
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) and Public Health (MPH)

This exciting dual degree is offered for students accepted to the Stetson College of Law Program and the College of Public Health MPH program (any concentration). Students must meet all entrance criteria of both programs in order to be accepted to the dual program. **This includes taking the GRE and the LSAT.** Students should contact the academic admission offices at each institution for consultation on application procedures. Students enrolled in the MPH/JD should be able to complete both programs within five years.

Stetson Law Students: Students already enrolled in Stetson College of Law will normally apply to the dual degree program in their first or second year. Students in the program will usually complete either one or two years of law school, after which they will spend at least one year completing their MPH program in the USF College of Public Health. Students will have the ability to choose whichever concentration within the College that best meets their interests and needs and which they are formally accepted to by the College and Department.

After completing their MPH, students will return to Stetson to complete their JD and prepare for the bar exam. The virtue of this study plan is that students will commence MPH study with a sound foundation in law and legal process, and students will complete the elective portion of their legal study with a sound foundation in public health.

College of Public Health Students: Students in the College of Public Health will enroll in the MPH/JD program, complete the MPH degree, meet the admission requirements of Stetson which includes taking the LSAT, and then enroll in the Stetson College of Law to complete the JD.

All Students: Students in the dual degree program will be permitted to count nine hours of credit from the MPH program toward satisfaction of JD credit requirements, and up to nine hours of credit from the JD program toward satisfaction of MPH credit requirements.

All students in the dual degree program must complete a field experience requirement for the College of Public Health. Students in Stetson Law must do mandatory pro bono work (20 hours). Some of these hours may qualify for the field experience however these must be done in a public health setting. This will be determined by the student's public health advisor and department.

For information about the MPH/JD program please contact Dr. Deanna Wathington in the USF College of Public Health (dwathing@health.usf.edu) and/or Kristen Adams (adams@law.stetson.edu) in the Stetson College of Law.

Additional Links

- [COPH Master in Public Health degree requirements](#)
- [Stetson University College of Law](#)
- [Programs Offered Page:](#) For information on MPH programs offered by the College of Public Health.
- For department specific guidelines for see the department home page. Links to the department home pages may be found on the College's home page (<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/homepage.html>).
- [Academic and Student Affairs:](#) Registration, Academic Procedures, etc.
- [Tuition and Financial Aid](#)
- [College of Public Health Admission Requirements](#)
- [College of Public Health Course Descriptions](#)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

NAME: _____ ID: _____

Last First MI
Date: ____/____/____ FULL-TIME _____ PART-TIME _____

Expected Graduation: _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall Year: _____

I. MPH PROGRAM (Minimum 42 credit hours required)			
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
__Biostatistics I	3	__Concentration courses in specialty areas	Approx. 12
__Epidemiology	3	__Common JD/MPH courses*	9
__Principles of Health Policy Management	3	__Comprehensive exam and/or capstone course	3
__Environmental and Occupational Health	3	__Field experience	1-12
__Social & Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health	3	__Special project	3

*Students may be permitted to count up to nine hours of credit from the JD program toward satisfaction of MPH credit requirements

II. REQUIRED COURSES					
Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits
__Civil Procedure	4	__Real Property I	3	__Torts	3
__Criminal Law	3	__Real Property II	3	__Constitutional Law I	3
__Contracts I	3	__Research & Writing I	2	__Agency & Unincorp Org	3
__Contracts II	3	__Research & Writing II	3	__Professional Responsibility	3
__Evidence	4				

III. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REQUIREMENT (one needed)		
Course	Course	Course
__Administrative Law	__Env. Reg. of Water	__Land Use Planning
__Admin. Law for Health Care	__Fed. Tax Practice & Proc.	__Poverty Law
__Consumer Protection Law	__Florida Administrative Law	__Securities Regulation
__Employment Discrimination	__Int'l Trade Regulation	__Water Law: Public & Private Rights
__Environmental Law	__Labor Law	

IV. CODE REQUIREMENT (one needed)		
Course	Course	Course
__Bankruptcy	__Commercial Transactions	__Federal Income Taxation I
__Fed Tax Estates, Trusts & Gifts	__Payment Systems	__Sales, Leases & Licenses
__Secured Transactions		

