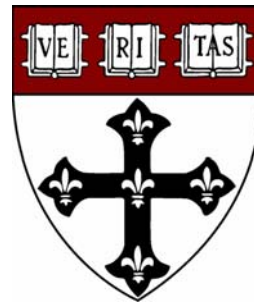
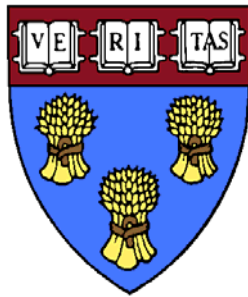


HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (JD/MPH) JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

The Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health (JD/MPH) program is offered jointly by the Harvard Law School (HLS) and the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH). The objective of the program is to support and encourage individuals with an interest in public health studies in the development of interdisciplinary knowledge and skills in preparation for a career in health law, public health policy, or a related field.

Students in the program fulfill all requirements necessary to earn a JD from HLS and an MPH from HSPH. Students enroll in the Law and Public Health concentration of the MPH, and pursue a focused study track in their MPH coursework. The usual requirement that applicants to the MPH program obtain a JD prior to matriculation at the School of Public Health is waived. Upon successful completion of the program, joint degree students will be awarded both a JD and an MPH from the respective Harvard schools.

The Law and Public Health concentration is designed to train leaders in the field of public health law. Graduates are prepared for positions in a variety of settings, including work in a health law or environmental section of a law firm; positions in local, state, and federal government; research or advocacy jobs in nongovernmental organizations; or posts in academia.

STRUCTURE OF COURSEWORK

This intensive course of study is completed in three academic years plus one summer semester. Students spend their first academic year solely at HLS taking the standard first-year Law School curriculum. Following the first year, students must enroll full-time in both of the HSPH summer sessions, which collectively run from early July through mid-August. During the second and third years of the program, joint degree students are enrolled in, and take courses at, both schools. No coursework is required during the second-year summer, which is typically used to pursue health-law-related work experience of the student's choice. Students receive both degrees in June of the third year.

The required HLS curriculum for joint degree students includes the following: the standard first-year curriculum including a spring elective; a professional responsibility course; and the written work and pro bono requirements. Joint degree students, like other JD students, are permitted to select their upper-level law courses from the Law School's wide array of offerings. The MPH curriculum for joint degree students is highly structured and suitable for those with a preexisting focused interest within public health, rather than a general desire to explore the field.

First Year

Joint degree students enroll first in the Law School, and complete the first-year HLS courses. During the first-year summer, joint degree students enroll at HSPH for a total of 12.5 credits consisting of the following courses:

- BIO 202 & 203: Principles of Biostatistics (5.0 credits)

- EPI 500: Fundamentals of Epidemiology (2.5 credits)
- ID 251: Ethical Basis of the Practice of Public Health (2.5 credits)
- HPM 209: Economics of Health Policy (2.5 credits)

Upper-Level Years

In the second and third years of the program, students take courses at both schools. Students may choose to spend their second-year fall semester entirely at HLS in order to accommodate the demands of job searching and interviewing. (Students take a formal leave of absence from HSPH during this semester if they choose this option.)

Students are encouraged to structure one upper-level semester in which at least half of their course load consists of HSPH credits. This will allow students to achieve an “immersion” experience at HSPH while promoting the flexibility to register in required or desired courses at each school.

In the third year, students complete the MPH program’s Practicum requirement and the Law School’s written work requirement.

Course Credit Requirements

Law School requirements for the second and third years include the following, in addition to credits earned during the first year:

- At least 36 Law School classroom credits (a category that includes courses, seminars, and reading groups given at HLS but not clinical or writing credits), and
- At least 16 additional credits, which may be earned through the Law School’s written work requirement, HSPH courses, written work or clinical courses at the Law School, or other Law School courses, subject to the requirements set out in the HLS Handbook of Academic Policies 2007-08.
- Satisfaction of the Law School’s pro bono requirement.

In accumulating these upper-level credits, students must:

- Enroll in at least 6 Law School classroom credits each semester, and
- Enroll in at least 18 Law School classroom credits each year, and
- Enroll in the Law School Winter Term during each upper-level year. (Students may enroll in the Winter Term Writing Program for one Winter Term, during their 2L or 3L year.)

For students beginning their MPH coursework in Summer 2007 or later, at least 42.5 credits are required for the MPH degree, including satisfaction of several core course requirements. (Students who began their MPH coursework prior to summer 2007 must complete at least 40 credits.) The credits earned during the HSPH summer session are included in this credit total. Joint degree students are not expected to enroll in HSPH courses during the HSPH WinterSession.

