

## **Dual Degree Program in Law and Health Administration Leading to the JD and MHSA Degrees**

The JD/MHSA dual degree program combines into four years of full-time study the Juris Doctor (JD) program offered by the School of Law and the Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) program offered by the Department of Population Health in the School of Medicine. The JD/MHSA is designed to offer students who plan to practice health law or health services management a thorough academic grounding in both disciplines.

The complexity of current national debates on health care suggests that an important relationship exists between health administration and the law. It is therefore not surprising to find individuals with law degrees holding managerial and executive positions in health care organizations or an increasing number of attorneys specializing in health care law. Lawyers who counsel health care executives must have a broad knowledge of the health care field to serve their clients well. Career opportunities for individuals with training in the law and health administration are available in a variety of settings including law firms, health services delivery organizations, insurance and managed care organizations, and government.

### **Admissions Requirements**

To be admitted to the dual JD/MHSA degree, an applicant must hold an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and be admitted to both the School of Law and the MHSA program no later than the end of the first year of study in the School of Law. Prior academic achievement should indicate a high likelihood that an applicant has the capacity to complete the curricula in law and health services administration. Full-time study is required for the dual JD/MHSA degree.

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is the only standardized test required for an applicant to the dual degree program. An applicant or student who is interested in entering the dual degree program should discuss his or her plans with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Law and the MHSA Program Manager in the Department of Population Health as early as possible. No student may enter this dual degree program after completing more than the equivalent of two semesters of full-time enrollment in the JD curriculum.

### **Degree Requirements**

To receive the JD/MHSA, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 123 credit hours. Of these, at least 80 credit hours must be from courses offered by the School of Law and 43 must be from the MHSA Program. Students in this dual degree program should note that while the School of Law requires a 2.0 grade point average in JD coursework to remain in good standing and for graduation, the MHSA program follows the Graduate School regulation requiring a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for the coursework counted toward the MHSA portion of the dual degree. In planning their enrollments, students should inform themselves of course prerequisites and plan their course schedules accordingly.

Students must complete both the JD requirements and the MHSA requirements in order to earn the dual degree. Diplomas will be awarded concurrently by each school following the completion of requirements for the dual degree program. Failure to successfully complete the JD portion of the dual degree will require the student to take all MHSA coursework (13 credits) that was waived as a result of admission to the dual degree program in order for an MHSA to be granted. Similarly, failure to successfully complete the MHSA portion of the dual degree will require the student to take all JD coursework (10 additional credits) that was waived as a result of admission to the dual degree program in order for a JD to be granted.

## **JD Requirements**

All candidates for the JD degree must complete the following required courses:

### **First-Year**

Law 804: Civil Procedure (4)  
Law 806: Intro. to Constitutional Law (4)  
Law 809: Contracts (4)  
Law 814: Criminal Law (4)  
Law 820: Lawyering Skills I (2)  
Law 821: Lawyering Skills II (3)  
Law 826: Property (4)  
Law 831: Torts I (4)

### **Upper Class**

*Three courses from among the following:*

Law 908: Evidence (3)  
Law 845: Jurisdiction (3)  
Law 873: Commercial Law: Secured  
Transactions (3)  
Law 878: Criminal Procedure (3)  
Law 881: Conflict of Laws (3)  
Law 892: Business Organizations (4)  
Law 909: Family Law (3)  
Law 996: Trusts and Estates (4)

*and*

Law 972: Professional Responsibility (2)

Students must complete all required first-year courses (29 credit hours) during their first year of Law School enrollment. In addition to these course requirements, the School of Law has upper-level writing intensive requirements, an experiential requirement, a minimum grade point average requirement, a residence requirement, and a time limit for completion of the degree. Please refer to the current School of Law catalog for details.

