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# NEWS

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The University of Dayton School of Law and the Master of Public Administration program are accepting applications for the new three-year joint juris doctor-master of public administration program that will start this fall. It's the only joint JD-MPA program in southwest Ohio.

"This is an option we can provide to professionals in the region pursuing public sector or non-governmental organization careers," said Thaddeus Hoffmeister, School of Law associate dean for academic affairs. "Public administration professionals with legal backgrounds are particularly marketable because they have the legal knowledge to navigate policy discussions or legislation."

Students interested in the joint program must apply separately to and be accepted by the School of Law first, and then the MPA program. MPA coursework begins in the second year of the program.

"For nearly 50 years, our program has prepared graduates to serve the common good as responsible public servants who value, understand and apply the ethics, theories and skills of public management," said Michelle Pautz, director of the master of public administration program and associate professor of political science. "Joining with the School of Law on this program will provide additional skills that will make our graduates all the more marketable."

This is the School of Law's third joint degree program and second new program starting this fall.

The School of Law also has a JD-master of business administration and JD-master of science in educational administration.

Announced earlier this year, the law school's Leadership Honors Program will feature roundtables with prominent judges and lawyers and custom-designed leadership training at the University of Dayton's Center for Leadership, in

addition to the standard School of Law curriculum. Leadership Honors students, who must be nominated for the program, will receive full-tuition scholarships.

To learn more about these programs and their requirements, contact the School of Law the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 937-229-3555.

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