

## **JD/MPP Program Guidelines**

### **I. Introduction**

The JD/MPP Program allows students to obtain both degrees simultaneously. Because of the ability to use credits earned in one of the programs in the other, the amount of time to earn the joint degree is less than would be possible without the joint program.

The purpose of this document is to state the Law School's policies concerning the program.

### **II. Graduation Requirements**

The graduation requirements for the JD degree do not change because of a student being in the program. To be awarded the JD degree, a student must meet all of the normal graduation requirements of the Law School.

### **III. Public Policy Program Courses that Serve as Electives at the Law School**

Up to six credits (of the 90 needed to be awarded a JD) can be earned in courses that are offered in the Public Policy program if the course has been approved in advance by the Law School. The list of currently approved courses is set forth in part A below.

Students should note that these credits are not offered at the Law School and cannot be used to satisfy the requirement that at least 65 credits of their education must be obtained by attending regularly scheduled classes at the law school. The grades in courses taken in the Public Policy program will not be included in a student's law school GPA.

#### **A. Currently Recognized Courses**

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

#### **B. Procedure for Adding Courses**

A Faculty Member, Dean or appropriate Associate Dean of either the Law or Public Policy School may submit a request to the Curriculum Committee of the Law School to have a new course added to the list of approved courses or to strike a course that no longer is suitable. The Curriculum Committee will determine if the proposal fits the educational objectives of the Law School.

#### **IV. Law School Courses Accepted for Credit toward the Public Policy Program**

Nine credits of electives that are taken at the Law School can be used to satisfy the requirements to obtain the MPP degree. The list of currently approved courses is set forth below.

##### **A. Currently Recognized 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)

Law 639: Field Placement (substituting for POL 599: Internship)

##### **B. Additional Elective**

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.

#### **V. Timing of Coursework**

Under ABA Standards, a student is precluded from taking courses on a distance basis (e.g., over the internet) until the student has completed instruction in 28 credit hours toward the J.D. degree. A student may commence either legal or public policy studies first, but in light of the ABA requirement, joint degree students will need to complete the entire first year of legal studies prior to enrolling in any public policy course for which the student will seek to transfer credit toward the JD degree.

A model curriculum for course sequencing is available from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to assist students in planning their progress through the joint degree program. Students may vary from the model curriculum in ways that are consistent with these guidelines and the program requirements of each degree program.