

UACS Clinton School of Public Service
and
UALR William H. Bowen School of Law

Concurrent Degree Program for JD and MPS Degrees

I. Curricular Requirements

A student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock or the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service may pursue the Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Public Service (MPS) degrees under a Concurrent degree program which allows cross-credit for specified courses. The Concurrent degree program offers a potential savings of 20 credit hours in the total credit hours otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the Concurrent degree program must complete all the requirements for the JD degree as specified by the Bowen School of Law, and all requirements for the MPS as specified by the Clinton School of Public Service. The Concurrent degree program is subject to the following conditions:

- A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the MPS program listed in Section IV below will receive credit in the JD program only if the student received credit for the course in the MPS program.
- B. In the MPS program, a student may receive elective credits for 8 semester hours of approved courses in the JD program completed with a minimum grade of C-. A list of the approved JD courses is set out below.
- C. In the JD program, a student may receive elective credits for 12 semester hours of approved courses in the MPS program completed with a minimum grade of B. A list of approved MPS courses is set out below.
- D. In the JD program, a student must complete one of the following courses in addition to courses otherwise required for the JD degree: Administrative Law, a Health Law course, an International Law course, Environmental Law, or Civil Liberties.
- E. A student may not receive credit in both programs for courses that cover the same or substantially equivalent material.

II. Administrative Policies and Procedures

- A. The Clinton School of Public Service Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Bowen School of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the Concurrent degree program. They shall include other persons knowledgeable about the Concurrent degree program. At this meeting, they shall consider matters such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties.

Each of the above persons or their designee may approve a course or courses not on this list between biannual meetings if the course or courses are compatible with the goals of the Concurrent Degree program or the course is the substantial equivalent of an approved

course. Any courses approved in this manner must be considered for permanent inclusion in the program after the next biannual meeting.

- B. A student enrolled in the Concurrent degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the Concurrent degree program.
- C. A student must obtain admission separately to the JD program and the MPS program. Once admitted to both programs, a student enters the Concurrent degree program by filing the attached Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees.
- D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the Concurrent degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees.
- E. A student is not enrolled in the Concurrent program until copies of the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees are filed with the Registrar of the School of Law and with the Office of Admissions at the Clinton School of Public Service.
- F. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the Concurrent degree program to complete the other degree.
- G. After filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees, the student shall schedule a joint meeting with the Associate Deans or their designees to discuss times of enrollment in each program, preliminary course selection, and potential conflicts.
- H. Students who enter the Concurrent degree program must begin with the first year of the JD program. Student will begin the MPS program in their second year. After completing the first year of the JD program and the first semester of the MPS program, students will be permitted to enroll concurrently in JD and MPS courses. Under no circumstances will concurrent enrollment be permitted during the first year of the JD program or the first semester of the MPS program.

The total credit hour load in both programs for concurrently enrolled students shall not exceed the normal maximum load in either program without the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Law and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Clinton School of Public Service.

- I. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other programs.
- J. Except as modified by Sections I and II of this statement, a student must comply with all degree requirements established for each program including any time limit in which to complete the degree.

III. JD Courses Approved for MPS Program

The following courses offered by the School of Law may be used for up to 8 hours of elective credit in the MPS program:

LAW	Administrative Law	3
LAW 6203	Alternative Dispute Resolution	2
LAW 6256/6393	Civil Liberties	2 or 3
LAW 6257/6300	Communications Law	2 or 3
LAW	Critical Race Theory Seminar	2

LAW 6399	Disability Law	3
LAW 6269/6328	Employment Law	2 or 3
LAW	Employment Discrimination	3
LAW 6309	Environmental Law and Policy in a Changing World	3
LAW 6262/6362	Environmental Law	2 or 3
LAW 6283/6387	Health Law	2 or 3
LAW TBA	Health Law Seminar	2
LAW TBA	Public Health Law	2 or 3
LAW 6396	Immigration Law	2 or 3
LAW	International Business Transactions	2
LAW	Introduction to International Law	1
LAW	International Criminal Law	2 or 3
LAW TBA	Interviewing and Counseling	2
LAW 6371	Labor Law	3
LAW 6272	Law and Medicine	2
LAW 6273	Law and Psychiatry	2
LAW	Legal & Political Responses to Mass Violence	2
Law	Mass Torts	3
LAW 6280/6374	Legislation	2 or 3
LAW 6375	Local Government	3
LAW 6304	Mediation Clinic	4
LAW TBA	Mediation Certificate Programs	3
LAW	Poverty Law	3
LAW	Public International Law	2 or 3
LAW	Race & the Criminal Justice System	2
LAW 6305	Toxic Torts	3

IV. MPS Courses Approved for JD Program

The following courses offered by the Clinton School of Public Service may be used for up to 12 elective credit hours in the JD program:

UACS	Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Public Service	1
UACS	Dynamics of Social Change	3
UACS	Communication	3
UACS	Leadership	3
UACS	Analysis for Decision Making	3

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