

JD/MBA Program Policy Statement

I. Introduction

The JD/MBA Program allows students to obtain both degrees simultaneously. Because of the ability to use credits earned in one of the programs in the other, the amount of time to earn the joint degree is less than would be possible without the joint program.

The purpose of this document is to state the Law School's policies concerning the program.

II. Graduation Requirements

The graduation requirements for the JD degree do not change because of a student being in the program. To be awarded the JD degree, a student must meet all of the normal graduation requirements of the Law School.

III. Business School Courses that Serve as Electives at the Law School

Up to nine credits (of the 90 needed to be awarded a JD) can be earned in courses that are offered by the business school if the course has been approved in advance by the Law School, provided that the student takes the courses after matriculating at the Law School. The list of currently approved courses is set forth in part A below. Additional courses offered by the Business School may be added if, in the opinion of the Associate Dean and Curriculum Committee, they cover materials that will prepare its students for admission to the bar or for effective and responsible participation in the legal profession.

Students should note that these credits are not offered at the Law School and cannot be used to satisfy the requirement that at least 65 credits of their education must be obtained by attending regularly scheduled classes at the law school. In addition, under ABA Standards, students may take no more than 30 credits of online courses during their JD course of study, and may take no more than 10 credits of online courses during the first one-third of their JD study. The grades in courses taken at the Business School will not be included in a student's law school GPA.

A. Currently Recognized Courses (each is worth 3 credits)

1. ACT 650: Accounting for Decision Makers
2. ACT 670: Financial Statements Analysis
3. ACT 672: International Accounting
4. FIN 650: Finance for Decision Makers
5. MGT 600: Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Law
6. MGT 675: Managing Across Cultures
7. MGT 677: Lead, Motivate, & Empower
8. MIS 681: Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management
9. MKT 672: International Business & Multinational Enterprises

B. Procedure for Adding Courses

A Faculty Member, Dean or appropriate Associate Dean of either the Law or Business School may submit a request to the Curriculum Committee of the Law School to have a new course added to the list of approved courses or to strike a course that no longer is suitable. The Curriculum Committee will determine if the proposal fits the educational objectives of the Law School.

IV. Law School Electives that Serve as Electives at the Business School

Nine credits of electives that are taken at the Law School can be used to satisfy the Business Electives requirement to obtain the MBA degree. The determination of what Law School courses can be used to satisfy MBA degree requirements is made by the Business School. Students should contact the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies at the Business School to determine what courses are recognized and to determine how new courses can be added. The following courses can be used to satisfy the MBA degree. Other courses may be approved upon consultation with Assistant Dean, Graduate Programs, Charlton College of Business:

1. LAW 530 Contracts I
2. LAW 531 Contracts II
3. LAW 585 Business Organizations
4. LAW 580 Trusts and Estates
5. LAW 530 Property I
6. LAW 531 Property II
7. [Any 600 level Law elective]

V. Timing of Coursework

Under ABA Standards, no course may count for transfer credit toward the JD before the student has matriculated in law school. Thus, although a student may commence either JD or MBA studies first, joint degree students will need to complete the entire first year of legal studies prior to enrolling in any MBA course for which the student will seek to transfer credit toward the JD degree.

A model curriculum for course sequencing is available from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to assist students in planning their progress through the joint degree program. Students may vary from the model curriculum in ways that are consistent with these guidelines and the program requirements of each degree program.

VI. Coordinator of the JD/MBA Program

The Dean will designate an administrator at the law school to coordinate the joint degree program. If no one else is designated, the Associate Dean shall be the coordinator.