Public health is an important field at all levels: local, state, national and global. Prevention and control of infectious disease, chronic disease and injury raise complex questions of law, policy and ethics. A multidisciplinary approach, bringing law and public health together, is needed to address critical issues such as vaccination mandates, concussion protocols, tobacco control, opioid use and obesity.

Students in this program learn about the complex, ever-changing legal and regulatory environment in which public health activities operate, the varied factors that impact the public’s health and the science supporting public health practice.

**CURRICULUM**

Earn two degrees in a shorter time and a lower cost than if pursued separately.

**J.D. (90 CREDIT HOURS)**
- 44 required credit hours
- 46 elective credit hours
- 12 credit hours of M.P.H. courses can be credited towards J.D. electives

**M.P.H. (42 CREDIT HOURS)**
- 16 required credit hours
- 18 Health Management & Policy concentration credit hours
- 12 J.D. credit hours count towards the M.P.H. concentration

**M.P.H. (CONTINUED)**
- 2 credit hours applied practice experience
- 3 J.D. credit hours count towards the M.P.H. applied practice experience
- 3 credit hours research methods
- 3 credit hours thesis, capstone or integrated learning experience

**POTENTIAL CAREERS**

- Public health lawyer
- Legal counsel for federal, state and local government agencies
- Non-profit organization lawyer
- Legislative advocate or lobbyist
- Health care lawyer
- Pharmaceutical lawyer
- Legislator or policymaker
- Policy analyst
- Researcher

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– Christine Lee (J.D./M.P.H. ’14)

HOW TO APPLY

To pursue a dual degree, students must be accepted by both colleges and satisfy the curriculum requirements for both programs. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance to the other.

• LSAT is required. GRE is required, but will be waived for students already enrolled at the College of Law.
• Current J.D. students should seek admission into the M.P.H. program as soon as possible.
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• State Capitol
• Federal and state courts
• Georgia Departments of Public Health and Community Health
• Regional offices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
• Other federal, state and local government agencies
• Grady Health System
• Major law firms

A FEW MILES

• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
• Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory Healthcare, WellStar Health System and Northside Hospital
• American Cancer Society
• CARE USA