

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

November 2, 2011

TO: Rosemary Knight, Chair
XLIV Senate of the Academic Council

FROM: Richard Roberts, Chair
Committee on Graduate Studies

RE: Recommendation to approve the Joint Degree Program between the IDP in Public Policy (MPP degree) and the School of Medicine (MD degree) for an initial five-year period of degree granting authority of 9/1/2012 through 8/31/2017.

On November 2, 2011, the Committee on Graduate Studies wrapped up its earlier discussions on the proposal to create a Joint Degree Program between the IDP in Public Policy and the School of Medicine that would connect the Master of Public Policy degree (normally 90 units) and the MD degree (normally 235 units). The unit overlap between the two programs falls within the parameters previously approved for other categories of Joint Degree Programs; this particular JDP will allow up to 45 units to be overlapped. This JDP also allows students who wish to prepare themselves for careers in both public policy and medicine, to aim at completing the program in five years rather than the minimum of six years that would be needed if the two degrees were obtained separately.

The proposal had been developed and refined by Public Policy and the School of Medicine, with assistance from the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and the Committee on Graduate Studies (the email thread that is part of this packet follows some of the changes that were made along the way).

The Committee on Graduate Studies was assured by both the IDP in Public Policy and the School of Medicine that resources are in place to accommodate students who will apply for this program. The program will probably be small in number, yet C-GS agrees with its founders that it should be established. Because one side of this JDP is an Interdisciplinary Program, which must undergo periodic reviews by Faculty Senate Committees, C-GS is recommending an initial five-year period of degree-granting authority, at which time the JDP will undergo a full Senate review.

The Committee on Graduate Studies therefore recommends approval, for a period of five years, of the Joint Degree Program between the Interdisciplinary Program in Public Policy (the MPP degree) and the School of Medicine (the MD degree), from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM:
PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) AND MEDICINE (MD)**

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