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 CERTIFICATES**

**Dispute Resolution** ([law.missouri.edu/csdr](http://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.
UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATES*

Community Processes
The Graduate Certificate in Community Processes offers graduate students and professionals a unique opportunity to develop expertise in how spatial and relational communities form and function in today's society. A vital part of the certificate is working in community facilitation processes or community analytical processes. This certificate is offered jointly by the university's Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Department of Rural Sociology, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs and the School of Law.

Center for the Digital Globe
This interdepartmental certificate is designed to supplement the student’s graduate studies. Students will demonstrate competencies in technology, global communication, business, and culture and society.

Education Policy
The Graduate Certificate in Education Policy provides students with knowledge that they can apply to the study of education policy within their major discipline or to their work in policy settings, such as government, nonprofit agencies, foundations, school districts and universities; conceptual tools used to understand and resolve policy process and implementation problems; and skills to analyze education policy issues, such as understanding differing values, political and economic arguments, costs/benefits and policy processes.

Economics and Sociology of Institutions and Organizations
The Graduate Certificate in the Economics and Sociology of Institutions and Organizations, offered by the university's Division of Applied Social Sciences, focuses on the structures and processes of institutions and organizations in changing environments. The certificate program emphasizes the common foundations of institutional analysis across academic disciplines including economics, sociology, political science, psychology, anthropology, geography and law, as well as the ways that multidisciplinary perspectives can inform each other.

Health Ethics
The MU 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. While some of the courses are offered online, law students can only count courses taken in residency (i.e., regular class sessions) towards the 89 hours required for graduation.

Life Science Innovation and Entrepreneurship
The Certificate in Life Science Innovation and Entrepreneurship broadens the training of graduate and professional students from the fields of business, engineering and medicine, among others. A collaborative program of the university's Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business, College of Engineering and School of Medicine, the program prepares participants for a wider range of employment opportunities and provides core skills for entrepreneurial endeavors. The program requires completion of three three-hour core curriculum courses designed to cover the life cycle of a translational science/business venture, as well as elective courses, for a total of 12 hours of course credit. The three-course sequence is augmented by elective courses that round out the educational needs of individual students.

Nonprofit Management
The Certificate in Nonprofit Management provides the administrative skills for ethical, effective leadership and management roles in 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 Certificate in Personal Financial Planning 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. The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ designation is widely recognized as the premier professional designation in the personal financial management services industry.

* Note: Some university certificates will require a student to complete more than the normal 89 hours in the JD program.  

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