Joint Master of Public Administration and Juris Doctor

The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration and GW Law work together to offer a dual master of public administration (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/mpa/) and juris doctor (https://www.law.gwu.edu/joint-degrees/) degree program. Students must be admitted to both the MPA program in the Trachtenberg School and, separately, the JD program in the Law School. Both schools also must approve a student’s application to pursue a joint degree program. Students can normally complete the two degrees in four years of full-time study. Once a student has been admitted to both schools as a joint degree candidate, the first year of study must be devoted exclusively to the first-year law curriculum. Students should consult with the Law School’s Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

As part of this program, both schools accept up to 12 credits of coursework from the other school in fulfillment of its degree requirements. All requirements for both degrees must be fulfilled. As degrees in joint programs are awarded simultaneously, degree requirements for both programs must be met before either degree is awarded. Joint degree students must apply for graduation from both schools.

Visit the Trachtenberg School (https://tsppa.gwu.edu/master-public-administration/) and Law School (https://www.law.gwu.edu/joint-degrees/) websites for more information.