

**Information for Joint Programs with University of Pittsburgh’s School of Law:  
MAM, MSISPM, and MSPPM Programs**

**Dual Degree Academic Requirements**

The dual degree program is designed to be completed in eight semesters over four academic years instead of the five years required if pursued separately. During the first year, dual degree students will study at either Heinz College or Pitt Law, taking the standard first-year curriculum of the respective institution. The second year requires full-time study at the other institution (while taking a leave of absence from the institution they attended in their first year). For the third and fourth years, students take courses at both institutions. To graduate with both degrees, students have to fulfill both institutions’ degree and other requirements.

Heinz College and Pitt Law have different degree requirements. CMU’s courses are counted in units and Pitt’s courses are counted in credits. A 12-unit course is the equivalent of a 4-credit course. To fulfill the program requirements for the School of Law, students are required to complete 88 credits while Heinz College requires 192 units.

Dual degree students are eligible to begin their studies at either institution. The example below assumes matriculation in the Heinz program first. For students originating from Pitt Law, years one and two would be reversed. Suggested courses to be counted toward the degree requirements of the other institution are available upon request from each program’s academic advisor (the equivalent of 30 units from Pitt Law to Heinz and 14 credits from Heinz to Pitt Law). To graduate from Pitt Law, students will need five semesters of full-time enrollment (minimum of 10 credits per semester), rather than the six semesters of full-time enrollment normally required of JD students.

**Sample Course Sequence:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Heinz Units</u>	<u>Law School Credits</u>	<u># of Courses</u>
1	Heinz	Core and Electives	96		8.5
2	Pitt Law	Required 1st year		30	9
3	Heinz	Core and Electives	36		3
	Pitt Law	Electives		24	8
4	Heinz	Core and Electives	30		2.5
	Pitt Law	Electives		20	7

Total Taken	162 units	74 credits
Total Transferred	30 units	14 credits
Total Required	192 units	88 credits

### **Dual Degree Finances**

Students accepted into the program, regardless of whether they have already completed their first year at either Heinz College or Pitt Law, are charged tuition based on year of study. During the first year at the Heinz College, students are charged tuition by Heinz College at the then-current Heinz College full-time tuition rate. For the first year at Pitt Law, students are charged tuition by Pitt at the then-current School of Law tuition rate. Tuition for the third and fourth years in the program is as follows: At Pitt Law, tuition is equal to the sum of 85 percent of the then-current School of Law tuition. At Heinz College, students are charged the current per unit rate, for enrollment of up to 35 units per semester. Students enrolling in greater than or equal to 36 units are charged the then-current Heinz College full-time tuition rate.

During years one and two, students may apply for financial aid (scholarships and federal financial aid) from the school in which they are enrolled. In the third and fourth years, eligible students may apply to the University of Pittsburgh for federal financial aid.

### **Federal Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Scholarship Eligible</b>	<b>Federal Aid Processor</b>
1	Heinz	Full-time rate	YES	Heinz
2	Pitt Law	Full-time rate	YES	Pitt Law
3	Heinz	Per-unit rate	Yes- Prorated	Pitt Law
	Pitt Law	85% of FT	Yes	
4	Heinz	Per-unit rate	Yes- Prorated	Pitt Law
	Pitt Law	85% of FT	Yes	

Students pay the relevant tuition and the required fees (e.g., transportation fee, student activities fee, and technology fee) to the institution(s) at which they are then enrolled in classes.