

# 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, Northeastern University School of Law 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 and at least one Northeastern co-op focused on public health issues.



## Curriculum

Completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program takes three and a half years, rather than the average five years if the degrees were obtained separately. A carefully sequenced curriculum allows some courses at each school to count for credit in both programs. JD/MPH students take the regular course of law study at Northeastern during their first year, followed by a summer co-op. MPH work usually begins after that first full year of law school, but, with permission, some students begin at the conclusion of the second year of law school.

Year One			Year Two		
Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer
Law School Courses	Law School Courses	Law Co-Op	MPH Courses	MPH Courses	Law School Courses
Year Three			Year Four		
Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Students Eligible to Take February Bar	
Law Co-Op	Law School Courses	Law Co-Op	Law School Courses		

## JD/MPH with Northeastern University School of Law

### Examples of Tufts courses in the program

- Occupational & Environmental Health
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- The Global Food Business
- Health Care Organization: Budgeting & Management
- Economics for Public Health
- Race, Culture and Ethnicity
- Humanitarian Action in Complex Emergencies

### 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

### Examples of NUSL courses in the program

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Disability Law
- Environmental Law
- Health Law
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Social Welfare Law

### Examples of co-ops in the public health field

- Health Law Advocates, Boston
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston
- Tufts Medical Center, Boston
- National Health Law Program, Inc., Washington D.C.
- Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, New York
- The Lindesmith Center, San Francisco
- Partners Health Care, Boston

## Admissions

Students may apply to the JD/MPH dual degree program at the same time they apply to Northeastern University School of Law, 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 NUSL 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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