

PUBLIC POLICY/LAW (MPP/JD)

It's all about solutions. In the JD/Master of Public Policy program, you will learn to design effective solutions in the creation, implementation and enforcement of government policies. As an advocate in a variety of settings (legislative, judicial, or executive), you will use the tools of law in public service. You will be equipped to work in multiple venues, including the courtroom, legislative offices, and public policy institutes on a wide variety of issues.

Graduates will be prepared to work in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocacy and lobbying positions, as well as private sector firms.

Related Programs

Master's

- Public Policy (MPP) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-policy-mpp/>)
- Public Service Leadership (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/continuing-professional-studies/public-service-leadership-ma/>)

Curriculum

Students in their first year will take the required law school coursework. In their second and third years, they will take six credits of MPP courses each semester in addition to their law school requirements.

To earn a dual JD/MPP degree, you must complete a total of 89 credit hours, including 65 law school credit hours and 24 MPP credit hours. A minimum of 74 graded hours are required for this degree. With careful planning, you can earn both degrees in three years of study. You will spend your first year as a full-time law student. JD foundational course requirements and skills and experiential course requirements will be taken in the second and third years, concurrent with several MPP courses. A public service externship will be completed in either the summer following the first or second year.

Courses

Code	Title	Hours
JD Requirements		
LAW 113	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 122	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 132	Contracts	4
LAW 140	Criminal Law	3
LAW 152	Property	4
LAW 162	Torts	4
LAW 190	Legal Writing I	2
LAW 190R	Basic Legal Research	0
LAW 192	Legal Writing II	2
LAW 210	Evidence ²	4
LAW 232	Bar Exam Fundamentals ⁴	2
LAW 270	Business Organizations ²	4
LAW 414	Professional Responsibility	3
LAW 424	Professional Identity Formation	1

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MPP Requirements

Required Courses		
MPP 400	Policy Design and Analysis	3
MPP 401	Analytical Tools in Public Policy	3
MPP 403	Public Budget and Finance	3
MPP 404	Public Policy Process	3
MPP 405	Statistical Methods & Analysis for Public Policy I	3
Elective Courses ¹		
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MPP electives include options for additional political courses, policy skills courses, or subject matter specializations.

MPP 402	Cost Benefit Analysis	
MPP 406	Statistical Methods & Analysis Public Policy II	
MPP 407	Local Economic Development	
MPP 408	Political Feasibility Analysis	
MPP 409	Education Policy and Politics	
MPP 410	Special Topics in Public Policy	
MPP 411	Environmental Governance	
MPP 412	Urban Politics and Policy	
MPP 413	Intergovernmental Relations	
MPP 414	Affordable Housing Finance and Policy	
MPP 500	Public Policy Evaluation	
MPP 503	Public Policy Practicum	

Total Hours	89
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¹ Students may take Graduate level courses in other schools with the permission of the Program Director.

² This requirement only applies to students beginning their JDs in Fall 2023 or later.

³ This requirement only applies to students beginning their JDs in Fall 2022 or later. For students beginning their JDs in Fall 2023 or later, students must take this BCCR course before, concurrently with, or as part of their enrollment in any clinic or externship field placement.

⁴ Students who have a GPA below 2.9 after their second, third, or fourth semester of law school must complete "BAR EXAM FUNDAMENTALS" (LAW 232) in order to graduate. This class should be taken in the Fall or Spring of their third year for full-time students, and in the Fall or Spring of their fourth year for Weekend JDs.

⁵ Student must complete MPP course to satisfy PER ELEC requirement.

⁶ At least one class with an RW designation after 1L year and before graduation. Prior completion of Legal Writing III will satisfy the RW requirement. A student cannot use their RW course to concurrently satisfy any other of their other graduation requirements.

BCCR Electives

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 107	Illinois Litigation Racism, Injustice & Poverty	2
LAW 143	Environmental Justice: Race, Class and the Environment	3
LAW 146	Mass Incarceration	2
LAW 156	Abolition and Movement Lawyering	2

LAW 166	Education Law Practicum	1-4
LAW 179	The Law of Jury Selection	2
LAW 193	Diversity and Inclusion: A Professional and Social Responsibility	2
LAW 202	Human Trafficking Seminar	2
LAW 209	Law, Life and Jesuit Spirituality	2
LAW 212	Civil Rights	2
LAW 214	Race and the Law	2-3
LAW 215	Domestic Violence Practicum	1-3
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum	1-2
LAW 265	Black Traditions in International Law	1-2
LAW 276	Criminal Law Practicum	1-3
LAW 294	International Human Rights	1-3
LAW 302	Intellectual Origins of "Othering" in the Law of Nations	2
LAW 312	Street Law	3
LAW 341	Educational Advocacy Lab	2
LAW 358	The Quest for Racial Justice in the Long 1960s	3
LAW 389	Public Interest Law Seminar	1-2
LAW 402	"Say Her Name." Intersectional Feminism & Police Violence	4
LAW 408	Restorative Justice Workshop	1
LAW 440	Criminal Procedure Capstone	3
LAW 447	Federal Indian Law	3
LAW 483	Federal Tax Clinic I	2-4
LAW 486	Federal Tax Clinic II	1-2
LAW 504	Lawyers as Leaders	2
LAW 525	Law, Politics, and Society	2
LAW 538	Critical Race Theory	2
LAW 539	Affordable Housing Law & Policy	2
LAW 555	Children and the Law	2
LAW 590	Wrongful Conviction Seminar	1-2
LAW 601	Child, Family, and the State	2
LAW 606	Legislation and Policy Clinic	2-4
LAW 608	Juvenile Justice	2
LAW 620	Civitas ChildLaw Clinic	1-4
LAW 730	Health Justice Policy Practicum	2-3
LAW 745	Access to Health Care	2-3
LAW 755	Health Justice Project	3-4

