

**UMass Dartmouth JD/MPP  
Recommended Full-Time Curriculum**

First Year						
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits		Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3			LAW 546 Civil Procedure II	3	
LAW 540 Contracts I	3			LAW 541 Contracts II	3	
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3			LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3			LAW 531 Property II	3	
LAW 515 Torts I	3			LAW 516 Torts II	3	
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>

Second Year						
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits		Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits
POL 540 Microeconomics		3		POL 500 Public Inst. & Policy Process	3	3
POL 581 Research Methods/Pub. Pol.		3		POL 530 Policy Analysis	3	3
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3			LAW 556 Constitutional Law II	3	
LAW 520 Criminal Law	3			LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3	
LAW 512 Legal Skills III	3			LAW 576 Evidence	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>

Third Year						
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits		Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits
POL 580 Statistical Analysis		3		LAW 618 Environmental Law	3	3
POL [Concentration Course]		3		LAW [Practice Course]	3	
LAW 560 Administrative Law	3	3		POL [Concentration Course]		3
LAW 525 Professional Resp.	3			LAW [Upper-Level Writing]	2	
LAW [Elective]	2			LAW 585 Business Organizations	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

Fourth Year						
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits		Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits
LAW 639 Field Placement	3	3		LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
POL [Concentration Course]		3		POL 585 Applied Policy Res. Sem.		3
LAW [Elective]	2			LAW [Elective]	3	
LAW [Code Course]	4			LAW [Elective]	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

Note: Gray shaded courses must be taken in the semesters shown. Students can accelerate the program by taking summer courses and/or up to 18 credits in a fall or spring semester.

JD courses that count toward MPP.

MPP courses that count toward JD.

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Recommended Part-Time Curriculum**

First Year								
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Summer	JD Credits	MPP Credits
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3		LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3		LAW 525 Professional Resp.	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3		LAW 531 Property II	3				
LAW 515 Torts I	3		LAW 516 Torts II	3				
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Second Year								
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Summer	JD Credits	MPP Credits
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3		LAW 546 Civil Procedure II	3		LAW 585 Business Organizations	3	
LAW 520 Criminal Law	3		LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3		LAW [Practice Course]	3	
LAW 540 Contracts I	3		LAW 541 Contracts II	3				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Third Year								
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Summer	JD Credits	MPP Credits
POL 540 Microeconomics		3	POL 500 Pub. Inst. & Pol. Process	3	3	LAW [Elective]	3	
POL 581 Research Methods		3	POL 530 Policy Analysis	3	3	LAW [Elective]	3	
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3		LAW 556 Constitutional Law II	3				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Fourth Year								
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Summer	JD Credits	MPP Credits
POL 580 Statistical Analysis		3	LAW 618 Environmental Law	3	3	LAW [Elective]	3	
LAW 560 Administrative Law	3	3	POL [Concentration Course]		3	LAW [Elective]	3	
LAW 576 Evidence	3		LAW [Code Course]	4				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Fifth Year					
Fall	JD Credits	MPP Credits	Spring	JD Credits	MPP Credits
LAW 639 Field Placement	3	3	LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
LAW [Elective, Upp. Lev. Wr.]	2		POL [Concentration Course]		3
POL [Concentration Course]		3	POL 585 Appl. Policy Res. Sem.		3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

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JD courses that count toward MPP.

MPP courses that count toward JD.

## **UMass Dartmouth JD/MPP Curriculum Notes**

1. Under ABA Standards, no course may count for transfer credit toward the JD before the student has matriculated in law school. Thus, although a student may commence either legal or public policy studies first, joint degree students will need to complete the entire first year of JD studies prior to enrolling in any public policy course for which the student will seek to transfer credit toward the JD degree. Students may vary from the model curriculum in ways that are consistent with these guidelines and the program requirements of each degree program.
2. The JD program requires that students complete 90 credits including all required courses (see the JD curriculum for a complete list) as well as a Code course (3 credits), a Foundation course (3 credits), and two Practice courses (6 credits). Students may complete the Code, Foundation, and Practice requirements in any semester after the first year (for full-time students) or second year (for part-time students). Students must also complete a Clinic or Field Placement, and those credits will count toward the Practice requirement.
3. The JD program requires all students to satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement (minimum 2 credits) in any semester after the first year (for full-time students) or second year (for part-time students). Students may satisfy the requirement with courses specifically designated as upper-level writing courses or as part of an Independent Legal Research project. Students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement prior to their final semester.
4. The MPP program requires that students complete 34 to 36 credits of coursework (12 courses), including 21 credits (7 courses) in a common curriculum component, 9 credits (3 courses) in a policy concentration area, 3 credits (1 course) as a free elective, and 1 to 3 credits (1 course) in an internship. The common curriculum courses are: POL 500 Public Institutions and the Policy Process; POL 581 Research Methods for Public Policy; POL 611 Administrative Law (JD/MPP students should substitute LAW 560 Administrative Law); POL 540 Microeconomics; POL 530 Policy Analysis; POL 580 Statistics; and POL 585 Applied Policy Research Seminar.
5. The MPP program accepts nine units of the following JD courses: LAW 560 Administrative Law (substituting for POL 611 Administrative Law); LAW 652 Education Law (substituting for POL 542 Law and Education); LAW 618 Environmental Law (substituting for POL 661 Environmental Law); and LAW 639 Field Placement or LAW 640 Community Development Clinic (substituting for POL 599 Internship). In addition, a joint degree program student who has taken only two of the above listed courses (six credits), may seek approval from the Department of Public Policy to enroll in a different law school course to fulfill the single public policy elective requirement.
6. The JD program accepts six units of MPP courses chosen from the following: POL 500 Public Institutions and the Policy Process; POL 530 Policy Analysis; POL 541 State and Local Public Finance; POL 663 Ocean Policy and Law; MGT 600 Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Law; MGT 675 Managing Across Cultures; MGT 677 Lead, Motivate, & Empower.
7. Students enrolled in the JD program may not take more than 16 credits in a fall or spring semester without prior approval from the associate dean, and may not take more than 18 credits in a fall or spring semester under any circumstances. JD students may not take more than 6 credits in the summer without prior approval from the associate dean, and may not take more than 9 credits in the summer under any circumstances. Winter session MPP courses count toward the JD spring semester. Summer MPP courses count toward the JD summer semester.