PUBLIC POLICY/LAW (MPP/JD)

It’s all about solutions. In the JD/Master of Public Policy program, you’ll 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’ll 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 social and regulatory issues.

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

Curriculum
You will work with your advisors to plot your course sequence based on admission time, career goals, and course availability. Here is a sample plan:

Year One
Fall and Spring Semesters
• Full time Law program, 27 credits
• In the Spring semester, take Public Budgeting and Finance or Master of Public Policy course in elective slot

Year Two
Fall Semester
• 10-12 credits of Law school coursework
  • Advocacy
  • 3 elective courses
• 6 credits of Public Policy coursework
  • Public Policy Process
  • Statistical Analysis for Public Policy

Spring Semester
• 8-10 credits of Law School coursework
• 3 credits of Public Policy coursework (Public Budgeting and Finance or MPP elective)

Summer Semester
• 2 credits of Law coursework (externship)

Year Three
Fall Semester
• Up to 8 credits of Law School coursework
• 6 credits of Public Policy coursework
  • Policy Analysis and Design
  • Elective course

Spring Semester
• Up to 8 credits of Law School coursework
• 6 credits of MPP coursework
  • Economic Analysis for Public Policy
  • Elective course

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 grade. With careful planning, you can earn both degrees in three years of concentrated study. You will spend your first year as a full-time law student and take one MPP course in the spring semester. 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.