



JOINT JD/MBA DEGREE PROGRAM

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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 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 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 provides an 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, Criminal Law, 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 3½ to 4 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 Administration, normally requiring the Graduate Management Admission Test. The GMAT requirement may be waived. See the Admission Requirements section of the 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 our MBA program must begin the process by submitting a UDM Law application. 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 C.

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 find information on how to apply at law.udmercy.edu.

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 Administration if the applicant has taken equivalent undergraduate courses.

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- ACC 5100 Foundations 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

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- 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 Organizational Leadership
 - MBA 5260 Information Systems & Technology
 - MBA 5900 Strategic Management
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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 standards may remain in both programs, but must complete the normal requirements for each degree.

Our Tradition of Quality

Our School of Law is a member of the American Association of Law Schools, and has been accredited by the American Bar Association since 1933. Our business programs have been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) since 1949, placing us in the top 5% of business schools worldwide. In addition, our MBA program is ranked among the top 100 in the world by the Aspen Institute, for its emphasis on social responsibility and sustainability.



Our Mission

The University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic university in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent, student-centered, undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A UDM education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical, and social development of our students.

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