

J.D./M.P.A. JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

The University of Miami School of Law in partnership with the University of Miami Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.as.miami.edu/politicalscience/>) offers a joint J.D./M.P.A. in Law and Public Administration. This curriculum prepares Law School students for government, political and nonprofit legal positions. The 112-credit degree program provides a solid theoretical framework and grounding in policy analysis, administration, and management.

The joint program allows students to obtain both JD and MPA degrees in four years. The first year is spent in the Law School and years two through four are spent taking both Law and MPA courses.

For further information contact the Department of Political Science at 305-284-2401 or the Law School at 305-284-5535.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to this program, students must apply separately to both programs. Students may apply to the MPA program prior to beginning Law School or anytime during the first or second year of Law School. Students may begin the MPA program in the fall, spring or summer semesters.

For admission to the M.P.A. program students must complete an MPA application. If they apply before the end of their first year in Law School, they will not need to take the GRE exam. Their LSAT score will be used instead of the GRE. For more details on the M.P.A. program, visit the M.P.A. website (<http://www.as.miami.edu/mpa/>).

Acceptance by one program does not in any way indicate or guarantee acceptance by the other degree program.

J.D./M.P.A. Proposed Sample Schedule with 4 years, no summers (<http://media.law.miami.edu/academics/pdf/2012/jd-mpa-proposed-sample-schedule-2012.pdf>): (Note: schedule can be shortened through summer credits).

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JD REQUIREMENTS		82
Refer to the link below for more information on the JD Requirements for Dual/Joint Degrees. https://bulletin.miami.edu/law-academic-programs/jd/#curriculumtext		
MPA REQUIREMENTS		
Required Courses		27
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	
POL 656	Public Service Internship	
POL 671	Government and Business	
Electives (Select one of the following)		3
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	
POL 619	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science	
POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	
POL 626	Administrative Law	
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	
POL 652	Total Quality Public Service Management: Achieving High Performance Government	
POL 654	Politics and Ethics	
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business, and Non-Profit Organizations	
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	

POL 697	Special Topics in International Relations	
Total Credit Hours		112

Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
LAW 11	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 12	Contracts	4
LAW 13	Elements	3
LAW 15	Torts	4
LAW 19	Legal Communication and Research I	2
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
LAW 14	Property	4
LAW 16	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW 17	U.S. Constitutional Law I	4
LAW 29	Legal Communication and Research II	2
Law Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
Year Two		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.P.A. Courses		6
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.P.A. Courses		6
Credit Hours		15
Year Three		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		8
M.P.A. Courses		6
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.P.A. Courses		3
Credit Hours		12
Year Four		
Fall		
Upper Level Law Courses		6
M.P.A. Courses		6
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
Upper Level Law Courses		9
M.P.A. Courses		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		112