Experiential Learning Electives

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 166	Education Law Practicum	1-4
LAW 173	Advanced Education Law Practicum	1-4
LAW 215	Domestic Violence Practicum	1-3
LAW 246	Advanced Mediation Advocacy Practicum	1-4
LAW 249	Human Trafficking: Advancing Protections for Children Practicum	1-2
LAW 276	Criminal Law Practicum	1-3
LAW 341	Educational Advocacy Lab	2
LAW 470	Immigration Practicum Advancing	1-4
LAW 483	Federal Tax Clinic I	2-4

LAW 486	Federal Tax Clinic II	1-2
LAW 493	Adult Guardianship Project	3
LAW 518	Advanced Mediation and Courthouse Practicum	1-3
LAW 540	Community Law Center Clinic III	2
LAW 554	Family Law Practicum	1
LAW 584	Mediation Certification & Courthouse Practicum	4
LAW 586	Community Law Center Clinic Veterans Practicum	2-4
LAW 595	Community LawCtr Clinic I	4
LAW 596	Community Law Center Clinic II	3
LAW 599	Externship Intensive Field Placement	1-3
LAW 606	Legislation and Policy Clinic	2-4
LAW 617	Policy Practicum: Issues in Childlaw	1-3
LAW 620	Civitas ChildLaw Clinic	1-4
LAW 730	Health Justice Policy Practicum	2-3
LAW 745	Access to Health Care	2-3
LAW 755	Health Justice Project	3-4
LAW 757	Advanced Health Justice Project	2-4
LAW 825	Business Law Center Clinical & Seminar	2-4
LAW 826	Business Law Clinic II	1-3

Perspective Elective

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 127	Law and Psychology	2
LAW 185	Business and the Law	2
LAW 208	Advanced Criminal Law	2
LAW 262	Genetics Law and Policy	2
LAW 265	Black Traditions in International Law	1-2
LAW 294	International Human Rights	1-3
LAW 319	Jurisprudence I	3
LAW 339	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management	2
LAW 341	Educational Advocacy Lab	2
LAW 348	Law & Poverty	3
LAW 388	Global Access to Medicine: A Patent Perspective	3
LAW 459	Intro to English Legal Profession	1
LAW 461	Education Law and Policy	2-3
LAW 522	Election Law	2-3
LAW 525	Law, Politics, and Society	2
LAW 538	Critical Race Theory	2
LAW 558	Comparative Freedom of Speech	1-2
LAW 564	Animal Law and Policy	2-3
LAW 597	The Use of Force in International and Domestic Law	2
LAW 601	Child, Family, and the State	2
LAW 608	Juvenile Justice	2
LAW 745	Access to Health Care	2-3

Rigorous Writing Elective

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 145	Gender Based Violence: Law, Practice, and Policy	2
LAW 146	Mass Incarceration	2
LAW 176	International Trade Law	1-3
LAW 194	Bar Exam Writing Skills	1-2
LAW 293	Advanced Writing for Legal Practice	1-3

LAW 302	Intellectual Origins of "Othering" in the Law of Nations	2
LAW 361	Insurance Law	2
LAW 407	Immigration Litigation: Admin Law Challenges to Immigration Policy	2
LAW 417	Advanced Business Law	3
LAW 419	Business Skills in Sports and Entertainment Law: The Introductory Skill Set	2
LAW 455	Appellate Advocacy-Intellectual Property	2
LAW 516	Prisoner Constitutional Rights Litigation	3
LAW 556	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2-3
LAW 712	Legal Writing for Medical Malpractice Trial: The Expert	2
LAW 739	Health Information Privacy and Technology	1-2

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
LAW 113	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 152	Property	4
LAW 162	Torts	4
LAW 190	Legal Writing I	2
Hours		14
Spring		
LAW 122	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 132	Contracts	4
LAW 140	Criminal Law	3
LAW 192	Legal Writing II	2
Law School Elective		3
Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
Law School Elective		2
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Skills or Experiential Course		2-4
MPP 400 or MPP 404	Policy Design and Analysis or Public Policy Process	3
MPP 405	Statistical Methods & Analysis for Public Policy I	3
Hours		20
Spring		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Skills or Experiential Course		2-4
MPP 403 or MPP 401	Public Budget and Finance or Analytical Tools in Public Policy	3

MPP Elective		3
Hours		14
Year 3		
Fall		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
MPP 404 or MPP 400	Public Policy Process or Policy Design and Analysis	3
MPP Elective		3
Hours		12
Spring		
Law School Elective		3-4
Law School Elective		3-4
MPP 401 or MPP 403	Analytical Tools in Public Policy or Public Budget and Finance	3
MPP Elective		3
Hours		13
Total Hours		89

Dual Degree Programs

Students in dual degree programs are responsible for abiding by academic policies and graduation requirements of both academic units to which they are enrolled. It is strongly recommended that students schedule regular meetings with academic advisors from both units to ensure timely degree completion. Dual degree programs may have slightly different degree requirements from the standard for one or both of the degrees earned. Students should closely read through all degree requirements and ask for clarification as needed.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the joint JD/MPP degree program, students will be able to:

- Design effective solutions in the creation, implementation and enforcement of government policies.
- Work as an advocate in a variety of settings (legislative, judicial, or executive).
- Use the tools of law in public service.
- Understand the political process in development of policies, including the role of the judiciary with other branches of government and within the intergovernmental context.
- Understand a government budget and evaluate it from different stakeholder positions.
- Develop political messaging to advocate for policies and to build a political coalition of support for a program.
- Apply appropriate analytical procedures used in public policy research and practice.