LAW AND PUBLIC HEALTH (JD/MPH)

Maine Law’s JD/MPH dual degree program with the Muskie School of Public Service is an accelerated program that allows students to obtain a J.D. degree and an M.P.H. degree in four years rather than five. Public health is an important, ever-changing and growing area of expertise. Students will gain interdisciplinary knowledge and skills to prepare them for the growing field of regulatory compliance and public health policy.

Normally, the J.D. program takes three years to complete (90 credit hours) and the M.P.H. program takes two years to complete (45 credit hours). Students will begin by taking the required first year law curriculum. In the remaining years, students will take a combined course of study with upper-level law courses, public health courses, a health-related externship, and a health-focused writing project. Some summer classes will be necessary to complete the program in four years. This dual degree program involves each school accepting some credits from the other for a total of 111 credits (rather than 135 if a student took both programs separately). Students will meet the requirements for each degree through the cross-counting of pre-approved courses. Faculty at both schools will work together to create a program individualized for each student.

How to Apply: Students will apply to the Law School and the M.P.H. program separately, and will indicate their interest in this dual degree program by completing a dual JD-MPH form, available at the law school registrar’s office. [http://mainelaw.maine.edu/admissions/](http://mainelaw.maine.edu/admissions/). Students may take both the LSAT and the GRE or MCAT; the LSAT can be substituted for the GRE for admission to the Muskie MPH Program. [https://usm.maine.edu/muskie/mph-public-health](https://usm.maine.edu/muskie/mph-public-health)

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