In addition to the 40-42 credit hours of coursework (described above) required of all law students, students in the dual JD/MHSA program must complete the following Law coursework:

LAW 850: Administrative Law (3)

*and*

LAW 847: Healthcare Regulation (2)

*or*

LAW 920: Health Law and Policy (3)

Two of the following three courses:

LAW 903: Employment Discrimination Law (3)

LAW 925: Employment Law (3)

LAW 939: Labor Law (4)

Two of the following courses:

LAW 860: Alternative Dispute Resolution (2-3)

LAW 901: Elder Law Field Placement Program (3)

LAW 921: Food and Drug Law (3)

LAW 926: Insurance (3)

LAW 931: Introduction to Elder Law (2)

LAW 955: Legislative Simulation and Study (3)

LAW 976: Public Policy Practicum (3)

All courses must be taken as Law School courses from Law School faculty, except that on a showing of extreme hardship the Law School Academic Committee may grant a waiver of this requirement. The Academic Committee shall also have the authority to make changes or substitutions to this list upon

showing of changed circumstances, such as changes in the fundamental nature of a course or the discontinuance of a course.

Students choose other Law School courses to complete the remaining hours necessary to reach the 80 hours of law school credit needed for the joint degree.

### **MHSA Requirements**

Students entering the MHSA program must have completed a 3-credit hour course in statistics, with a grade of B or better prior to matriculation. This coursework must be completed in an accredited college or university. Applicants should consult the Program Manager to determine if the coursework they have taken or plan to take fulfills these requirements.

The MHSA portion of the dual degree totals 43 credit hours of coursework.

#### **Group I. Student are required to take all courses in this group (27 credit hours)**

- HP&M 810: The Healthcare System (3)
- HP&M 819: Research for Health Care Leaders (3)
- HP&M 822: Healthcare Economics (3)
- HP&M 825: Financial Concepts in Health Management (3)
- HP&M 830: Health Care Management (3)
- HP&M 846: Health Information Technology Management (3)
- HP&M 850: Introduction to Operations (3)
- HP&M 858: Organizational Behavior in Healthcare (3)
- HP&M 860: Internship (1)
- HP&M 861: Capstone Seminar (2)

#### **Group II. Students choose courses totaling 16 credit hours from this group**

- HP&M 827: Financial Applications in Health Management (3)
- HP&M 832: Governance and Health Law (2)
- HP&M 833: Ethics (2)
- HP&M 837: Health Policy (3)
- HP&M 840: Organizational Foundations for Leading Change (3)
- HP&M 848: Designing Healthcare Organizations (2)
- HP&M 852: Strategic Marketing (2)
- HP&M 853: Strategic Management (2)
- HP&M 854: Human Resources and Workforce Development (3)
- BIOS 704 Principles of Statistics in Public Health (3)
- HP&M Elective (3)

Waivers, substitutions, and all other degree requirements are governed by the MHSA program and KUMC Graduate School policies. Students should consult the Program Manager, if they have questions about MHSA degree requirements.

The following scheduling of MHSA courses is recommended for years two, three, and four in the JD/MHSA program, with year one devoted to Law School coursework.

**Year Two (17 MHSA credits)**

**Fall Two**

HP&M 810: The Healthcare System (3)  
HP&M 858: Health and Social Behavior (3)  
Group II Course

**Spring Two**

HP&M 822: Healthcare Economics (3)  
HP&M 850: Introduction to Operations (3)  
Group II Course

**Year Three (13 MHSA credits)**

**Fall Three**

HP&M 825: Financial Concepts in Health Management (3)  
Group II Course

**Spring Three**

HP&M 846: Health Information Technology Management (3)  
Group II Course

**Summer Three**

HP&M 860: Internship (1)  
Group II Course (HP&M 852)

**Year Four (13 MHSA credits)**

**Fall Four**

HP&M 819: Research for Health Care Leaders (3)  
HP&M 830: Health Care Management (3)

**Spring Four**

HP&M 861: Capstone Seminar (2)  
Group II Course  
Group II Course

<b>Typical Program Format</b>	<u>Law School</u>	<u>MHSA</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Year	29	0	29
Second Year	17	17	34
Third Year	17	13	30
Fourth Year	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>30</u>
Total Credit Earned	80	43	123

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