Joint degree students are permitted to satisfy their degree requirements by counting a limited number of course credits toward both degrees. The rules for double-counting credits are set forth in the Appendix to this Program Description.

CORE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

For the JD degree, students must complete the Law School's written work requirement. For the MPH degree, a 5-credit Practicum is required in the spring semester of the student's final year. Joint degree students will be permitted to integrate the Practicum work with their legal work in one of two ways: (1) by designing an Integrated Written Project as described below, or (2) by selecting a job experience for the summer after their second year in which they will do work that meets the requirements for a Practicum internship as set forth in the *Guide to the LPH Practicum*.

Students may petition to complete the HLS written work requirement and the HSPH Practicum requirement in one integrated project culminating in a written work. Integrated projects must involve both a substantial writing component and a substantial experiential component. The amount of time required to complete an integrated project will approximate the amount of time that would be required to satisfy the two requirements separately. Integrated projects must be approved by a faculty member at each school and must satisfy the criteria for both the HLS written work requirement and the MPH Practicum.

ADMISSIONS

Individuals interested in the joint JD/MPH program apply separately to the JD and MPH programs at the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Public Health. Each school will independently review and accept applicants. Students must be accepted by both programs in order to enroll in the joint program. Questions relating to the admissions process at each school should be addressed directly to that school.

When to Apply

Students may apply to HSPH and the joint degree program at either of two points:

- 1) Concurrently with their application to Harvard Law School. Students will not be formally admitted to HSPH until they have received an offer of admission to HLS. (Information on the Law School's admissions process can be found at http://www.law.harvard.edu/Admissions/JD_Admissions/)
- 2) In the fall of their first year at HLS. The application deadline is in December (consult the HSPH Admissions Office, <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/admissions/>, for the exact date).

Unless the applicant's choice of law school is contingent upon admission to the JD/MPH joint degree program, it is recommended that the application to HPSH and the joint degree program be made in the fall of the 1L year. This gives the applicant additional time to acquire health-related experience, which improves the chances of admission to the program. At this time, students will also have a better understanding of the demands of their legal studies and whether they would be able to manage the additional workload involved in pursuing joint degrees.

Application Procedures

The MPH application and admission process is separate from the Law School application and admissions process. Candidates who are applying to both programs must complete both applications.

The Law School application is available from the HLS Admissions Office, <http://www.law.harvard.edu/admissions/jd/apply.php>. Applicants are encouraged to apply electronically.

Application to the MPH program is made through the centralized electronic application system for schools of public health at www.sophas.org. The application asks joint-degree applicants to indicate that they are applying for the JD/MPH joint program. Additional information about the MPH application process is available at <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/admissions/>.

All JD/MPH applicants should adhere to the following special guidelines for the personal statement on the MPH application:

Statement of Objectives and Plans Instructions for JD/MPH Joint Degree Applicants

Please submit an essay: typed, double-spaced and up to **750** words in length. There is no prescribed format for the essay, but it should include information about the following:

- Your focused interest within the field of public health
- Your previous academic, professional, and/or extracurricular experiences that demonstrate your interest in public health or health-related issues
- Your reasons for wanting to enroll in the joint JD/MPH degree program
- Your career plans upon completion of the joint degree program

Please do not underestimate the importance of this statement. It is your opportunity to inform the reviewers of your qualifications, motivation, and potential to make a contribution to the fields of public health and law. The essay should persuasively establish (1) your preparation to undertake this intense course of study, (2) your understanding of the MPH curriculum, and (3) a good fit between the curriculum and your interests and goals.

Either the GRE (taken within 5 years of the application date) or the LSAT is acceptable to fulfill the test score requirement for the MPH application. If both are available, applicants are encouraged to submit both. The Law School requires the LSAT.

Admissions Criteria

A number of factors are considered for admission to the HSPH and the joint JD/MPH program. Ordinarily, no single factor will eliminate an otherwise strong candidate; admissions decisions are based on an assessment of the “whole candidate.” Key considerations are the degree of fit

between the program curriculum and the applicant's interests and goals, and the applicant's level of preparation for the proposed course of study.

Particular admissions criteria include the following:

1. Academic background

- Completion of a bachelor's degree or foreign equivalent and acceptance at Harvard Law School prior to matriculation at HSPH.
- Strong academic record in undergraduate work and any graduate study undertaken to date.
- Evidence of aptitude and success in prior coursework in mathematics and quantitative methods, and a comfort level with quantitative methods sufficient to undertake graduate-level study of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in an intensive summer course.
- Evidence of prior academic exposure to concepts in science and medicine.
- Strong performance on the GRE and/or LSAT examination.
- Proficiency in English.

