

# Dual Degree in Law and Public Health

What do HIV, tobacco, domestic violence, and bioterrorism have in common? They are all critical public health threats that require substantial public policy interventions. To prepare professionals to craft interdisciplinary solutions to such complex issues, Boston College Law School and Tufts University School of Medicine offer a JD/MPH dual degree program in law and public health. A lawyer with an MPH degree is especially well equipped to address pervasive public health challenges. This dynamic dual degree program includes a Tufts Applied Learning Experience focused on a field project in public health.



## Two Degrees in 3 Years and 3 Months

Completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program takes as little as three years and three months, rather than the average four-and-a-half to five years if the degrees were obtained separately. A carefully sequenced curriculum allows some law school and some MPH courses to count for credit in both programs. There are two pathways to the completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program.

### Pathway One

Summer before 1L year	3 MPH Courses
Summer between 1L and 2L year	3 MPH Courses
During 2L & 3L (earns BC credit)	1 MPH Course per semester
Bar Exam During Summer Following Year 3	

### Pathway Two (3.5 years)

Summer between 1L and 2L year	2-3 MPH Courses
During 2L and 3L year (earns BC credit)	Up to 1 MPH Course
Fall following 3L (awaiting bar)	4-5 MPH Courses
Bar Exam During Summer Following Year 3	

## JD/MPH with Boston College Law School



### Examples of Tufts courses in the program

- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- The Global Food Business
- Health Care Organization: Budgeting & Management
- Economics for Public Health
- Humanitarian Action in Complex Emergencies
- Foundations of Public Health

### Examples of BC courses in the program

- Administrative Law
- Healthcare Law and Compliance
- Environmental Law
- Federal Health Reform: Law, Policy & Politics
- Health Law



### Examples of Applied Learning Experiences

- Health Law Advocates, Boston
- Community Catalyst
- Office for Civil Rights, US Dept of Health & Human Services, Boston
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Physicians for Human Rights
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Steward Health Care System

## Admissions

Students may apply to the JD/MPH dual degree program at the same time they apply to Boston College Law School, or they may apply during their first year of law school. A unique Tufts application must be submitted to apply for the dual degree program, which requires only a personal statement and basic demographic information. After submitting the Tufts application, and if the applicant is awarded admission to the JD program, Tufts will obtain your application materials submitted to LSAC for the BCLS application and will use those materials to review your application to the MPH program, including letters of recommendation and LSAT scores (GRE scores are not required). For more information and to Apply: [go.tufts.edu/jdmp](http://go.tufts.edu/jdmp)

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