

MHP-JD Joint Degree

The Master of Historic Preservation program (MHP) in the College of Environmental Design at The University of Georgia (UGA) collaborates with the University of Georgia School of Law to offer the MHP/JD joint degree program. This program allows a student to earn both degrees in four years, eliminating approximately one year of academic work.

Applicants must be considered for and receive admission to each program separately. Applicants must take both the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) to be considered for admission to these programs. Admissions decisions are made by faculty committees in each program (and approved by the Graduate School in the case of MHP).

MHP/JD students choose between two academic sequences.

1. MHP-JD-JD Split: Students spend their first year in the MHP program, their second and third years in the Law School, and their fourth and final year finishing up requirements in both academic units. While a student may matriculate to this Dual Degree program after a year of graduate work, pursuant to ABA Standard 311(d), the coursework for the first MHP year will count only towards the Masters degree and not the JD.
2. JD-JD-MHP Split: Students complete their first two years in the Law School, their third year in the MHP program, and their fourth and final year finishing up requirements in both academic units.

Students are only eligible for an assistantship during their full academic year in the MHP program, namely, their first or third year respectively. MHP/JD students must take their first two years of Law School consecutively.

Those earning the MHP/JD degrees complete 39 hours of course work in historic preservation, with 11 of those hours dedicated to thesis preparation, research, and writing; and 79 hours of course work in the law school. Six electives usually required for the MHP degree are waived. When completing MHP program of study in your finals semester, six JURI classes replace the six required electives.

With the exception of the reduction of total law school credit hours required, all JD degree requirements as set forth by the law school must be met.

If a MHP/JD student is on assistantship with the College of Environment and Design s/he is eligible to receive the tuition waiver benefit only for the academic year in which s/he is enrolled solely in MHP coursework. A MHP/JD student may not receive a tuition waiver for terms in which s/he is enrolled in "JD" or "Split" years.