

## **I. The Academic Program**

### **A. General Requirements**

#### 8. Joint Degree Programs

##### b. Joint JD/MPA Degree Program

### **Admission Requirements**

1. Students are required to apply to both the Law School and the School of Graduate Studies and indicate that they wish to be admitted to the joint MPA/JD track. This admission will be determined by the Director of the M.P.A. Program and the Dean of the Law School or their designees.
2. Acceptance to the joint program track requires a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or a GPA of 3.25 in the last two academic years.

### **Sample Curricular Plan**

Year One	Law School
Year Two	Law School w/two MPA courses*
Year Three	Law School w/two MPA courses
Year Four	Six MPA courses + Independent Study

or

Year One	7 MPA courses
Year Two	Law School
Year Three	Law School w/two MPA courses*
Year Four	Law School w/one MPA course + Independent Study

\* 2 MPA course requirements could be met with law courses as cognates.

Six credits (approved by the Law School) from the MPA Program will count toward the Law Degree. Six of the 36 required credits in the MPA program can be law courses used as a cognate for the MPA degree (with the approval of the department and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies).

The total credits required for each degree will be unchanged, because each program will accept six credits toward the other degree. This will save the student one semester (12 credits) and make the program more appealing.

Normally, the joint program will be completed in four years. With summer school classes it may be possible to obtain both degrees even more quickly. Students must be enrolled in the Law School for at least three years; therefore, students wishing to receive both degrees in less than four years should enroll first in the Law School.

Below is a list of Law School courses that can be used as cognates in the MPA program, and MPA courses that can be used as electives for the JD program.

### **Joint MPA/JD Complementary Courses**

#### **Law**

LAW 150	Constitutional Law I	2-3
LAW 201	Agricultural Law	2-3
LAW 203	Employment Discrimination Law	2-3
LAW 210	Administrative Law	3-5
LAW 228	Poverty Law	1-4
LAW 238	Constitutional Law II	3
LAW 263	Environmental Law	3
LAW 281	Legislation	3

Or other courses with the approval of the MPA Director and Graduate Dean

#### **Political Science and Public Administration**

POLS 502	Seminar: Problems in State and Local Governments
POLS 508	Seminar: Legislative and Executive Processes
POLS 531	Foundations of Public Administration
POLS 532	Public Policy
POLS 535	Public Organizations
POLS 536	Public Personnel Administration
POLS 538	Public Budgeting and Financial Administration
POLS 539	Administrative Law

Or other courses with the approval of the Dean of the Law School.