2. Experience

- A demonstrated commitment to public health interests through participation in relevant internships, volunteer experiences, research, and/or student and community activities.

3. Goals

The applicant's Personal Statement should:

- Show an understanding of the field of public health and the work the applicant has in mind. Career objectives should be well articulated.
- Establish a link between past training and experience, future goals, and the proposed program of study.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the orientation and substance of the Law & Public Health concentration and confirm a commitment to acquiring the skills and knowledge that form the core of the MPH program.
- Articulate a focused interest within public health (for example, U.S. health care policy, international health and human rights, environmental health, health technology assessment).

4. Potential contribution to the program

- Sincere commitment to the field of public health, including both an existing focused interest within the field and a curiosity about other areas of possible exploration.
- Extensive or unusual work experience or interesting personal background is a plus.
- Personal maturity and ability to work well with colleagues and contribute positively to a learning/working environment, as evidenced by letters of recommendation.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Program Costs

Pursuing the JD and MPH through the joint degree program results in some tuition savings, compared to pursuing the two degrees separately. Tuition is paid as follows:

	HLS tuition paid	HSPH tuition paid
Year 1 Academic	Full (2 semesters)	None
Year 1 Summer	None	Full (2 summer sessions)
Years 2 & 3 Academic	3 semesters' worth (instead of 4). This is charged as 75% of full-time tuition during each of 4 terms	1 semester's worth (instead of 2). This is charged as 25% of full-time tuition during each of 4 terms.

Financial Aid Determinations

Joint degree applicants should apply for financial aid **through HLS only** for the three academic years of the program; no financial aid application should be submitted to HSPH. All financial aid determinations for these semesters are made through Harvard Law School under its standard policies. Applicants should inform the HLS financial aid office that they are applying to the joint program, and should let the office know when they have been accepted to the program. For further information about HLS Financial Aid Policies, see the web site at <http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/finaid/>.

No grant or scholarship aid is available through HSPH or HLS for the first-year summer session at HSPH. Students interested in non-federal loans **ONLY** during the HSPH summer may contact the HSPH Student Financial Services Office for information. Also, HLS may waive the summer earnings expectation for aid-eligible students for this summer.

JD/MPH applicants are eligible for aid specifically for the MPH portion of their studies through the following University-wide programs:

- **Zuckerman Fellows Program:** Generous support for joint-degree students interested in public service. Information is available at <http://www.zuckermanfellows.harvard.edu/index.shtml>. Students must make a special application to the Zuckerman program. The Zuckerman program administrator can provide advice about the optimal timing of the application.

- **Reynolds Foundation Fellowships:** Generous support for students interested in social entrepreneurship. Information is available at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/leadership/reynolds/>. Students must make a special application to the Reynolds program. The Reynolds program administrator can provide advice about the optimal timing of the application.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information about the joint degree program and the Law and Public Health concentration of the MPH program is available online at <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/mph/> and <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/lph/>.

For information about application procedures, contact the admissions offices of HLS and HSPH. (Law School Admissions Office: jdadmiss@law.harvard.edu ; School of Public Health Admissions Office: (617) 432-1031, admisofc@hsph.harvard.edu).

For information about financial aid arrangements and application procedures, contact the financial aid offices of each school. (Law School Financial Aid Office: 617-495-4606; School of Public Health Financial Aid Office: 617-432-1867)

For programmatic questions about the JD/MPH program, contact Roberta Gianfortoni, Assistant Dean for Professional Education at the School of Public Health, at (617) 432-0090 or roberta@hsph.harvard.edu or Julie Barton, Joint and Concurrent Degree Advisor at Harvard Law School, at (617) 495-7192 or jbarton@law.harvard.edu .

APPENDIX A: RULES CONCERNING COUNTING OF COURSE CREDITS

JD/MPH students may count a limited number of credits toward both their JD and their MPH degree. This Appendix explains the rules for counting credits.

Credits are described as “HSPH credits” and “HLS credits” herein because the two schools do not count credits in the same way. For example, a 2-hour-per-week, semester-long course would typically be counted as 2 credits at HLS but 2.5 credits at HSPH. However, some courses do not translate neatly. To ascertain the number of credits that will be applied, JD/MPH students are strongly encouraged to consult the Registrars of the respective schools **early in the semester** in which they plan to request that credits be counted across schools.

Q: How many credits can I count toward both degrees?

