

# JURIS DOCTOR & MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## DUAL DEGREE



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. Bringing law and public health together in a multidisciplinary approach is needed to address critical issues such as vaccination mandates, concussion protocols, tobacco control, opioid use and obesity.

The J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program is offered by the College of Law and School of Public Health at Georgia State University. Students in this program learn about the 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)

- 43 required credit hours
- 47 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
- Health care lawyer
- Pharmaceutical lawyer
- Non-profit organization lawyer
- Legislator or policymaker
- Legislative advocate or lobbyist
- Policy analyst
- Researcher

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ACCELERATED YEARS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM

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HEALTH LAW PROGRAM IN THE NATION\*

CDC

TOP PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI EMPLOYER

BEST VALUE

LAW SCHOOL\*\*

\* U.S. News & World Report 2021

\*\* National Jurist 2021



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When you have all of these resources together – a best value law school; one of the country’s strongest health law programs; the legal, corporate and government assets of downtown Atlanta; the School of Public Health and College of Law professors genuinely invested in your success – it’s hard to say ‘no’ to this dual degree.

– Christine Lee (J.D./M.P.H. '14)



## HOW TO APPLY

Most students apply to one degree program first and then apply to the second during their first year of study. Dual degree applicants must be accepted to both programs. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance to the other.

### J.D.

- [law.gsu.edu/apply-jd](http://law.gsu.edu/apply-jd)
- LSAT is required

### M.P.H.

- [publichealth.gsu.edu/academics/apply](http://publichealth.gsu.edu/academics/apply)
- GRE is required but will be waived for students already enrolled at the College of Law

## ATLANTA ADVANTAGE

**OUR LOCATION GIVES US AN EDGE.** Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, widely considered the public health capitol of the world, and home to some of the largest public health organizations and agencies.

### A FEW STEPS

- 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

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