

**UAMS College of Pharmacy**  
and  
**UALR William H. Bowen School of Law**

Concurrent Degree Program for JD and PharmD Degrees

**I. Curricular Requirements**

A student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock may pursue the JD and PharmD degrees under a concurrent degree program which allows cross-credit for certain specified courses. The concurrent degree program offers a potential savings of 12 credit hours in the total credit hours otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the concurrent degree program must complete all the requirements for the JD degree as specified by the School of Law, and all requirements for the PharmD as specified by the College of Pharmacy. The concurrent degree program is subject to the following conditions:

- A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the PharmD program listed in Section IV below will receive credit in the JD program only if the student received credit for the course in the PharmD program.
- B. In the PharmD program, a student may receive elective credits for 8 semester hours of approved courses in the **JD program**. In any such courses completed prior to fall 2011, the student must have received a C- or higher. In any such courses completed after summer 2011, the student must have received a minimum grade of C+ (2.30) or higher. A list of the approved JD courses is set out in Section D below. A list of the approved JD courses is set out below.
- C. In the JD program, a student may receive elective credits for 12 semester hours of approved courses in the PharmD program completed with a minimum grade of B. A list of approved Pharm. D. courses is set out below.
- D. A student may not receive credit in both programs for courses that cover the same or substantially equivalent material.

**II. Administrative Policies and Procedures**

- A. The College of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or designee and the School of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or designee shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the concurrent degree program. They shall include others knowledgeable about the program and consider matters

such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties.

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Law may approve a course or courses not on this list between biannual meetings if the course or courses are compatible with the goals of the Concurrent Degree program or the course is the substantial equivalent of an approved course. The UAMS College of Pharmacy Curriculum committee will evaluate courses for approval as requested by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Pharmacy. Any courses approved in this manner must be considered for permanent inclusion in the program after the next biannual meeting.

- B. A student enrolled in the concurrent degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the concurrent degree program.
- C. A student must obtain admission separately to the JD program and the PharmD program. Once admitted to both programs, a student enters the concurrent degree program by filing the attached Declaration of Intent to Pursue concurrent Degrees.
- D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the concurrent degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees.
- E. A student is not enrolled in the concurrent program until copies of the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees are filed with the Registrar of the School of Law and with the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Pharmacy.
- F. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the concurrent degree program to complete the other degree.
- G. After filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees, the student shall schedule a meeting with the College of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the School of Law Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Times of enrollment in each program, preliminary course selection, and potential conflicts shall be discussed.
- H. A student who enters the concurrent degree program must select which program to pursue first and notify the other program in order that enrollment may be deferred. Concurrent enrollment requires the written permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Law and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Pharmacy. Under no circumstances will Concurrent Degree enrollment be permitted for a full-time division student during the first year of the JD program. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may grant permission for a first year, part-time division student who is not employed

to register for both the required JD program curriculum and courses in the MPS program. Credit toward the JD degree shall only be given for course work taken after the student has been accepted into the law school.

- I. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other programs.
- J. Except as modified by Sections I and II, a student must comply with all degree requirements established for each program including any rules concerning the maximum time in which a student may earn a degree.

### **III. Sequence of Course Work in the Concurrent Program**

#### **A. Students enrolled in the College of Pharmacy**

A student in the UAMS College of Pharmacy who has completed an undergraduate degree is eligible to join the concurrent degree program after successful completion of two years of the pharmacy curriculum. A student wishing to join the concurrent degree program should follow the standard application procedures for the School of Law during the second professional year of pharmacy school. Upon successful completion of the second professional year of the pharmacy curriculum and acceptance to the School of Law, the student must file the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Concurrent Degrees and shall defer entry into the School of Law for two years while completing the pharmacy curriculum. The students in the concurrent degree program may take up to 12 hours of coursework during the third and fourth professional years of the pharmacy curriculum that will count as elective credit toward their JD degree. Coursework in the COP that may be used as elective credit in the JD program follows.

#### **B. Students enrolled in the School of Law**

A student wishing to join the concurrent degree program should follow the standard application procedures for the College of Pharmacy during the second year of coursework in the School of Law. Upon successful completion of the second year of law course work and acceptance to the College of Pharmacy, a student must file the Declaration of Intent to Pursue concurrent Degrees, and may begin the first year of course work in the College of Pharmacy. During the third year of the professional pharmacy program, up to 8 hours of course work from the JD course work already completed (see section II) will count as elective coursework in the College of Pharmacy. Students may take course work in the School of Law, as time allows, during the third and fourth year of the professional pharmacy program that will meet the requirements for completion of the JD. Students will complete the curriculum in the College of Pharmacy during

consecutive years and will complete the JD degree within 7 years of initial enrollment in the School of Law.

#### **IV. PharmD Courses Approved for JD Program**

The following courses offered by the College of Pharmacy may be used for elective credit in the JD program:

PhPr 7151	Death and Dying	2
PhPr 7156	Health Physics	2
PhPr 7371	Leadership	2
PhPr 7301	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	2
PhPr 7250	Public Health: Overview	2
PhSc 7309	Addiction	2
PhPr 7102	US Health Care Systems for Pharmacists	2
PhPr 7106	Patient-Centered Communication	1
PhPr 7303	Evidence Based Medicine (EBM), Biostats & Pharmacoeconomics	3

#### **V. JD Courses Approved for PharmD Program**

The following courses offered by the School of Law may be used for up to 8 hours of specialty credit in the PharmD program:

LAW 6350	Administrative Law	3
LAW 6291	Bioethics Seminar	2
LAW 6399	Disability Law	3
LAW 6269/6328	Employment Law	2 or 3
LAW 6283/6387	Health Law	2 or 3
LAW TBA	Health Law Seminar	2
LAW 6368	Insurance Law	3
LAW 6257	Interviewing and Counseling	2
LAW 6272	Law and Medicine	2
LAW 6273	Law and Psychiatry	2
LAW 6280/6374	Legislation	2 or 3
LAW 6387	Public Health Law	3
LAW 6226	Biotechnology and the Law	2

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