

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Joint Degrees

Joint J.D./M.P.A. with Dickinson Law

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-211 Joint Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-211-joint-degree-programs/>).

Penn State Dickinson Law and the School of Public Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg, the Capital College, offer a joint degree program leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor, granted by Dickinson Law, and Master of Public Administration, granted by Penn State Harrisburg.

Admission Requirements

In order to be admitted to the program, students must first be admitted to Penn State Dickinson Law under its regular admission procedures. Subsequently, the student must be recommended for admission to the M.P.A. program by Dickinson Law, and must apply for admission to the M.P.A. degree program as described on the Admission Requirements tab. Penn State Harrisburg will make independent admissions decisions as to all joint degree applicants.

Admissions requirements and applications for Dickinson Law are available at the Admissions & Aid (<https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/admissions-aid/>) section of its website.

Degree Requirements

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the J.D. program are listed on the Dickinson Law website (<https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/academics/curriculum/jd-program/>). Degree requirements for the M.P.A. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

A maximum of 9 credits of Dickinson Law course work may be double-counted for credit toward the M.P.A. degree at Penn State Harrisburg, subject to program approval based on relevance to the M.P.A. degree.

A maximum of 9 credits of M.P.A. course work with a grade of B or better may be double-counted for credit toward the J.D. degree at Dickinson Law, subject to approval by Penn State Dickinson Law.

A student in the joint degree program can graduate with one degree prior to completing the other, if all requirements for that degree have been completed. Students must earn at least a 3.0 grade-point average to be eligible for the M.P.A. degree. If students accepted into the joint degree program are unable to complete the J.D. degree, they are still eligible to receive the M.P.A. degree if all the M.P.A. degree requirements have been satisfied.