

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration

INTRODUCTION

The JD-MPA program allows full-time students to earn advanced degrees in both Law (JD) and Public Administration in four years, rather than the five years required of students completing each degree separately. The dual-degree program prepares students to seek career opportunities in the public and nonprofit sectors as lawyers, public administrators, policy analysts, and appointed or elected government officials.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The JD-MPA program is designed to enhance the professional training and employment opportunities of students by equipping graduates to compete more effectively in the job market of the 21st century. The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is in its 113th year and is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. Graduates include many of the state's most prominent attorneys, judges, and public officials. The Levin College of Urban Affairs, which houses the MPA program, is ranked in the top ten schools of Public Affairs by U.S. News and World Report. The MPA program is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

MPA faculty are active in NASPAA, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the American Society for Public Administration. MPA faculty have also regularly served as advisors to elected officials in Cleveland and nationally.



RESEARCH

JD-MPA students have numerous opportunities to participate in legal research and gain experience through legal assistance to local agencies and organizations through work with the Law & Public Policy Clinic, the Environmental Law Clinic, the Housing Law Clinic and the Urban Development Law Clinic. JD-MPA students also have the opportunity to work with MPA faculty as they continue to advance the urban mission of the Levin College through numerous partnerships for research and public service.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

JD requirements are fulfilled by completion of 80 credit hours in the College of Law and the transfer of ten credit hours from MPA courses. MPA requirements are fulfilled by completion of 34 credit hours in the MPA program and the transfer of eight credit hours from Law courses. Students normally spend their first year in the College of Law, their second year in the Levin College, and split the third and fourth years between the two colleges.

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