COMPLETING YOUR CONCURRENT DEGREE:
HOW-TO, WITH SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

Admissions
Applicants must be admitted to each graduate program separately. For a JD/PPPM program, students need only take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), which will waive the PPPM requirement for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). While there is no required timeline, students should consider any course sequencing requirements in both departments and plan ahead to reduce scheduling conflicts between the quarter and semester systems. Applications for PPPM are due by February 1 for the following school year. Students should complete this application during 1L year, but it is still possible to complete two years of law school before beginning PPPM coursework.

Credit Requirements
The concurrent degree program reduces required credit hours from 85 to 75 semester credit hours in law and from 72 to 58 quarter credit hours in PPPM.

Curriculum
PPPM focuses on hands-on learning and offers numerous opportunities to work with real clients across Oregon. Students can dig into coursework and internship projects, applying skills from both degree programs to improve and enhance projects while meeting all degree requirements.

The law school provides a great deal of flexibility in structuring upper-level course curriculum. At PPPM, course sequencing varies depending on which PPPM master’s degree a student pursues. Check with PPPM to determine when required courses must be completed and in what order. Also, note that beginning and ending academic years on the quarter (PPPM) or semester (law) system can lead to a shorter or longer summer term. See the reverse side of this sheet for a sample curriculum organization.

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<td>4th year: Fall – PPPM and Law; Spring – Law (with PPPM thesis/capstone)</td>
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Financial Information
A concurrent program allows students to consolidate the cost of five years of education into four years. During terms where students take both law and PPPM classes, tuition is assessed for the program in which the student is taking more credits. Because of the shorter timeframe, quarter credits are converted to semester credits by dividing the number of quarter credits by 1.5.

Participating in another department can make a student more competitive in being selected for a Graduate Teaching Fellowship (GTF). A GTF is a job that lasts for one or a number of terms or for an entire academic year. GTFs come with tuition remission, a stipend, and healthcare coverage.

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