



3L CLAIR BULLOCK

3L Clair Bullock first grasped the power of the legal system to influence longstanding, systemic environmental change as an undergraduate environmental policy major at The Ohio State University. Two courses in particular, one about environmental water law and another about environmental impact assessments, ultimately cemented her decision to pursue a law degree.

Bullock graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science and enrolled as a dual-degree candidate at the Moritz College of Law that fall. Now a 3L, she is pairing her J.D. with a Master’s of Science from the School of Environment and Natural Resources. The opportunity to enroll in a joint-degree program is exactly why she chose Moritz.

*“To my knowledge, I’m the first person to do the M.S./J.D.,” Bullock said. “I’ve been able to forge my own path in a lot of ways and be creative with my curriculum. I met with Dean Monte Smith and Dean Cinnamon Carlarne and they just made me feel so comfortable and so excited. The opportunity to be at the School of Environmental and Natural Resources and to come to Moritz in such a welcoming and accommodating environment—I honestly didn’t even apply anywhere else.”*

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NATALIE SALAZAR '17

Working as a consultant in the IT industry, Natalie Salazar '17 enjoyed the fast-paced nature of her job. She was traveling to new places every week, using her undergraduate degree to help others, and, most of all, she was good at what she did. But, despite all of it, she still felt as though something was missing.

Five years after graduating from The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, Salazar decided to go back to law school—a decision that turned out to be exactly what she needed to reignite her passion for her work. She chose to pursue an M.B.A alongside her J.D. through the College’s dual-degree program to open up a wider range of career opportunities after graduation.

*“It seems law is moving a lot more toward business, even big law firms are moving toward running more like businesses and have a lot more clients who are business savvy, which means lawyers need to be. I have found that employers find it a benefit that not only do I have my CPA and accounting degree from undergrad, but that I also have an M.B.A and a more generic business background.”*

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# JOINT AND DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Ohio State University offers 115 master’s degree options and 90 Ph.D. programs, providing students at the Moritz College of Law with one of the country’s largest selections of joint or dual degree options. Moritz students can choose from one of five formal joint-degree programs or arrange a personalized dual degree program that best complements their legal studies and career plans.

The Moritz College of Law has established four formal joint-degree programs that provide students with a variety of interdisciplinary education options:



### J.D./M.B.A. with the Fisher College of Business

The J.D. and the M.B.A. are highly complementary programs. Whether graduates choose to practice transactional law, commercial litigation, or pursue business careers with legal training, they profit from a greater understanding of both disciplines. Because of the complexity and evolving character of the legal and regulatory environment of business, candidates with both J.D. and M.B.A. degrees are highly sought by employers. The career services offices of both the Fisher College of Business and the Moritz College of Law are available to J.D./M.B.A. candidates. The first year of the J.D. program and the first year of the M.B.A. program are self-contained, meaning that students complete their first year of law school without taking business classes and their first year of business school without taking courses at the law school. Upon completion of the first year of each program, students may then take courses from both programs during their third and fourth years of study.

### J.D./M.D. with the College of Medicine

The joint J.D./M.D. program is designed to prepare future physicians to meet the challenges of legal issues in offices, hospitals, comprehensive medical centers, and health-care related industries by providing students with a foundation in the law and analytical thinking that will prepare them to identify, analyze, and solve legal issues that are becoming more pervasive in the practice of medicine.





**J.D./M.H.A.**  
with the College of Public Health

The management of public health and purchase of health care services is a huge and dynamic force in American society. Health care expenditures now account for nearly one out of every seven dollars of gross domestic product, which is expected to grow as the population ages and new technologies are developed. Economic magnitude alone would make the industry an essential subject of study; however, when combined with the transcendent social, policy, and ethical concerns of health care, the industry presents unique challenges to management and the law.

In recognition of these challenges, The Ohio State University has established the highly ranked J.D./M.H.A. program. Graduates of this program will be prepared for leading positions in law firms, employment as counsel to health care organizations, management of health care delivery, and policy-related positions in the public and private sectors.

Joint Degrees  
by the Numbers

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PROGRAMS

115  
MASTERS DEGREE  
OPTIONS

13,591  
GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS on campus

10 graduate  
programs  
RANKED IN THE  
TOP 10  
BY U.S. News &  
World Report

12,000  
COURSES OFFERED

12 transferrable  
CREDITS

12<sup>th</sup>  
in the nation  
for sought-after  
GRADUATES  
as ranked by the  
WALL STREET JOURNAL

**Custom Joint Degrees**

These joint-degree programs enable students to work toward two degrees simultaneously and to complete requirements for both degrees in less time than it would take to complete the degrees separately by applying credits for certain courses to both programs. Moritz students whose interests are not met by one of the four formal degree programs may seek approval to combine their legal studies with one of the many graduate-level programs offered at Ohio State.

Students interested in a dual degree will work with both the Moritz College of Law and the graduate program of their choice to craft an individual dual-degree program that best suits their needs and enables them to earn both degrees in the most efficient manner. In recent years, law students have enrolled in individually designed dual-degree programs in political science, higher education administration, social work, women’s studies, African American studies, molecular genetics, urban and regional planning, and philosophy, among others.

Below are some of the 115 master’s and 90 Ph.D. options offered by the University:

- African-American & African Studies – M.A.
- Anthropology – M.A., Ph.D.
- Architecture – M.Arch.
- Art – M.F.A.
- Art Policy and Administration – M.A.
- City and Regional Planning –M.C.R.P., Ph.D.
- Communication – M.A., Ph.D.
- Computer Science & Engineering – M.S., Ph.D.
- Design – M.A., Ph.D.
- Economics – Ph.D.
- Education: Policy & Leadership – M.A., Ph.D.
- Engineering – M.S., Ph.D.
- English – M.A., M.F.A., Ph.D.
- Environment & Natural Resources – M.E.N.R., Ph.D.
- Geography – M.A., M.S.
- History – M.A., Ph.D.
- Labor and Human Resources – M.L.H.R., Ph.D.
- Political Science – Ph.D.
- Psychology – Ph.D.
- Social Work – M.S.W., Ph.D.
- Sports Management – M.S.
- Statistics – M.A.S., Ph.D.
- Theatre – M.A., M.F.A., Ph.D.
- Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies- M.A., Ph.D.



**J.D./M.A. in public policy with the John Glenn College of Public Affairs**

The economy, health care, climate change—these are just a few of the public policy issues that affect us all. More than ever, we need leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors to tackle these issues and make a lasting difference in their communities. The John Glenn College of Public Affairs M.A. in Public Policy is designed to produce leaders in public service. Because lawyers often take a leadership role in their communities, The Ohio State University has established this joint-degree program between the Moritz College of Law and the Glenn College of Public Affairs. This is the only joint-degree program that can be completed in three years (including one summer).



2L MAX SCHMIDT

A passion for public interest work led 2L Max Schmidt to law school after a career in the nonprofit sector working for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland initially peaked his interest in the legal field. He enrolled at the Moritz College of Law as a dual-degree student, where he is pursuing a J.D. and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

*“One of the big reasons I came to law school at Ohio State was that I could do both of those degrees in the same amount of time, for the same amount of money, which is pretty unusual,” Schmidt said. “My focus is really around public interest, particularly government affairs, public policy, legislation, those sorts of areas. The ability to study both sides of that, the legal side as well as the policy side, was really ideal for me. My hope is to then parlay that into a job at the intersection of those fields.”*

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