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Subject: Juris Doctor/Master's of Health Admin Dual Degree

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new dual degree program between the Juris Doctor's degree, within the College of Law, and the Master's in Health Administration degree, within the College of Public Health.

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JD/MHA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Background

The University of Kentucky Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree is a two-year, 54-hour program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) and offered through the College of Public Health. The Juris Doctor (JD) Degree is a three-year, 90-hour degree program of the College of Law that is accredited by the American Bar Association. Under the dual degree program, each college would accept 9 credit hours earned in the other college, allowing the student to complete both JD and MHA degrees with a total of 126 credit hours. Students enrolled in the program would reduce the total credit hours by 18 credit hours from the 144 credit hours required for both programs separately. The JD degree would be earned with 81 credit hours of study in the College of Law (rather than 90), and the MHA degree would be earned with 45 credit hours of study in the College of Public Health (rather than 54), subject in each case to the specific course requirements set forth below.

Structure of Program

A. Admissions

Admission to the JD/MHA program requires separate applications to both programs that meet the admission standards of each. Application to the MHA program is through the Schools of Public Health Application System (SOPHAS). Admission standards for the joint degree are the same as for applications to each of the programs; applicants should note on all application forms that admission is being sought for the JD/MHA dual degree program. The joint degree program is not suitable for part-time MHA students. There is no part-time program at the College of Law.

Students who are currently enrolled in either the JD or the MHA program can be considered for admission to the JD/MHA joint degree program after the end of the first full-time year. Application for admission must be accepted by the program in which the student is not yet enrolled. The JD/MHA program is not applicable to students who have earned one of the degrees.

B. Advantages

Students can complete this dual program of study in four years, one year less than the combined five years of study required for the separate JD and MHA degrees. From the perspective of the MHA program, the JD program includes coursework that satisfies up to nine hours of the required MHA coursework. From the College of Law perspective, the MHA course work satisfies nine hours of electives toward the JD degree.

C. Programs of Study

The JD/MHA joint degree description program follows the model of the previously approved JD/MBA, JD/MA, and JD/MPA programs. The programs do not rely on specific cross-listing of courses, but rather on the idea that, within the year in the College of Public Health, the student will learn materials relevant to this area of specialized law and health administration practice throughout the curriculum sufficient to be the learning outcome equivalent of nine credits of College of Law instruction (and correspondingly for public health students in College of Law courses). Greater specificity with regard to courses would limit students' options unnecessarily and detract from the potential value of the joint degree program. In the context of other joint degree programs, these questions are addressed with individual student curriculum advising rather than a prescriptive list of course requirements. The full listing of College of Law upper division courses is available at <http://www.law.uky.edu/files/docs/students/CurriculumAndCoursePlanning/Catalog2014.pdf>; the MHA listings are at http://www.uky.edu/publichealth/sites/www.uky.edu/publichealth/files/Academics/MHA/20130814_handbook_mha.pdf (see page 7 for electives). Each student in the joint degree program will be advised by faculty from both colleges to assure curriculum coordination that meets the student's goals.

The following track applies to all students who enter the program at the beginning of their coursework; individual tracks will be determined for students who enter after completing the first year of either program.

Year 1 or 2: 30 credit hours of required first-year Law courses

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| LAW 805 | Torts | (4 hrs) |
| LAW 807 | Property | (4 hrs) |
| LAW 801-802 | Contracts I and II | (6 hrs) |
| LAW 815-817 | Civil Procedure I and II | (6 hrs) |
| LAW 811 | Criminal Law | (3 hrs) |
| LAW 820 | Constitutional Law I | (3 hrs) |
| LAW 804 | Legal Research and Writing | (4 hrs) |

Year 1 or 2: 33 credit hours of required MHA core courses

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| HA 621 | Quantitative Methods | (3 hrs) |
| HA 601 | Overview of US Healthcare | (3 hrs) |
| HA 635 | Management Accounting | (3 hrs) |
| HA 642 | Organization Theory and Behavior | (3 hrs) |
| HA 636 | Health Economics | (3 hrs) |
| HA 637 | Health Finance | (3 hrs) |
| HA 603 | Health Law | (3 hrs) |
| CPH 663 | Core Concepts in Public Health | (3 hrs) |
| HA 604 | Healthcare Ethics and Governance | (2 hrs) |
| CPH 614 | Managerial Epidemiology | (3 hrs) |
| HA 623 | Healthcare Operations Analysis/Mgt | (3 hrs) |
| HA 711 | Internship | (1 hr) |

