Quinnipiac School of Law has partnered with Vermont Law School to offer students the exciting opportunity to earn a Dual-Degree Juris Doctor/Master of Environmental Law and Policy (JD/MELP). Students in the program earn their JD from Quinnipiac and their MELP from Vermont Law. The program can be completed in three academic years, the same amount of time typically needed to earn the JD degree alone.

This flexible program allows students to pursue their MELP coursework online or on campus during the summer. Students also complete a required MELP externship during the summer, which can be scheduled anywhere in the United States or abroad. A number of Quinnipiac law courses have been approved to satisfy the requirements of both programs. In addition, students will be allowed to transfer 6 credits of their Vermont Law MELP coursework toward their Quinnipiac JD graduation requirements.

The joint degree requires a 30-credit program (including required courses), comprising: Vermont Law MELP courses (14 credits); Vermont Law MELP externship (7 credits); and Quinnipiac Law courses (from approved course list) (up to 9 credits). Students will participate in the externship during the summer of their second year.