

# PUBLIC POLICY/LAW (MPP/JD)

It's all about solutions. In the JD/Master of Public Policy program, you will learn to design effective solutions in the creation, implementation and enforcement of government policies. As an advocate in a variety of settings (legislative, judicial, or executive), you will use the tools of law in public service. You will be equipped to work in multiple venues, including the courtroom, legislative offices, and public policy institutes on a wide variety of issues.

Graduates will be prepared to work in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocacy and lobbying positions, as well as private sector firms.

## Curriculum

Students in their first year will take the required law school coursework. In their second and third years, they will take six credits of MPP courses each semester in addition to their law school requirements.

To earn a dual JD/MPP degree, you must complete a total of 89 credit hours, including 65 law school credit hours and 24 MPP credit hours. A minimum of 74 graded hours are required for this degree. With careful planning, you can earn both degrees in three years of study. You will spend your first year as a full-time law student. JD foundational course requirements and skills and experiential course requirements will be taken in the second and third years, concurrent with several MPP courses. A public service externship will be completed in either the summer following the first or second year.

## Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<b>JD Requirements</b>		
LAW 113	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 122	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 132	Contracts	4
LAW 140	Criminal Law	3
LAW 152	Property	4
LAW 162	Torts	4
LAW 190	Legal Writing I	2
LAW 192	Legal Writing II	2
Law School Electives		29-37
Law School Skills or Experiential Learning Courses		4-8
<b>MPP Requirements</b>		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
MPP 400	Policy Design and Analysis	3
MPP 401	Analytical Tools in Public Policy	3
MPP 403	Public Budget and Finance	3
MPP 404	Public Policy Process	3
MPP 405	Statistical Methods & Analysis for Public Policy I	3
<i>Elective Courses</i> <sup>1</sup>		9
MPP electives include options for additional political courses, policy skills courses, or subject matter specializations.		
MPP 402	Cost Benefit Analysis	
MPP 406	Statistical Methods & Analysis Public Policy II	

MPP 407	Local Economic Development
MPP 408	Political Feasibility Analysis
MPP 409	Education Policy and Politics
MPP 410	Special Topics in Public Policy
MPP 411	Environmental Governance
MPP 412	Urban Politics and Policy
MPP 413	Intergovernmental Relations
MPP 414	Affordable Housing Finance and Policy
MPP 500	Public Policy Evaluation
MPP 503	Public Policy Practicum

**Total Hours** **89**

<sup>1</sup> Students may take Graduate level courses in other schools with the permission of the Program Director.

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
LAW 113	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 152	Property	4
LAW 162	Torts	4
LAW 190	Legal Writing I	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
LAW 122	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 132	Contracts	4
LAW 140	Criminal Law	3
LAW 192	Legal Writing II	2
Law School Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Law School Elective		2
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Skills or Experiential Course		2-4
MPP 400	Policy Design and Analysis	3
or MPP 404	or Public Policy Process	
MPP 405	Statistical Methods & Analysis for Public Policy I	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Skills or Experiential Course		2-4
MPP 403	Public Budget and Finance	3
or MPP 401	or Analytical Tools in Public Policy	

MPP Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
MPP 404 or MPP 400	Public Policy Process or Policy Design and Analysis	3
MPP Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
MPP 401 or MPP 403	Analytical Tools in Public Policy or Public Budget and Finance	3
MPP Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>89</b>

5. Apply appropriate analytical procedures used in public policy research and practice

## Dual Degree Programs

Students in dual degree programs are responsible for abiding by academic policies and graduation requirements of both academic units to which they are enrolled. It is strongly recommended that students schedule regular meetings with academic advisors from both units to ensure timely degree completion. Dual degree programs may have slightly different degree requirements from the standard for one or both of the degrees earned. Students should closely read through all degree requirements and ask for clarification as needed.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the joint JD/MPP degree program, students will be able to:

1. Design effective solutions in the creation, implementation and enforcement of government policies.
2. Work as an advocate in a variety of settings (legislative, judicial, or executive).
3. Use the tools of law in public service.
4. Understand the political process in development of policies, including the role of the judiciary with other branches of government and within the intergovernmental context.
5. Understand a government budget and evaluate it from different stakeholder positions.
6. Develop political messaging to advocate for policies and to build a political coalition of support for a program.

In addition to the above learning outcomes, the dual degree students will also be able to:

1. Design policy interventions and apply criteria to assess the best option in each specific case
2. Understand a government budget and evaluate it from different stakeholder positions
3. Understand the political process at the federal, state and local government levels
4. Develop political messaging to advocate for policies and to build a political coalition of support for a program