



JD/MBA PROGRAM INFORMATION

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The School of Law and the College of Business Administration 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 than 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 program prepares the student for all aspects of business and business law practice, from outside business planning and litigation, to in-house counsel representation, to positions of business managerial responsibility. Though the JD program alone can prepare a law student to represent business clients, the joint program adds a richer exposure to the business strategy, quantitative skills and economic reasoning that are part and parcel of the world of management today, and provides an added measure of marketability. Graduates of the JD/MBA program have found a broad range of employment opportunities in law firms, corporations, the public sector, and with not-for-profits.

Admission

- Students are admitted after enrolling in either the MBA program or School of Law.
- Applicants must be admitted to both the School of Law (requiring LSAT) and the College of Business Administration (requiring GMAT).
- Law students should fill out the joint degree application and submit it to the law school registrar.
- MBA students must fill out a complete application to the school of law (application fee waived).
- Law students must complete the first year of the JD curriculum (30 credits) with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better with no single course below 2.0.

Course of Study

The normal program sequence for a student in the joint degree program is:

1st Year	30 hours of Law Courses
2nd Year	24 to 40.5 hours of MBA Courses (Beginning in the <i>Summer Term</i>)
3rd & 4th Years	48 hours of Law Courses
Total Law Courses	78 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total MBA Courses	24 to 40.5 hours (9 cross-credits)
Total JD/MBA Courses	102 to 118.5 Hours

The Juris Doctor Curriculum

- The Juris Doctor program consists of 78 credit hours of instruction.
- The curriculum consists of thirty credits taken during the student's first year of the program in Contracts, Property, Torts, Civil Procedure, Applied Legal Theory and Analysis (ALTA), and Core Concepts.
- The remaining 48 credit hours must include Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Taxation, two Law Firm Program courses, a Clinic or Externship, an International Law elective, and an upper-level writing requirement. The remaining courses can be fulfilled from the large selection of courses offered by the School of Law.

Business Curriculum

Foundation courses may be waived by the College of Business Administration if the applicant has taken equivalent undergraduate courses. Legal Environment (MBA 5100) is waived for all JD/MBA students. A student enrolled in the joint degree program must complete 24 credit hours, consisting of 7 core courses and the Capstone course from the College of Business Administration. Four normally required courses are waived for JD/MBA students: MBA 5210 (Personal Development, Ethics, and Social Responsibility in Organizations) and three electives.

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ACC 5100	Foundations of Financial Accounting	3
ECN 5100	Economic Analysis	3
MBA 5120	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	3
MBA 5140	Foundations of Management	1.5
MBA 5160	Foundations of Marketing	2
MBA 5180	Foundations of Financial Management	2
MBA 5190	Foundations of Production and Operations Management	2
TOTAL		16.5

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ACC 5200	Managerial Accounting	3
ECN 5120	Analysis of Economics Conditions	3
MBA 5200	Decision Analysis	3
MBA 5220	Corporate Finance	3
MBA 5240	Marketing Management and Planning	3
MBA 5250	Leadership	3
MBA 5260	Information Systems and Technology	3
MBA 5900	Strategic Management	3
TOTAL		24

The University does not award either degree until the requirements for both are satisfied. 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.



A Tradition of Excellence

UDM's MBA Program is one of the oldest AACSB-accredited programs in the United States. In 2009, the program celebrated 60 years of accreditation by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This is the highest accreditation obtainable by undergraduate and graduate business programs. UDM remains the only private institution in Michigan with AACSB accreditation.

Tuition & Fees

The University charges JD/MBA students tuition and fees at the rate in effect for the School of Law. Information on financial aid, loans, grants, scholarships, and awards are included in each program's application materials.

Career Services

The School of Law maintains its own Office of Career Services, directed by Greta Tackebury, Room 349, (313) 596-0232, tackebgm@udmercy.edu. Students in the JD/MBA program are entitled to make use of the School of Law's career planning services at any point during the course of their study. Career planning services are also provided to students in the College of Business Administration through the University's Career Services Center, which is located at 143 Reno Hall. The Career Services Center may be contacted at (313) 993-1017.

Further Information

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