HEALTH SCIENCES, B.S. TO LAW, J.D. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's accelerated Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences to Juris Doctor (J.D.) pathway is designed for students interested in the intersection of health care, policy, and law.

The Health Sciences curriculum provides a flexible and customizable foundation that allows you to explore your interests while building a strong understanding of health systems, population health, and the regulatory and ethical factors that shape health care. Through a combination of core coursework and electives, you can tailor your academic experience to align with your interests in law, policy, and advocacy.

This accelerated pathway allows you to complete both your undergraduate and law degrees in six years, saving time while preparing for a career at the intersection of health care and the legal system. You will develop a strong foundation in critical thinking, communication, and analytical reasoning—skills essential for success in law school and legal practice.

Graduates of this pathway are well prepared for careers in health law, policy, compliance, and advocacy. Potential career paths include roles in health care law, regulatory affairs, health policy organizations, government agencies, and legal consulting. This pathway also provides a strong foundation for pursuing a wide range of legal careers beyond the health sector.

Students in this accelerated pathway begin their legal studies during their undergraduate program and transition to full-time law study after completing their bachelor's degree.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Health Sciences, B.S. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-sciences-bs/)

Law, J.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor/)

Accreditation

Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Eligibility requirements for SLU's health sciences, B.S., to law, J.D., accelerated program include:

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.
- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with Saint Louis University and the Doisy College of Health Sciences.
- Students must apply to SLU Law in their fifth semester of collegiate study in the health sciences, B.S.

Program Requirements

- Accepted students begin SLU law school coursework during their fourth year.
- After successful completion of the first year of the SLU law school coursework, students will be awarded the B.S. in health sciences and continue in the SLU law school program.
- Students will be allowed to count up to 29 credits from the J.D. program towards the B.S. University Electives.

Undergraduate Program Requirement	Met by Graduate Course
3 credits Health Sciences Major Elective and 26 credits University Electives	29 credits LAW coursework (first year)

Please note that the SLU Law J.D. program is competitive. Enrollment in the accelerated health science, B.S. to Law, J.D., does not guarantee admission to the SLU law school.

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	3
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3
HSCI 1000	Introduction to Health Sciences	1
BIOL 1240 & BIOL 1245	General Biology: Information Flow and Evolution and Principles of Biology I Laboratory	4
University Elective		3
	Credits	**14**
Spring		
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
BIOL 1260 & BIOL 1265 or CHEM 1080 ***and*** CHEM 1085	General Biology: Transformations of Energy and Matter or Principles of Chemistry 1 Lecture ***and*** Principles of Chemistry 1 Lab	4
STAT 1300	Elementary Statistics with Computers	3
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3

University Elective		3
	Credits	**16**
Year Two		
Fall		
HSCI 2000	The US Health Care System	3
HSCI 2200	Medical Terminology	3
HIM 3000	Introduction to Health Information Concepts and Practice	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
HSCI 2100	Health Care Management	3
HSCI 2400	Professional Development Seminar	1
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	3
HSCI Elective	Health Sciences Major Electives	6
University Elective		3
	Credits	**16**
Year Three		
Fall		
HIM 3200	Health Data Management	3
HSCI 3700	Research Methods (satisfies CORE 4000)	3
HSCI Elective	Health Sciences Major Elective	3
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
HSCI 4100	Healthcare Technology and Informatics	3
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
HSCI 3910	Internship	2-3
HSCI Elective	Health Sciences Major Electives	6
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
HSCI 4500	Hot Topics in Health Care	3
	Credits	**15-16**
	Total Credits	**91-92**

School of Law

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
LAW 7000	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7005	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7015	Torts	4
LAW 7020	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication I	3
LAW 7040	Professional Identity, Practices and Skills I	1
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
LAW 7010	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Legal Analysis, Research and Communication II	3
LAW 7025	Constitutional Law I	3
LAW 7030	Property	4
	Credits	**14**
Year Two		
Fall		
LAW 7100	Legal Profession	3
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	12
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	15
	Credits	**15**
Year Three		
Seminar		2
Experiential coursework		6
Law Elective	Any LAW Course	22
	Credits	**30**
	Total Credits	**89**

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