Crosby MBA 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 Crosby MBA Program and the School of Law 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.

Degree Requirement Summary

The total (net) additional credits required for JD/MBA is 35.5. See below for specific degree requirements.

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.
CROSBY MBA PROGRAM REQUIRED COURSES

The dual program meets the requirements for the MBA with 41.5 credit hours of courses in the Crosby MBA Program plus 6 elective credit hours at the School of Law.

FALL COURSES
Management 7970 - Introduction to Strategy (1.5)
Management 7400 - Managerial Analytics (1.5)
Management 7420 - Statistics for Managers (1.5)
Management 7470 - Data Analysis for Managers (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 7430 - Operations Strategy (1.5)
Management 7380 - Organization Behavior 1: The Individual (1.5)
Management 7390 - Organization Behavior 2: Macro Processes (1.5)
Finance 7410 - Managerial Finance 1 (1.5)
Finance 7420 - Managerial Finance 2 (1.5)
Business Admin 8500 - Bus Problem Analysis: Field Project (3)
Business Admin 8020 – MBA Seminar 2: Global Focus and required case competition (1)
Management 8970 - Strategy and Global Competitiveness (1.5)

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

Note: All courses listed above are offered once per year. The above listing is the tentative schedule of which semester each class will be offered in. 1.5 credit courses are offered either in the first 8 weeks or second 8 weeks of a semester. Students will work with both Law and MBA advisors to schedule classes to fit individual needs.
SCHOOL OF LAW REQUIRED COURSES

The program meets the requirements for the JD with a total of 83 hours of law credit plus 6 hours of Crosby MBA credit.

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.

POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Entry to the Law School and the MBA program is only in the fall. 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 J.D. 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. The Crosby MBA Program and the School of Law reserve the right to limit participation in the program, including dismissal. Students already enrolled in one program must submit an “Application Form for Dual Enrollment in Graduate School and Professional School” form, along with applications for admission to the second program, at the earliest possible time. Students applying to both programs simultaneously will complete that form at a later date.

8. The 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.

9. 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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