

# Master of Jurisprudence in Aging, Law and Policy

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The U.S. population is aging, and as it does the need for health and human service professionals with legal experience increases. Stetson Law's **Master of Jurisprudence in Aging, Law and Policy** is a unique, online program designed to give non-lawyer students and working professionals an advanced understanding of elder law, policies, and ethics.

## The Master of Jurisprudence at a Glance

In as little as two years, professionals from nursing, social work, and other human services fields will cultivate a strong foundation of Aging, Law and Policy. Gain a practical knowledge of elder law and policies, as well as the leadership and communication skills needed to advance your career, without having to interrupt your career or relocate.

## Advance Your Career in a Growing Field

- Earn your degree on your schedule.
- Enhance your résumé and discover new career opportunities.
- Develop an in-depth understanding of the legal system and how it impacts the elderly and those who advocate and care for them.
- Make better business decisions informed by your knowledge of the law.

## Aging, Law and Policy Program Highlights

- Four semester, 25-credit online program
- In-demand areas of study such as disability law, gerontological healthcare, guardianship, taxes and estate planning, and ethics in elder care
- Courses taught by legal experts and leaders in the field of Aging, Law and Policy
- Access to Stetson's online library resources for Aging, Law and Policy
- GRE not required with appropriate work experience

## Why pursue a Master of Jurisprudence in Aging, Law and Policy?

An advanced comprehension of Aging, Law and Policy provides valuable benefits for non-lawyers working in human service fields. Experienced professionals and recent graduates can meet the growing demand for specialized resources adept at evaluating and communicating legal issues, while increasing their skill set in this in-demand field. A basic understanding of Aging, Law and Policy will better prepare you to serve this vulnerable population.

- Gain a competitive edge for new career opportunities and advancement
- Become part of Stetson Law's alumni network and connect with professionals who assist students and fellow graduates with career placement.

## Curriculum

Candidates for the Master of Jurisprudence in Aging, Law and Policy must satisfactorily complete four full academic semesters for a total of at least 25 credit hours. Students may enroll in additional coursework with additional approval from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

## Required Courses

### First Fall

#### **LAW A110. FUNDAMENTALS OF CONTRACT LAW. 2 Credits.**

This course will provide a basic overview of the fundamentals of contract law, including formation, defenses and consideration.

#### **LAW A130. PROFESSIONALISM & THE CRT SYS. 1 Credit.**

This course would provide an overview of what it means to be a professional, how to act professionally on a daily basis, the regulation of professionals and well as provide a survey of the legal system, explaining the difference between federal and state, court and regulatory systems.

#### **LAW A150. HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS. 2 Credits.**

This course will examine the various government and private health care programs. The course will look at the structure of the programs, eligibility, benefits, costs, coverages and legal relationships between the participants. The course will also examine the hearings and appeals process, as well as current top issues. The primary focus will be on the federal health care system.

## **First Spring**

### **LAW A120. ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM. 2 Credits.**

This course will include the ethical issues faced by professionals when working within their respective professions. Some of the topics of ethics will include mandatory and optional disclosures, whistleblowing, applicable laws and industry standards, regulatory compliance, etc. The course will also cover professionalism for those individuals and how to conduct themselves within their chosen fields.

### **LAW A180. LAW & AGING. 2 Credits.**

This course will provide an overview of the more common issues in an elder law practice, including Medicare, Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, Nursing Homes, and end of life issues.

### **LAW A220. GUARDIANSHIPS & ALTERNATIVES. 3 Credits.**

## **Second Fall**

### **LAW A170. LONG TERM CARE PLANNING. 3 Credits.**

This course examines the issues concerning long term care, including planning for long-term care, services, paying for care, including long-term care insurance, provisions of services including in-home and institutional care and the policies concerning long term care.

### **LAW A190. HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP. 3 Credits.**

This course surveys housing options, including home ownership, choice of tenancies, reverse mortgages, aging in place, Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, shared housing options, assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities, planned communities, age-restricted communities, laws and regulations and innovative options in providing housing and financing housing options.

### **LAW A210. LEGAL RESEARCH. 2 Credits.**

This course will provide an introduction to research, both legal and non-legal, and include how to research and read the law, including cases, statutes and regulations.

## **Second Spring\***

### **LAW A200. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW. 3 Credits.**

This course covers federal and state administrative laws and regulations for certain government benefits programs, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the administrative hearings and appeals processes and other remedies.

\*During the Second Spring semester students will be required to complete a thesis for 2 credits.

*Note: Curriculum offering and sequencing are subject to change.*