School.

Law students are required to complete a seminar, a course in professional responsibility, transnational law, and an upper-class writing requirement.

Twelve (12) credit hours may be earned through courses taken in the School of Public Health. Instructions for requesting Law School credit for non-law courses are posted on the CTools site for dual degree students.

Basic Requirements for the MHSA or MPH

Sixty (60) credit hours are required in the School of Public Health, including the MHSA or MPH core requirements, along with Health Management and Policy (H.M.P.) departmental and S.P.H. requirements.

Up to 15 of the 60 credit hours required for either of these degrees may be earned through courses taken in the Law School.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the Law School and the School of Public Health, and should contact the admission office of each school for application and admission information. A valid GRE score is necessary for admission to the School of Public Health. The GRE requirement will not be waived. *

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree. Students should not expect any Law School courses beyond first-year courses to be offered in the summer term. Students will not receive credit toward the JD for coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School. Students should consult with the advisor at the School of Public Health concerning credit toward the MHSA or MPH for Law course work.

During the third and fourth years of the program, students are permitted to elect courses in both schools. Tuition will be charged at either the Law School or the School of Public Health rate, whichever is higher, when courses toward both degrees are taken in a single term.

At the beginning of their final year of study in the combined program, students should consult with both their School of Public Health Registrar and the Law School Registrar regarding forms that need to be completed prior to graduation.

The combined degree is not open to those who have already earned either the JD or the MHSA or MPH. Students who are registered in the first or second year at the Law School or the first year at the School of Public Health may apply for admission to the dual degree program.

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Law School Admissions application materials:

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* Information contained herein is valid as of 7/15/09 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.