Joint JD/MBA Program

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 than would be required to complete them separately. 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 relations with labor law, organizational planning with corporate law, and corporate finance 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 (LSAT), and the College of Business Administration, normally requiring the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The GMAT 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 Law application. The Law School application fee is waived for current Detroit Mercy MBA students.

For admission to the joint degree program, Law School JD students must successfully complete the first-year JD curriculum.

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) 993-1203 to obtain an application to the MBA program. Prospective JD/MBA students can find information on how to apply at law.udmercy.edu.
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.

ACC 5100 Corporate Financial Accounting
MBA 5120 Data Analysis for Decision Making
MBA 5180 Fundamentals of Financial Management

**Core Required Courses**
ACC 5200 Managerial Accounting
MBA 5200 Modeling, Analytics & Operations
MBA 5210 Ethics & Social Responsibility
MBA 5220 Strategic Financial Management
MBA 5240 Marketing Management & Planning
MBA 5250 Teamwork & Leadership
MBA 5260 Systems & Technology
MBA 5900 Strategic Management

Students complete nine hours of electives specifically
approved as a 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 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 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 Detroit
Mercy education seeks to integrate the intellectual,
spiritual, ethical, and social development of our
students.

**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 (AASCB International) since 1949, placing
us in the top 5% of business schools worldwide. In
addition, our MBA program is ranked among the top

**Campuses**
Our Riverfront Campus is conveniently located in the
heart of downtown, 651 East Jefferson Avenue. Our
McNichols Campus is at the center of the University
District: 4001 W. McNichols Road.

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