

Dual JD/MBA

A joint degree program administered through the Crosby MBA Program and the School of Law is available for those students who wish to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and Juris Doctorate (JD) simultaneously. Individuals interested in pursuing law or business will find that this program provides them with a valuable set of skills to excel in this rapidly growing field. If earned separately, the JD degree would take three years and the MBA degree would take two years. This course of study may be completed in four years.

Application Procedure

Applicants to the dual degree program must submit formal applications and meet the requirements for admission to both the School of Law and to the Crosby MBA Program to be eligible for the dual degree. Contact the School of Law and the Crosby MBA Program for further information on admissions requirements.

Students may apply for both programs before starting either one, may apply during their 1L or 2L year of Law School, or may apply during their first year of the MBA program.

Career Opportunities

MBA/JD students are sought after by law firms because they have a strong understanding of business and can integrate their knowledge of business operations with their ability to apply laws governing public or corporate organizations. Alternatively, knowledge of the legal system can be an advantage for the student who chooses a career in business fields such as management, human resources, consulting or entrepreneurship.

Curriculum

The curriculum of each program has been designed so that business and law essentials are addressed, followed by specialized elective courses in the upper levels. Dual program waivers for MBA classes are based upon successful completion of equivalent offerings in the Law program. Advisors from each program work together so that student course schedules are optimized throughout the four years.

CROSBY MBA REQUIRED COURSES

(48 credits required* = 42 MBA credits + 6 Law credits)

FALL COURSES

Management 7970 - Introduction to Strategy (1.5)
Management 7420 – Managerial Statistics (1.5)*
Management 7430 - Operations Strategy (1.5)*
Management 7470 - Data Analysis for Managers (1.5)
Management 7480 - Managerial Analytics (1.5)
Marketing 7460 – Managerial Marketing (1.5)*
Marketing 7470 - Advanced Marketing Management (1.5)*
Accountancy 7310 - Accounting for Managers (3)*
Finance 7210 - Microeconomics for Business (1.5)*
Finance 8350 - Financial Statement Analysis 1 (1.5)*

SPRING COURSES

Management 7410 - Management Information Systems (1.5)*
Management 7380 - Organization Behavior 1: The Individual (1.5)*
Management 7390 - Organization Behavior 2: Macro Processes (1.5)*
Finance 7440 - Managerial Finance (3)*
Business Admin 8010 – MBA Seminar / Pre-Internship (1.5)
Business Admin 8500 - Bus Problem Analysis: Field Project (3)
Management 8970 - Strategy and Global Competitiveness (1.5)

ELECTIVES

Marketing 8000 Level – 3
Finance 8000 Level – 3
MBA Open Choice – 6

**These courses may be waived based on successful completion of prior course work. However, a dual MBA/JD student will still need to complete 42 total credits of MBA courses by completing additional MBA electives.*

Note: All courses listed above may be only offered once per year. The above listing is the tentative schedule in which semester each class will be offered.

Some courses may have pre-requisites.

1.5 credit courses are offered in either the first 8 weeks or the second 8 weeks of the semester.

Students will work with both Law and MBA advisors to schedule classes over the 4 years a student is enrolled in both programs. Please note that both degrees will be awarded in the same semester and all requirements must be met for both programs before degrees are awarded.

SCHOOL OF LAW REQUIRED COURSES

(89 credits required* = 83 Law credits + 6 MBA credits)

1st Year

5010, 5015 - Civil Procedure (5)
5020, 5025 - Contracts (6)
5035 - Criminal Law (4)
5050 - Property (5)
5070 - Torts (5)
5080 - Legal Research and Writing (2)
5085 - Advocacy and Research (2)
5095 - Lawyering (2)

2nd Year

5220 - Constitutional Law (4)
5260 - Evidence (4)

2nd or 3rd Year

5240 - Criminal Procedure (3)
5280 - Professional Responsibility (3)

Law electives – 38 credits

Business electives – 6 credits

**Any student who does not achieve a 77.5 GPA in the fall semester will be required to take 5090, Legal Reasoning. Those students in Legal Reasoning will not take Advocacy & Research until their second year. This course is designed to assist students in meeting the graduation requirements.*

TOTAL dual program = 83 credits Law + 42 credits MBA = 125 credit hours.

POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Entry to the Law School is only in the fall. Entry into the Crosby MBA program is in the fall or spring. Students may begin either program first. However, during the first year of entering law school, only law classes will be taken. Thereafter, law and business classes may be intermingled.
2. The School of Law cannot award credit for any class taken before matriculation at the School of Law. Dual degree candidates must therefore enroll at the School of Law before taking the 6 credits of business courses to be counted toward the JD degree.
3. Dual degree candidates who subsequently decide to pursue only the MBA or the JD degree must complete the degree program in its entirety and subject to the same rules and requirements as students not pursuing a dual degree.

4. Law students who receive credit under the dual degree program for taking courses at the College of Business may not receive credit for taking other classes outside the School of Law. Similarly, MBA students may not receive credit for other classes outside the MBA program.
5. Student honors and class ranks at the School of Law will be computed on classes enrolled in as law courses. Academic Achievement Awards in the MBA Program will be computed on classes enrolled in as business classes.
6. Students are required by the Graduate School to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in all 7000-level and above Graduate School course work to be eligible to graduate with an MBA. Grades for law courses applied as electives toward the MBA degree must be at least "C" or better, but will not count in the graduate grade point average calculation. Numerical law grades are converted to letter grades by the course professor.
7. This MBA course document does not constitute a binding commitment that the courses will be offered during the student's course of study or that the graduation requirements will remain unchanged.
8. Students in the dual-degree program are subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to all students at the School of Law and the Trulaske College of Business.

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