

## JURIS DOCTOR AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT

### DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The Juris Doctor (JD) /Master of Science (MS) degree in public service management is offered jointly through DePaul University's College of Law and School of Public Service.

As employment in the legal profession becomes more competitive, the educational credentials earned through the public service management curriculum offers a number of advantages. Students interested in advocacy law in its many forms find the mission of the public service program to be a complement to the orientation of DePaul's College of Law.

Additional course work in the areas of management, research and policy provide a knowledge and skill base missing in the traditional JD program.

The program is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

**Evening Courses.** Classes are offered in the evening so you can learn alongside other motivated students.

**Well-Respected Degree.** With DePaul's impressive academic rankings and distinguished faculty, you'll graduate with a degree that's well-respected and speaks loudly to future employers. And, when you graduate, you'll become part of our alumni family—171,000 and growing—giving you the network you need to advance your career.

**Career Outlook.** Ninety-four percent of our 2014 SPS graduates were employed, pursuing advanced degrees or seeking neither after degree completion. Our graduates have gone on to work in nonprofit, for-profit, educational and governmental sectors.

Examples of recent employers of SPS graduates include:

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Chicago Community Trust
- City of Chicago
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rush University Medical Center
- The University of Chicago
- Village of Glen Ellyn
- World Relief
- YMCA

Our graduates have held varied positions within these organizations including, executive directors, policy research analysts, police lieutenants, grants officers and human resources managers.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the JD/MS degree, students are required to complete a total of 52 quarter hours in the School of Public Service and 86 semester hours in the College of Law.

The School of Public Service accepts a maximum of 16 quarter hours (11 semester hours) from the College of Law toward the MS portion of the joint degree, which reduces the credit requirement to 36 quarter hours.

The College of Law accepts a maximum of 10 semester hours (15 quarter hours) from MS to apply toward the JD portion of the joint degree, which reduces the credit requirement to 76 semester hours.

The joint program coordinating committee will determine which courses offered by the College of Law and the MS program will count for joint credit.

### CURRICULUM

The following is a suggested curriculum for the JD/MS in public service management. It is based upon the expectation that the student is enrolled full-time in both programs.

#### First Year

The student must complete the required first-year College of Law course work with a 3.0 GPA.

#### Second Year

The student enrolls in 18 semester hours (6 courses) in the College of Law, one of which must be Criminal Procedure, and 16 quarter hours (4 courses) in the public service management program.

#### Third Year

The student enrolls in 18 semester hours (6 courses) in the College of Law and 16 quarter hours (4 courses) in the public service management program.

#### Fourth Year

The student enrolls in nine semester hours (3 courses) in the College of Law and four quarter hours (1 course) in the public service management program. Before graduation, the student must complete Legal Profession and the Senior Seminar requirement in the College of Law.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students apply separately to the College of Law and the School of Public Service, and they must meet the same admissions standards as other applicants.

The standard policy and practice is for a student to be accepted by and matriculate in the College of Law before pursuing course work in the School of Public Service. Typically, a student completes the first year of study in the College of Law, earning 31 semester hours with a GPA of at least 3.0. Once this requirement is met, the student is formally accepted into the joint degree program, and MS and law courses are taken concurrently.

To be eligible for the public service management program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, they must demonstrate, through past academic or professional work, a capacity for achievement.

### To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- A personal statement (two pages) describing your educational and career goals, relevant work or volunteer experience, and any special circumstances affecting past or prospective academic performance
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae

*Students educated outside the United States must present proof of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 590 (paper-based), 243 (computer-based), 96 (Internet-based) or a minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.*

## HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at [go.depaul.edu/apply](http://go.depaul.edu/apply). Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to [graddepaul@depaul.edu](mailto:graddepaul@depaul.edu). Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to [graddepaul@depaul.edu](mailto:graddepaul@depaul.edu) directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

### The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
DePaul University  
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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*Please note the information provided is current as of October 2015 and is subject to change.*