

# LAW, J.D. AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, M.H.A. DUAL DEGREE

Saint Louis University School of Law (<https://www.slu.edu/law/>) and the College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>) have joined forces to offer the Juris Doctor and the Master of Health Administration (J.D./M.H.A.) dual-degree program.

A SLU law degree combined with a master's in health administration prepares students to understand not only the complex workings of the legal system but the administrative needs of health care organizations, making them well-suited for positions that directly impact the future of health policy and health care organizations, with the potential to affect the lives of thousands of patients.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Health Administration, M.H.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/health-administration-mha/>)

Law, J.D. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor/>)

## Internship

Students must complete a 13-week administrative internship during the summer between their fourth and fifth semesters that connects classroom education with practical experience gained in the field, teaching students to become sensitive to the environment, needs and functions of the health care industry. Students will use their extensive training and practice their administrative skills under direct supervision during the internship. Students receive placement in a health care facility after consultation with their faculty advisor.

## Careers

SLU's dual-degree program opens doors to many rewarding career opportunities with significantly less time and expense than if the degrees were obtained separately — roughly four years compared to five. SLU LAW's Center for Health Law Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/law/health/>) is ranked as the premier health law program in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, and the College for Public Health and Social Justice's M.H.A. is ranked among the top 20 graduate programs for health care management. Students in this dual-degree program experience training from internationally renowned professors, unparalleled professional opportunities at field placements, and access to a robust alumni network.

## Accreditation

The Master of Health Administration is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, the Council on Education for Public Health and the Higher Learning Commission.

Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

## Admission

Students who wish to enter this dual-degree program must fulfill all admission requirements for Saint Louis University School of Law (<https://www.slu.edu/law/>) and the College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>). Students must apply to each separately.

Students can apply during the same admission period or wait and apply to the M.H.A. program during their first year in the School of Law.

## Requirements

Students complete a total of 125 credits of academic work, including the internship, in order to obtain the J.D./ M.H.A. degree.

The School of Law accepts nine credits of M.H.A. coursework toward the J.D.

Fifteen credits of mentor-approved coursework from the School of Law J.D. requirements substitute for HMP 5400 Legal Aspects of Health Services Management (3 cr) and 12 credits of mentor-approved electives.

Participants in this dual-degree program must first complete the basic first-year requirements for the School of Law, giving them a firm foundation for their legal education. Students will then attend classes simultaneously in both the School of Law and SLU's College for Public Health and Social Justice for a total of 14-16 credits per semester.

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

*Roadmap notes:*

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

| Course          | Title                                    | Credits        |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Year One</b> |  |                |
| <b>Fall</b>     |  |                |
| Law Courses     |  | 15             |
|                 |  | <b>Credits</b> |
|                 |  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>   |  |                |
| Law Courses     |  | 15             |
|                 |  | <b>Credits</b> |
|                 |  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Year Two</b> |  |                |
| <b>Fall</b>     |  |                |
| HMP 5000        | Health Care Organization                 | 3              |
| HMP 5030        | Introduction to Health Care Accounting   | 3              |
| HMP 5190        | Analytical Methods for Health Management | 3              |

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|-------------------|--|------------|
| HMP 5300          | Management of Health Care Organizations            | 3          |
| HMP 5901          | Health Administration Professional Development I   | 1          |
| LAW 8000          | Health Care Law                                    | 3          |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>     |  |            |
| HMP 5500          | Health Policy                                      | 3          |
| HMP 5110          | Health Operations Management                       | 3          |
| HMP 5700          | Health Care Financial Management                   | 3          |
| HMP 5902          | Health Administration Professional Development II  | 1          |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Courses  | 6          |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Summer</b>     |  |            |
| HMP 5910          | HMP Internship                                     | 1          |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>Year Three</b> |  |            |
| <b>Fall</b>       |  |            |
| HMP 5903          | Health Administration Professional Development III | 1          |
| HMP 5130          | Health Information Systems                         | 3          |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Courses  | 10         |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>     |  |            |
| HMP 5200          | Health Economics (¶ Section 01 for Y1)             | 3          |
| HMP 5090          | Case Based Integration Seminar                     | 2          |
| HMP 5725          | Health Insurance and Managed Care                  | 3          |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Courses  | 10         |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>Summer</b>     |  |            |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Summer Experience                              | 0          |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Year Four</b>  |  |            |
| <b>Fall</b>       |  |            |
| HMP 5390          | Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy | 3          |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Courses  | 11         |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>     |  |            |
| HMP 5710          | Financial Aspects of Health Care                   | 3          |
| HMP 5800          | Strategic Management in Health Care Organizations  | 3          |
| HMP 5950          | Special Study for Exams (¶ Section 02 for Y2)      | 0          |
| LAW XXXX          | Law Courses  | 10         |
|                   | <b>Credits</b>                                     | <b>16</b>  |
|                   | <b>Total Credits</b>                               | <b>125</b> |