Policy for students holding the degree of Juris Doctor

Scope: Applicable to all MPA students

Students who enter the MPA program having previously earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree have already completed sufficient coursework in law such that they have met the fundamental learning objectives of the Law for Public Administration course (PUBA 760). PUBA 760 is intended to be an introduction to law for MPA students who have not completed the law school curriculum.

Therefore, students holding a J.D. are not permitted to enroll in PUBA 760. These students will substitute three additional elective credits for PUBA 760. The graduation requirement remains 44 credits.

In addition, students who have attended law school may transfer no more than 9 elective credits toward their MPA requirements, per the policy for transferring course credit.

Students should consult with the MPA Student Services Director* to discuss an appropriate course sequence, and the process to transfer credits.

*Residential students will contact Sharon Pickard. Online students will contact Karla Townley-Tilson.