

JURIS DOCTOR (JD)/PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Admission Requirements and Course of Study

The JD/MPH program is offered in collaboration with the University of Connecticut Department of Public Health Sciences.

Admission Requirements

All students who wish to pursue a dual degree program must be granted separate admission to both programs. Applicants may apply simultaneously to the two schools or, alternatively, students enrolled in the School of Law or Graduate Program in Public Health may apply during their first year of study to the other program. Application to the dual degree program must be made no later than the end of the first year at the School of Law or the Graduate Program in Public Health.

Course of Study

Students in the dual degree program may obtain both degrees in four years, compared with the five years that pursuit of separate degrees would require. Candidates admitted to both schools in the same year will ordinarily take their first year at the School of Law, although students in their first year of the M.P.H. program may reverse this procedure if they are admitted to the School of Law for the following year. After the first year of law school, students ordinarily spend one year full-time in the graduate public health program. During the third and fourth years, students will divide their time between the School of Law and the Health Center depending on the students' choices and the availability of desired courses.

Course Load

Full-time students at the law school are ordinarily limited to sixteen (16) credits per semester. Students seeking to exceed this limit must obtain permission from the associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Law. In order to comply with American Bar Association standards, course work at the law school may in no case exceed seventeen (17) of the total credits in one semester. Full-time students in the Public Health program are ordinarily limited to eighteen (18) credits per semester. Students seeking to exceed this limit must obtain permission from the director of the M.P.H. program.

Requirements

In addition to satisfaction of the requirements of both programs of study, dual degree candidates are required to complete these programs concurrently. The final award of transfer credit is contingent upon completion of both programs.

Transfer Agreement

The JD degree program requires completion of eight-six (86) credits. The M.P.H. degree program requires completion of (48) credits. The School of Law will accept twelve (12) credits from the M.P.H. as applicable for transfer. The Department of Public Health Sciences will grant dual degree students twelve (12) credits of advanced standing toward the completion of the MPH degree.

Course	Title	Credits
Law Courses Acceptable Toward the MPH degree ¹		
LAW 7600	Administrative Law	
LAW 7650	Environmental Law	
LAW 7657	Family Law	
LAW 7592	Health and Human Rights	
LAW 7691	Health Care Financing	
LAW 7865	Health Law	
LAW 7763	Law and the Mental Health System	
LAW 7675	Principles of Insurance	
LAW 7999	Special Research Project ²	
Public Health Courses Acceptable Toward the JD degree		
PUBH 5403	Health Administration	
PUBH 5404	Environmental Health	
PUBH 5405	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 5406	Law and Public Health	
PUBH 5408	Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics I	
PUBH 5409	Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics II	
PUBH 5411	Introduction to Interprofessional Public Health Practice	
PUBH 5497 or PUBH 5431	Graduate Seminar in Public Health Public Health Research Methods	
PUBH 5407	Practicum in Public Health	
PUBH 5499	Capstone Project in Public Health	

¹ Course substitutions may be approved by the JD/MPH Dual Degree Advisor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Law.

² Research project must have a health law focus.