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.

The MPP portion of the dual degree has five required classes and three electives:

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Elective Courses

MPP electives include options for additional political courses, policy skills courses, or subject matter specializations. Examples include:

- MPP 412 Urban Politics and Policy
- MPP 413 Intergovernmental Relations
- MPP 414 Affordable Housing Finance and Policy
- MPP 500 Public Policy Evaluation

Total Hours 24

Degree 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.

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

You will achieve all learning outcomes of both the JD and MPP (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-policy-mpp/) degrees. Your studies in each program will be enhanced by designing a curriculum tailored to your interests and career goals.