A: Students may double-count NO MORE THAN TEN CREDITS toward both degrees. Students may double-count credits in any or all of the following three ways:

- 1. Up to 5 HSPH credits from classes taught at HLS (on any subject) may be counted toward the MPH degree.**

Example: Jim Student registers at HLS for an Administrative Law class for 4 HLS credits and asks the HSPH Registrar to apply this as 5 credits toward his MPH degree.

- 2. In addition, up to 10 HLS credits from classes taught at HSPH may be counted toward the “non-classroom credit” requirement for the JD degree.**

Example: Jim registers at HSPH for courses in Health Care Regulation and Planning, Justice and Resource Allocation, Policy Analysis Methods for Public Health, and Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Health for a total of 12.5 HSPH credits and asks the HLS Registrar to apply them as 10 credits toward his JD degree.

- 3. In addition, up to 4 HLS credits (5 HSPH credits) from an approved list of health law classes may be counted toward the requirements for both degrees.** If students earn additional credits in these courses beyond that number, they may count those credits toward the requirements for one degree, but not both. Because the courses may have overlapping content, students must obtain approval from their HSPH faculty advisor for the credits/courses they intend to count toward both degrees. For 2007-2008, the eligible health law courses will consist of:

- Health Care Law (Sage, Fall, LAW-38300A, 3 HLS credits, expected to transfer as 4 or 5 HSPH credits)
- Health Law Policy Workshop (Elhauge, Fall, LAW-94530A, 2 HLS credits, expected to transfer as 2.5 HSPH credits)
- Health Care Policy Reading Group (Elhauge, Fall, LAW-38091A, 1 HLS credit, expected to transfer as 1.25 HSPH credits)
- Law and Public Health (Mello, Spring, LAW-41280A, 3 HLS credits, expected to transfer as 4 or 5 HSPH credits).

Example: Jim receives permission from his HSPH advisor to count Health Care Law as 5 MPH credits in addition to the 4 credits he will receive at HLS. Jim registers for this course at HLS and provides the HSPH Registrar with a copy of his HLS transcript in the spring of his third year. Since Jim also plans to apply the 5 credits from his Administrative Law class toward his MPH, his HSPH transcript at the time of graduation will need to show (at a minimum) 32.5 credits taken at HSPH

MPH students must provide documentation of completion of HLS courses that they wish to have applied toward their MPH requirements by submitting an HLS transcript to the SPH Registrar no later than one week after the HLS Spring add/drop date. Students are also responsible for submitting an HLS transcript showing their final grades to the HSPH registrar before graduation.

Q: I read in the MPH Curriculum Guide that HSPH students can count up to 10 cross-registration credits toward their MPH. Does this rule apply to JD/MPH students?

A: No, a special rule concerning cross-registration credits applies to JD/MPH students. They receive the 5 HSPH credits for HLS classes under Rule A.1. above and may count 5 additional cross-registration credits toward their MPH degree only if they do not intend to double-count any of the health law courses listed above under Rule A.3.. If health law courses are double-counted, the 5 additional possible cross-registration credits are proportionately reduced.

Example: Jim becomes interested in a class on Science, Technology and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government. This course is equivalent to 5 HSPH credits. If Jim had not been planning to double-count any of the eligible health law classes, he could apply the Kennedy School course credits fully toward his MPH. However, Jim's plan is to apply the 5 credits from Health Care Law as well as the 5 credits from his Administrative Law class toward his MPH. This brings him to 10 credits from courses taught outside HSPH, so the Kennedy School class cannot also count toward his MPH. Jim decides not to ask the HSPH Registrar to count the 5 credits from the Health Care Law class toward his MPH, and instead plans to count the 5 credits from the Kennedy School course. Health Care Law will still count toward his Law School classroom credit requirement.

Q. Can I cross-register for courses at other Harvard schools (e.g., the Kennedy School) and apply those credits toward my JD?

A. You may cross-register for a limited number of courses (generally no more than three) outside the Law School, but these credits cannot count toward the JD degree requirements. Some state bars require that no more than 10 credits from courses taken in another school in the university be counted toward the JD degree. Because JD/MPH students already get 10 credits of their MPH coursework counted toward the JD, you cannot also count other cross-registration credits. You will register for these 10 credits as HSPH students, rather than cross-registering.