V. SKILLS REQUIREMENT (one needed)		
Course	Course	Course
__Alternative Dispute Resolution	__Family Law Mediation	__Pre-Trial Practice
__Appellate Practice	__Interviewing, Counseling & Neg.	__Prosecution Clinic
__Civil Poverty Clinic	__Local Government Law Clinic	__Public Defender Clinic
__Elder Law Clinic	__Mediation Skills Training	__Trial Advocacy

V. WRITING REQUIREMENT (one needed)		
Course	Course	Course
__Individual Research Project	__Law Review	__Seminar

VI. PRO BONO REQUIREMENT: Some hours may be counted towards the MPH Field Experience.

____ 20 REQUIRED HOURS (10 HOURS MUST BE LAW-RELATED)

Stetson University College of Law Students Enrolling in the University of South Florida College of Public Health MPH Program		
Full-time required curriculum		
First semester		
Civil Procedure Contracts I	Second semester	
Real Property I Research and Writing I	Constitutional Law I Contracts II	Third semester
Torts	Criminal Law	Agency and Unincorporated
	Real Property II	Organizations
	Research and Writing II	Professional Responsibility
		Evidence <i>(Evidence may be taken in a later semester)</i>
Part-time required curriculum		
Part-time students complete the required curriculum over five semesters, including one summer. Over the first five semesters, part-time students take 18 of 36 credit hours at the Tampa Law Center. The remaining credits are taken at the main College of Law campus in Gulfport.		
First semester		
Contracts I Real Property I	Second semester	
Torts	Contracts II Real Property II	Third semester
	Research and Writing I	Criminal Law
		Constitutional Law I
Fourth semester		
Civil Procedure Research and Writing II	Fifth semester	
	Agency and Unincorporated Organizations	
	Professional Responsibility	
	Evidence <i>(Evidence may be taken in a later semester)</i>	
USF-COPH MPH Program: 42 minimum course credits		
Biostatistics I (3 credits) Epidemiology (3 credits) Principles of Health Policy and Management (3 credits) Environmental and Occupational Health (3 credits) Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health (3 credits) Concentration courses in specialty areas (approximately 12 credits) Capstone course (3 credits) Field experience (1 – 12 credits) Special project (3 credits)		
Final two years Are At Stetson		
Note: During their last two years, part-time students are free to take electives and to complete the graduation area		

requirements.	
AREA STETSON REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES Full-time: fourth-sixth semesters, Part-time: final two years	
Administrative Law Requirement	Skills Requirement
<i>Fulfilled by successful completion of one of the following courses:</i>	<i>Fulfilled by successful completion of one of the following courses:</i>
Administrative Law	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
Employment Discrimination	Appellate Practice
Environmental Law	Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation
Federal Tax Practice and Procedure	Pre-Trial Practice
Florida Administrative Law	Trial Advocacy
International Trade Regulation	Or any of the following clinics:
Labor Law	Civil Poverty Clinic
Land Use Planning	Elder Law Clinic
Poverty Law	Local Government Clinic
Securities Regulation	Prosecution Clinic
Water Law	Public Defender Clinic
Code Requirement	Highly Recommended Electives
<i>Fulfilled by successful completion of one of the following courses:</i>	<i>Although these courses are not required, the following courses are highly recommended by the faculty:</i>
Bankruptcy	Advanced Tort Electives
Commercial Transactions	Commercial Transactions
Federal Taxation I	Constitutional Law II
Federal Taxation of Estates, Trusts and Gifts	Corporations
Payment Systems	Family Law
Sales, Leases and Licenses	Federal Taxation I
Secured Transactions	Florida Constitutional Law
	Florida Criminal Procedure
Writing Requirement	Sales, Leases and Licenses
<i>Fulfilled by successful completion of one of the following:</i>	Trusts and Estates
	Remedies
Service on the Stetson Law Review and writing a paper of publishable quality	Pro Bono Requirement
A seminar course in which a paper is written	<i>Some hours may be counted toward the MPH field experience</i>
An Individual Research Project in which a research paper	
is written under the guidance of a faculty member	20 REQUIRED HOURS (10 HOURS MUST BE LAW RELATED)

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	Professional Responsibility	
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