

AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law offers dual degree programs with graduate programs across the Mizzou campus. Contact the admissions office if you are interested in a dual degree that is not listed. Customized dual degree programs to meet individual student interests will be considered.

Dual degree programs enable students to earn two degrees concurrently – the juris doctor and the master's or doctorate. Traditionally, dual degree students spend their first year in the School of Law then continue with a mix of law and graduate courses for the remaining years (four years total).*

DUAL DEGREES

MASTER'S DEGREES

- » Atlantic History & Politics
- » Business
- » Economics
- » Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
- » Health Administration
- » Human Development & Family Science
- » Journalism
- » Library & Information Science
- » Public Affairs

DOCTORAL DEGREES

- » Journalism

Dual degree students must fulfill all entrance requirements of both schools, including the LSAT and, when applicable, the graduate school's entrance exam. Applications to the master's and doctoral programs may be made before or after enrollment in the School of Law.

Students interested in pursuing a dual degree are not required to declare their intentions during their first year of law school. Students may decide in their second (or sometimes third) year to pursue a dual degree. All students should contact Mizzou Law Admissions to learn specific requirements.

*All programs may vary in length, particularly the doctoral program in journalism.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Mizzou's certificate programs capitalize on existing strengths at the School of Law and the university. These specialized programs enhance the law school experience, enable students to interact closely with teachers/scholars and classmates who share their interests, and may assist students in their efforts to find employment in competitive fields.

The most current list of dual degree and certificate programs is available at law.missouri.edu.

LAW SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Dispute Resolution (law.missouri.edu/csdr)

Clients and society today need and expect much more than traditional advocacy from their lawyers. Modern lawyers need to be able to address legal problems in ways that accommodate a variety of needs, goals and values, in addition to vindicating legal rights. As a result, today's lawyer must have the knowledge, skills and perspectives not only to advocate in the courtroom, but to participate in such processes as client counseling, negotiation, mediation, arbitration and creative problem-solving. The Certificate of Dispute Resolution is designed to foster such learning in students by providing the opportunity to work with some of the nation's leading dispute resolution scholars and practitioners. This program gives students an advantage in addressing the complex challenges of today's legal environment. Additional, non-law school specific certificate programs at Mizzou can be found at law.missouri.edu/academics/certificates.

UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATES

The following certificates are available to both JD and non-JD students.

Center for the Digital Globe

The Center for the Digital Globe (CDiG) offers an interdepartmental certificate to professional students and non-degree graduate students of the University of Missouri-Columbia. The certificate program is designed to supplement the students' graduate studies within the various colleges and schools. This is not a degree-granting program. The certificate program will create and make available to non-degree seeking graduate students a certificate demonstrating that each of the students has shown competencies in Technology, Global Communication, Business, Culture and Society. This certificate is designed to emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the course work.

Education Policy

The Education Policy Studies Graduate Certificate provides students with knowledge that they can apply to the study of education policy within their major discipline or their work in policy settings (e.g., government, non-profit agencies, foundations, PK12 school districts, universities); conceptual tools to use to understand and resolve policy process and implementation problems; and skills to analyze education policy issues, i.e., understanding differing values, political and economic arguments, costs/benefits, and policy processes.

Health Ethics

The Department of Health Management and Informatics in partnership with the MU Center for Health Ethics offers a Certificate in Health Ethics. The certificate is designed to develop an understanding of the ethical issues related to health and healthcare and foster skills in analyzing and resolving ethical problems and conflicts in the healthcare environment.

Life Science Innovation and Entrepreneurship

A certificate in Life Science Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Missouri will broaden the training of graduate and professional students from the fields of business, engineering and medicine, among others. A collaborative program among MU's Trulaske College of Business, College of Engineering and School of Medicine, the program will prepare participants for a wider range of employment opportunities and provide core skills for entrepreneurial endeavors. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the program will allow MU graduate and professional students to receive training to translate life science discoveries into products and services that will improve health.

Non-Profit Management

This program provides the administrative skills for ethical, effective leadership and management roles in the public service. Students who complete the certificate will be well-positioned to begin or advance a public service career, with many expecting to pursue management careers in state and local governments.

Organizational Change and Conflict Management

The courses in the certificate will focus on organizational analysis and change, as well as dispute resolution and conflict management. Courses are drawn from both the Truman School of Public Affairs and the School of Law offerings. Students will have an opportunity to develop knowledge and competencies appropriate to the advanced study and diagnosis of evolving and emerging organizations and communities in the public, private, and nonprofit arena. They will find a curriculum supportive of careers in academics, management, and consulting.

Personal Financial Planning

The Personal Financial Planning Certificate is an 18 hour non-degree, post-baccalaureate program designed to prepare students to sit for the national CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ exam. Program applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree. Completing the Personal Financial Planning Certificate satisfies the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards' education requirement, which is one of four requirements leading to approval to use the CFP® designation. The other three requirements are passing the national exam, meeting an experience requirement and agreeing to adhere to the CFP® code of ethics.

LAW SCHOOL CONCENTRATIONS

Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Concentration is designed for two groups of students: those who are considering beginning their legal careers as prosecutors or criminal defense counsel and those who may not have an express interest in criminal practice, but who are nonetheless seeking a course of study structured to provide training in the range of skills necessary to the practice of law in most substantive areas – particularly including legal analysis, factual investigation, counseling, negotiation and the persuasive arts employed in written and oral advocacy.

Tax Law

The Tax Law concentration is designed to provide each student in the concentration basic education in both general skills and subject-matter specific knowledge and provide each student with an opportunity to bring the entire skill set to bear in a capstone experience designed to teach integrated legal problem-solving. Completion of a concentration should improve the overall preparedness of graduates by conferring entry-level competence to begin practicing law with appropriate supervision in the concentration's subject matter area or practice setting.