Simultaneous Enrollment in M.P.A. and J.D. Degree Programs
The Department of Public Administration and the College of Law at Northern Illinois University offer the opportunity for simultaneous enrollment in the M.P.A. and J.D. degree programs to qualified graduate students. Students must be admitted to both the M.P.A. program and the J.D. program. Matriculation in the two programs must be within 18 months of each other.

Since students enroll in two separate degree programs, to receive both degrees students must meet all of the graduation requirements for both degree programs. A student may obtain either degree prior to completing all requirements for the other degree. Under the simultaneous enrollment plan, students are required to take at least 111 total semester hours, 81 from the College of Law and 30 from the Department of Public Administration (not including the internship). Up to 9 semester hours of College of Law course work may be applied toward the 39 semester hours required for the M.P.A. degree, and up to 9 semester hour of M.P.A. course work with a grade of B or better may be applied toward the 90 semester hours required for the J.D. degree.