**APPENDIX B: RECOMMENDED HSPH COURSES FOR JD/MPH STUDENTS,
BY AREA OF INTEREST**

U.S. Health Policy

Fall		Spring
Courses on policy analysis methods:		
RDS280: Decision Analysis for Health & Med. Practice (Fall2, 2.5)		RDS282: Cost Effectiveness & Cost Benefit Analysis for Health Program Evaluation (Spr2, 2.5)
		RDS285: Decision Analysis Methods (Spr1, 2.5)
		SHH291: Policy Analysis Methods for Public Health (Spr2, 2.5)
Courses on U.S. health care policy:		
HPM235: Managed Care Policy Issues (Fall2, 2.5)		ID242: Politics & Strategies for Change in Health Policy (Spr1, 2.5) <i>or</i> HPM247: Polit. Analysis & Strategy for U.S. Health Policy (Spr, 5.0)
		HPM255: Payment Systems in Health Care (Spr2, 2.5)
		HPM208: Health Care Regulation and Planning (Spr, 5.0)
		HPM524: Disparities in Health (Spr2, 2.5)
Courses on public health policy:		
WGH211: Women, Gender & Health: Introd. Perspectives (Fall1, 2.5)		SHH249: Approaches to Int'l Tobacco Control (Spr1, 2.5)
		HPM213: Public Health Law (Spr1, 2.5)
		ID292: Justice and Resource Allocation (Spr2, 2.5)
		WGH200: Women, Gender and Health (Spr1, 2.5)
		PIH283: Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Health (Spr, 2.5)
Practicum:	Internship in a local, state, or federal health agency; internship in a state legislator's office; work in legal or governmental affairs division of a health insurer, health care provider organization, or medical products company.	

Environmental Health

Fall	Spring
Courses on risk assessment & regulation:	
RDS280: Decision Analysis for Health & Med. Practice (Fall2, 2.5)	RDS285: Decision Analysis Methods (Spr1, 2.5)
EH236: Epidemiology of Environmental & Occupational Health Regulations (Fall, 5.0)	RDS500: Risk Assessment (Spr1, 2.5)
	RDS282: Cost Effectiveness & Cost Benefit Analysis for Health Program Evaluation (Spr2, 2.5)
	EH269: Exposure Assessment for Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology (Spr, 2.5)
Courses on the science of environmental exposures:	
EH504: Principles of Toxicology (Fall, 5.0)	EH257: Water Pollution (Spr, 5.0)
General courses:	
EH201: Introduction to Environmental Health (Fall2, 2.5)	EH202: Principles of Environmental Health (Spr2, 2.5)
	EH278: Human Health & Global Environmental Change (Spr, 5.0)
	ID215: Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology (Spr, 2.5)
Practicum:	Internship at the Environmental Protection Agency or a nongovernmental organization concerned with environmental issues.

International Health and Human Rights

Fall	Spring
Courses with a human rights focus:	
PIH218: Health and Human Rights: Concepts and Methods (Fall1, 2.5)	WGH 200: Women, Gender and Health (Spr1, 2.5)
PIH214: Health & Human Rights & the International System (Fall2, 2.5)	PIH288: Issues in Health & Human Rights (Spr2, 2.5)
Courses with an international health policy & practice focus:	
PIH272: Foundations of Population & International Health I (Fall, 5.0)	PIH283: Pharmaceutical Policy & Global Health (Spr, 2.5)
ID262: Intro to Practice of International Health (Fall1, 2.5)	PIH269: Applied Politics and Economics I: Political Economy of International Health (Spr1, 2.5)
	PIH244: Health Sector Reform: A Worldwide Perspective (Spr, 2.5)
Courses with a focus on disasters and humanitarian crises:	
	PIH510 Humanitarian Protection in Conflict: Legal & Policy Challenges (Spr, 2.5)
Field experience:	Internship in an international development organization or local nongovernmental organization involved in developing-country work.

Health Technology Assessment

Fall	Spring
Courses on clinical research design:	
EPI202: Elements of Epidemiologic Research (Fall2, 2.5) EPI213: Study Design in Epidemiologic Research (Spr1, 2.5) EPI297: Seminars in Pharmacoepidemiology (Spr1, 1.25)	BIO214: Principles of Clinical Trials (Spr 1, 2.5)
Courses on economics & policy:	
	PIH283: Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Health (Spr 2.5)
Courses on technology assessment methods:	
RDS280: Decision Analysis for Health & Med. Practice (Fall2, 2.5) EPI221: Pharmacoepidemiology (Winter, 2.5)	RDS282: Cost-Effectiveness and Cost-Benefit Analysis for Health Program Evaluation (Spr2, 2.5) RDS285: Decision Analysis Methods in Public Health and Medicine (Spr1, 2.5)
Practicum:	Internship at FDA; work in regulatory or governmental affairs division of a provider organization or medical products company.