

Joint JD/MBA Degree Program

UDM Law



Introduction

The School of Law and the College of Business Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy offer a unified program leading to the JD and MBA degrees. Students enrolled in the joint JD/MBA degree program earn both degrees in significantly less time that would be required for degrees pursued independently. The program also provides the opportunity to integrate the two fields of study through courses relevant to both disciplines.

The JD/MBA joint degree program is particularly suited to those planning to work in large corporations or in law firms dealing broadly with corporate law concerns. Careers in business management as well as in legal departments are enhanced by the flexibility and breadth of the program. It presents the opportunity to integrate business management and legal concepts, such as accounting practices with tax law, labor management relations with labor law, organizational planning with corporation law, and corporate financing with banking and securities law.

Course of Study

The student devotes the first year to the standard first-year law school curriculum: Contracts, Property, Torts, Civil Procedure, Analytical Tools, and Applied Legal Theory and Analysis. After the first year, most students pursue an integrated course of study in both colleges. Some prefer to devote most of the second year to the MBA portion of the program.

The joint JD/MBA program requires approximately three and one-half to four years of full time study, depending on the number of pre-core courses required for the MBA. Students who enter the joint program after beginning the MBA program will spend the next academic year completing the first-year law curriculum; any remaining courses needed for the MBA will be taken along with law courses in subsequent years. For part-time students, the first-year law curriculum will require two academic years to complete.

Admission

Students are admitted to the joint program only after enrolling in either the MBA program or the Law School. Applicants must be admitted to both the Law School (requiring the Law School Admission Test) and the College of Business (normally requiring the Graduate Management Admission Test, but this may be waived.) See MBA website for details. Applicants currently enrolled in law school need not file another application; they may complete the joint degree program application and submit it to the Law School Registrar. Students presently enrolled in UDM's MBA program must begin the process by submitting a UDM Law application to the MBA office of the School of Law's Admissions Office. The Law School application fee is waived for current UDM MBA students. For admission to the joint degree program, Law School JD students must successfully complete the first-year JD curriculum with a grade point average of 2.5 or better and no single course grade below 2.0.

Application

To obtain an application for the School of Law contact the Admissions Office at 313.596.0264 or udmlawao@udmercy.edu. Contact the Graduate Business Programs Office at 313.993.1202 to obtain an application to the MBA program. Prospective JD/MBA students can request an application from the UDM Law Admissions Office or the College of Business Administration using the contact information below.

For current JD/MBA tuition rates, please contact the UDM Law Admissions Office. Information on financial aid, loans, grants, scholarships, and awards is included in each school's application materials.

JD/MBA Degree Requirements

For the JD, 78 School of Law credit hours, including all required courses.

For the MBA:

Foundation Courses

Foundation courses may be waived by the College of Business if the applicant has taken equivalent undergraduate courses.

ACC 5100 Foundation of Financial Accounting
ECN 5100 Economic Analysis
MBA 5120 Statistical Analysis for Decision Making
MBA 5140 Foundations of Management
MBA 5160 Foundations of Marketing
MBA 5180 Foundations of Financial Management
MBA 5190 Foundations of Production & Operations Management

Core Required Courses

ACC 5200 Managerial Accounting
ECN 5120 Analysis of Economic Conditions
MBA 5200 Decision Analysis
MBA 5220 Corporate Finance
MBA 5240 Marketing Management & Planning
MBA 5250 Leadership
or
MBA 5270 Organizational Processes
MBA 5260 Information Systems & Technology
MBA 5900 Strategic Management

Students complete nine hours of electives specifically approved as part of a cognate area concentration. These electives may be either law or business courses. Law courses considered as business electives also may be counted toward the 78 hours required for the JD. The JD/MBA faculty advisor in the Law School must approve the cognate concentration.

JD/MBA students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in law courses and a 3.0 in business courses to remain in the joint degree program and to receive the two degrees.

Requirements for both degrees must be completed before either is awarded. Thus, a JD/MBA program student who has completed the law requirements but not the business requirements is not eligible to sit for the bar exam. Students who do not maintain these eligibility requirements may remain in both programs, but must complete the normal requirements for each degree.

For Further Information

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