

Public Policy and Law

Modality

On Campus

Program URL

<https://mccourt.georgetown.edu/programs/dual-degree-programs/mpp-jd/>

The MPP/JD is designed to combine students' applied interests and training in public policy, with the comprehensive legal training gained through the JD program. The program recognizes that one important career path for attorneys lies in the field of public policymaking and that lawyers who pursue this career path will benefit greatly by an education that includes policy content and process coupled with grounding in research methodology, statistics and economics. Likewise, career professionals in public policy can function more effectively when they have a working understanding of law and legal institutions.

Academic Policies

The academic policies and procedures of the joint program in Public Policy and Law are those specified in Georgetown's Graduate Bulletin.

Requirements

Master of Public Policy degree requirements+

You will need to complete the following courses to satisfy the 39-credit hours of public policy coursework as part of the MPP/J.D. dual degree program.

Economics (6 credits)

- PPOL 5004: Intermediate Microeconomics I (3 credits)
- PPOL 5005: Intermediate Microeconomics II (3 credits)

Quantitative Methods (9 credits)

- PPOL 5000: Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis (3 credits)
- PPOL 5001: Regression Methods for Policy Analysis (3 credits)
- PPOL 5002: Advanced Regression and Program Evaluation Methods (3 credits)

Political Institutions and Process (9 credits)

For each of the first two required courses, students may choose either a U.S. domestic focus or a comparative international focus.

- PPOL 5006: The Politics of Policy-Making; or PPOL 5007: Comparative Politics of Policy-Making (3 credits)
- PPOL 5008: Public Management; or PPOL 5009: Management & Implementation in Developing Countries (3 credits)
- PPOL 5010: Ethics, Values and Public Policy (3 credits)

Capstone Project (6 credits)

- PPOL 5011/5013, Policy Analysis Capstone I/Thesis Workshop I
- PPOL 5012/5014, Policy Analysis Capstone II/Thesis Workshop II

Electives (9 credits)

You will have an array of elective course options (<https://mccourt.georgetown.edu/master-of-public-policy/mpp-curriculum/#electives>) taught by expert McCourt faculty to choose from, with the opportunity to align your electives with your interests and career goals.

Juris Doctor degree requirements+

Georgetown Law provides details about which courses you will need to satisfy the 76-credit hours of law coursework as part of the MPP/J.D. dual degree program.

J.D. requirements

Course schedule

There is some flexibility in the schedule to accommodate your specific professional and academic goals, but students who start the MPP/JD dual degree program in the McCourt School typically follow this course schedule:

Plan of Study

Program Requirements

The dual degree consists of 39-credit hours of public policy coursework and 76-credit hours of law coursework (115 total credit hours) over four years, rather than the five years normally required when completing the degrees separately. Although there is some flexibility in order to accommodate students' specific professional and academic goals, students attending the McCourt School in year one typically pursue the following course of study:

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
PPOL 5004	Intermediate Microeconomics	0-3
PPOL 5000	Stat Meth for Policy Analysis	3
PPOL 5006 or PPOL 5007	The Politics of Policy-Making or Comp Politics of Policy-Making	3
PPOL 5005	Microecon II:Mkt Fail Pub Econ	3
PPOL 5001	Reg. Meth. for Policy Analysis	3
PPOL 5008 or PPOL 5009	Public Management or Mgmt & Implem in Dev Countries	3
PPOL Credits		6
Credits		21-24
Second Year		
JD Courses		31
Credits		31
Third Year		
PPOL 5002	Adv Regression/Prog Eval Meth	3
PPOL 5010	Ethics/Values/Public Policy	3
PPOL Elective		3
JD Coursework		21
Credits		30
Fourth Year		
PPOL 5011 or PPOL 5013	Policy Analysis:Client Capston or Thesis Workshop	3
PPOL 5012 or PPOL 5014	Plyc Anlys:Clnt Basd Capstn II or Thesis Workshop II	3

JD Coursework	24
Credits	30
Total Credits	112-115