

The University of Oklahoma
College of Public Health
Department of Health Administration and Policy



Dual Degree Program
Juris Doctor
Master of Public Health in Health Administration and Policy

The dual degree in law and public health involves the Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law and the Master of Public Health in Health Administration and Policy from the College of Public Health. The objective of the program is to combine into four years of study the 3-year JD and the 2-year MPH. The program is designed to offer the student who plans to practice law in the public health arena or to enter public health directly a thorough academic grounding in both disciplines with emphasis on increasing the convergence of these professional areas.

The JD degree requires a minimum of 90 hours, and the MPH requires a minimum of 44 hours. Under the dual-degree program, the JD course of study is substantially unchanged except that 80 rather than 90 hours is required and four courses (12 hours) are added to the normal 40 hours of required courses for JC candidates. A student is not permitted to enroll in courses in the Department of Health Administration and Policy during the first year of law school study. The student will complete 34-36 hours toward the MPH in the College of Public Health, and ten hours from the College of Law course work is accepted as elective course work within the MPH program to complete the 44 credit hour degree. These elective courses are selected by the student with the approval of an Oversight Committee comprised of one faculty from each college. One of law course electives replaces the Public Health Law and Regulations course normally required for the MPH. Students must complete an MPH Practicum in accordance with all of the practicum policies of the College of Public Health, and perform satisfactorily on the MPH culminating experience examination at the end of the MPH program.

Students interested in the dual program must be accepted by both colleges, and both degrees are awarded during the same academic session.

This program awards both degrees upon completion of the 114-hour curriculum.

Law Required Courses:

5003/5013 Contracts I & II
5052/5061 Legal Research, Writing
& Appellate Advocacy I & II
5073/5083 Property I & II
5094/5102 Torts I & II
5023/5033 Civil Procedures I & II
5043 Criminal Law
5202 Professional Responsibility
5604 Constitutional Law I
5874 Evidence
5403 Administrative Law
5823 Environmental Law
6090 Law and Medicine

Public Health Core Courses:

BSE 5163 Biostatistics Methods I
BSE 5113 Principles of Epidemiology
OEH 5013 Environmental Health
HPS 5213 Social & Behavioral Sciences
in Public Health
HAP 5453 U.S. Health Care System
HAP 5303 Health Policy & Politics
HAP 5413 Principles of Healthcare Management
HAP 5613 Healthcare Financial Management
OR
HAP 5623 Public Budgeting
HAP 5843 Public Health Practice & Management
CPH 5950 Practicum (2 credits)

6363 Remedies

Total – 52 credits

Elective Courses:

Any College of Law elective will fulfill this requirement except that a student may not receive more than 4 credit hours in Approved Curricular Activities and no credit can be earned in Continuing Legal Education courses.

COL electives – 28 credits

HAP electives – 10 credits

Total – 28 credits

Elective Courses:

Any HAP electives will fulfill this requirement

HAP electives – 6 credits

COL electives – 10 credits

This degree program is subject to the policies and procedures printed in the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health Bulletin.

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