

**UAMS College of Public Health
and
UALR William H. Bowen School of Law**

Combined Degree Program for JD and MPH Degrees

I. Curricular Requirements

A student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock may pursue the JD and MPH degrees under a combined degree program which allows cross-credit for certain specified courses. The combined degree program offers a potential savings of credit hours in the total credit hours otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the combined degree program must complete all the requirements for the JD degree as specified by the School of Law, and all requirements for the MPH as specified by the College of Public Health. The combined degree program is subject to the following conditions:

- A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the MPH program listed in Section IV below will receive credit in the JD program only if the student received credit for the course in the MPH program.
- B. In the MPH program, a student may receive elective credits for 15 semester hours of approved courses in the JD program completed with a minimum grade of C-. A list of the approved JD courses is set out below.
- C. In the JD program, a student may receive elective credits for 12 semester hours of approved courses in the MPH program completed with a minimum grade of B. A list of approved MPH courses is set out below.
- D. In the JD program, a student must complete Administrative Law in addition to courses otherwise required for the JD degree. The student may not receive credit for the Administrative Law course offered in the MPH program. A student must take a Health Law course in either the JD or the MPH program.
- E. A student may not receive credit in both programs for courses that are the same or substantially equivalent.

II. Administrative Policies and Procedures

- A. The College of Public Health Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs and the School of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the combined degree program. They shall consider matters such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties. Each of the above persons may approve a course or courses not on this list between biannual meetings if the course or courses are compatible with the goals of the Combined Degree program or the course is the substantial equivalent of an approved course. Any courses approved in this manner must be considered for permanent inclusion in the program after the next biannual meeting.

- B. A student enrolled in the combined degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the combined degree program.
- C. A student must obtain admission separately to the JD program and the MPH program. Once admitted to both programs, a student enters the combined degree program by filing the attached Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.
- D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the combined degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.
- E. A student is not enrolled in the combined program until copies of the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees are filed with the Registrar of the School of Law and with the Office of the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Public Health.
- F. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the combined degree program to complete the other degree.
- G. After filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees, the student shall schedule a joint meeting with the College of Public Health Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs and the School of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Times of enrollment in each program, preliminary course selection, and potential conflicts shall be discussed.
- H. A student who enters the combined degree program must select which program to pursue first and notify the other program in order that enrollment may be deferred. Concurrent enrollment in classes in both programs is normally permitted, except that under no circumstances will concurrent enrollment be permitted during the first year of the full-time JD program or during the first two years (other than summer terms) of the part-time JD program. Concurrent enrollment requires the written permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Law and the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Public Health. The total credit hour load in both programs for concurrently enrolled students shall not exceed the normal maximum load in either program without the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Law and the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Public Health.
- I. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other programs.
- J. Except as modified by Sections I and II of this statement of the Combined Degree MPH Degrees, a student must comply with all degree requirements established for each program. For instance, the School of Law and the College of Public Health each has a requirement that all degree requirements be completed not more than six years after enrollment in the degree program. A student enrolled in the combined degree program must earn any credit hours in the MPH program to be applied to the JD degree within six years of enrolling in the School of Law and any credit hours in the JD program to be applied to the MPH degree within six years of enrolling in the College of Public Health.

III. JD Courses Approved for MPH Program

The following courses offered by the School of Law may be used for up to 15 hours of specialty credit in the MPH program:

LAW 6203	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2
LAW 6256/6393	Civil Liberties	2 or 3
LAW 6257/6300	Communications Law	2 or 3
LAW 6259	Correctional Law	2
LAW 6399	Disability Law	3
LAW 6269/6328	Employment Law	2 or 3
LAW 6309	Environmental Law and Policy in a Changing World	3
LAW 6262/6362	Environmental Law	2 or 3
LAW 6283/6387	Health Law	2 or 3
LAW TBA	Health Law Seminar	2
LAW 6396	Immigration Law	2 or 3
LAW 6368	Insurance Law	3
LAW TBA	Interviewing and Counseling	2
LAW 6371	Labor Law	3
LAW 6232/6372	Land Use	2 or 3
LAW 6272	Law and Medicine	2
LAW 6273	Law and Psychiatry	2
LAW 6280/6374	Legislation	2 or 3
LAW 6375	Local Government	3
LAW 6304	Mediation Clinic	4
LAW 6249	Workers Compensation	2
LAW 6305	Toxic Torts	3
LAW 6318	Water Law	3

IV. MPH Courses Approved for JD Program (Tentative)

The following courses offered by the College of Public Health may be used for elective credit in the JD program:

PBHL 5283	Public Helth Law & Ethics	3
PBHL 5383	Health Care Policy & American Society	3
PBHL 7333	Administrative Leadership & Public Management	3
PBHL 5723	Administration of Health Problems	3
PBHL 8033	Advanced Health Systems Financial Management	3
PBHL 8332	Alcohol and Drug Program Administration	2
PBHL 8552	Community Mental Health	2
PBHL 7143	Comparative Public Administration Seminar	3
PBHL 5663	Contemporary Health Problems	3
PBHL 7373	Controversial Issues in Health Education	3
PBHL 7603	Decision Analysis in Health Administration	3
PBHL 7343	Disability Law	3
PBHL 7093	Ethnic and Gender Dynamics	3
PBHL 5693	Environmental Health Problems	3
PBHL	Health Care Policy and American Society	
PBHL 594V	Health Communication Seminar	1 to 3
PBHL 7113	Health Economics	3
PBHL 7803	Health Law	3
PBHL 7013	Health Planning	3
PBHL 5213	Health Promotion in the Worksite	3
PBHL 7073	Health Psychology	3
PBHL 8113	Health Services Human Resource	

	Management	3
PBHL 7503	Health Systems Financial Management	3
PBHL 7703	Health Systems Policy & Decision Making	3
PBHL 8013	Hospital Administration	3
PBHL 7513	Interdisciplinary Health Care of the Elderly	3
PBHL 8053	International Health	3
PBHL 593V	Law and Policy Seminar	1 to 3
PBHL 8043	Long Term Care Administration	3
PBHL 8313	Managed Care	3
PBHL 7623	Managing the Not-For-Profit Sector	3
PBHL 7163	Medical Aspects of Disability	3
PBHL 5043	Occupational and Environmental Hazard Control	3
PBHL 7233	Politics and Bureaucracy	3
PBHL 5623	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
PBHL 7263	Psychology Aspects of Disability	3
	Public Health Law	
PBHL 5363	Public Health Policy (Sect. 1 or 2)	3
PBHL 5743	Research in Health	3
PBHL 7053	Social Welfare Policies and Services	3
PBHL 8213	Total Quality Management and Reengineering	3
PBHL 5073	Regulation of Environmental Health	3

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