Years 3 and 4

(a) 48 credit hours in the College of Law (49 credit hours if a two-credit capstone is selected under subsection (c)) including the following courses required for graduation:

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| LAW 835 | Professional Responsibility | (3 hrs) |
| Fulfillment of the Substantial Writing Requirement | | |
| A Professional Skills course as designated by the College of Law | | |

(b) 10 credit hours of remaining required MHA courses:

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| HA 673 | Health Policy | (3 hrs) |
| HA 602 | Strategic Planning and Marketing | (3 hrs) |
| HA 660 | Decision Making in Healthcare Orgs | (3 hrs) |
| HA 785 | MHA capstone course | (1 hr) |

(c) In addition, a shared elective course (2-3 hours) from the following list:

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| LAW 830 | Health Care Organizations & Finance | (3 hrs) |
| LAW 831 | Bioethical Issues and the Law | (2-3 hrs) |
| LAW 832 | Medical Liability | (3 hrs) |
| LAW 946 | Healthcare Law and Policy Seminar | (2 hrs) |
| LAW 975 | UK Healthcare Risk Management | |
| | Office Externship | (2 hrs) |
| CPH 653 | Public Health Law | (3 hrs) |
| HA 647 | Health Policy | (3 hrs) |
| CPH 754 | Healthcare Access and Coverage | (3 hrs) |
| CPH 753 | Global Public Health | (3 hrs) |

D. Grade Point Average

Grade point average for each program is calculated independently by each college. Joint degree students are required to remain in compliance with the academic standards of each degree-granting unit.

For example, a student must satisfy the College of Law GPA requirements solely on the basis of graded law school coursework.

E. Student Status

During the period of MHA studies, the student will have the status of graduate student and will be required to comply with the rules and regulations of the Graduate School.

During the period of JD studies, the student will have the status of law student and will be required to comply with the rules and regulations of the College of Law. If a student is enrolled in courses in both Colleges, the student may be subject to the rules and regulations of both the College of Law and the Graduate School.

F. Granting of MHA/JD Degree

Upon satisfactory completion of all degree requirements of both programs, the student is granted both degrees and is eligible to participate in graduation or recognition ceremonies for either or both colleges.

G. Fee Payments

In semesters when students are enrolled concurrently in JD and MHA courses, tuition will be assessed in a manner consistent with the policy of each college.

H. Failure to Complete MHA or JD Requirement

The JD/MHA dual degrees will be granted only upon successful completion of all coursework and examinations. If a student is unable to complete the requirements of either degree, the student may complete the requirements for the remaining degree program, including up to six credit hours of coursework completed in the other program with a grade of B or better.

Signatures of Agreement

College of Law

College of Public Health

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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Martha C. Riddell, DrPH Date
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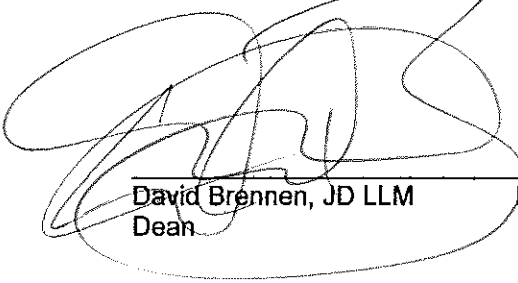
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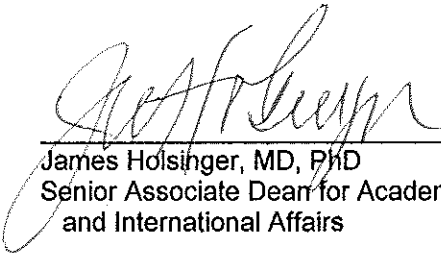
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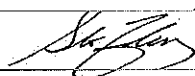
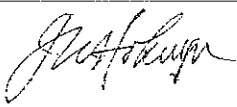
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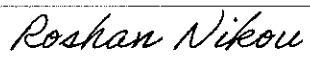
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Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

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| Council | Date Approved | Signature | Approval of Revision ⁶ |
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| Graduate Council | |  | |
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Comments:

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