PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H. & LAW, J.D. DUAL DEGREE

Saint Louis University’s School of Law and College for Public Health and Social Justice have partnered to offer students the dual Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health degrees in either a generalist track or a degree in health management and policy.

This custom degree fully prepares highly motivated individuals to work in the rewarding and challenging fields of law and public health. This program enables graduates to approach health and legal issues in an interdisciplinary manner. Recipients of the degree practice law in a variety of settings including governmental public health agencies, private law firms and non-profit institutions.

The program primarily aims to educate students to become preeminent leaders in the special legal needs of public health entities. The second aim is to expand advanced education in law and public health to all areas of the state of Missouri and the surrounding region.

A major benefit of this dual degree format is that students obtain both degrees more quickly than if obtained separately, roughly four years compared to five.

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

Law, J.D. [link]
Public Health, M.P.H. [link]

Accreditation

The 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.

The College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Admission

Students must meet the admission requirements and be admitted into both degree programs according to the processes of each of the participating academic units in order to pursue a dual degree program.

Individuals may apply to the Master of Public Health degree program concurrently with application to the School of Law or following admission to the School of Law; however, admission to the dual degree program is contingent upon admission to both the Master of Public Health and the J.D. degree programs.

Requirements

Six credits from the School of Law JD degree requirements will be used to satisfy M.H.P.-HMP degree elective requirements.

The courses used must be taken from the approved M.H.P.-HMP list. Approval for any LAW seminar course should be obtained from the M.H.P.-HMP advisor/program director prior to taking the course to ensure that it will be accepted.

Nine credits from the M.H.P.-HMP degree requirements will be used to satisfy J.D. degree requirements. J.D. advisor approval is required.

HMP 5000 Health Care Organization (3 cr) fulfills the MPH core requirement for Health Management and Policy.

LAW 8000 Health Care Law (3 cr) substitutes for HMP 5510 Health Policy & Law (3 cr)

PUBH 5070 Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice (3 cr) is taken in Semester 3 or 4 depending on participation in JD Washington DC semester.

Students pursuing the J.D./M.P.H. must complete between 117 and 121 credits, depending upon the area of concentration. All students pursuing a J.D./M.P.H. must also complete an internship in Public Health.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.