



J.D./M.B.A. Dual-Degree Program

The College of Law, in cooperation with Stetson University's School of Business Administration, offers a dual J.D./M.B.A. program. Students who complete the program will receive both a J.D. degree from the College of Law and an M.B.A. degree from the School of Business Administration. A student may become a candidate for the J.D./M.B.A. program only after that student has applied to and been accepted into both programs.

A. Application Process

Applications for the M.B.A. program may be obtained by visiting the Stetson University website, writing to the Office of Graduate Programs, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., Unit 8398, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida 32720-3774, or by calling (386) 822-7410. Details of this program are also available upon request from the Coordinator of the J.D./M.B.A. Program on the College of Law's Gulfport campus. The application fee for the M.B.A. Program is waived for students enrolled in the College of Law.

Applicants must provide transcripts of all undergraduate work, an official transcript from the College of Law, and three letters of recommendation. While a satisfactory GMAT score is required for admission into the M.B.A. program, the GMAT examination may be waived upon the submission of a satisfactory LSAT score and undergrad GPA. Students enrolled in the College of Law may have all transcripts forwarded from the Registrar's Office at the College of Law to the Office of Graduate Business Programs, and copies of recommendation letters for the College of Law admissions application are acceptable.

Applicants to the program must file separate applications with both schools, and must be admitted separately by both schools. An applicant must meet all of the entrance requirements established by each school; no one will be admitted to one school simply because of admission to the other. Most students are admitted to the College of Law first and then apply to the School of Business Administration for the M.B.A. Program.

B. Transfer of Credits

Students who are accepted into this program will enjoy a significant savings in required course work. The M.B.A. program accepts 12 semester hours from a list of approved electives in the law curriculum, and the College of Law accepts 12 semester hours from the M.B.A. curriculum. Students generally are able to complete both degree programs in the same amount of time as the J.D. program (usually three years for full-time students). Part-time J.D. students may be able to complete both programs within four years, but should plan for an additional semester, and they

should meet with an advisor to review their J.D. and M.B.A. course schedules. All students will need to attend at least one summer session to complete the required M.B.A. core courses offered on the law campuses.

Although application can be made to both programs at the same time before being admitted to either, a student will not receive any transfer credit for M.B.A. courses taken before the student attempts at least 29 law credits, and a student in the J.D./M.B.A. program who ranks falls within the bottom 25% of the law class with which the student is ranked will not be permitted to continue in the dual-degree program until the student's rank returns to the top 75% of the class with which the student is ranked. A student who is placed on academic probation will not be eligible to begin the J.D./M.B.A. program, and will be required to meet with the Associate Dean of Academics to discuss continued participation in the M.B.A. program if the student has already started in the program.

The College of Law will award a maximum of 12 semester hours toward the J.D. degree for courses taken in the School of Business Administration. For grade reporting purposes in the College of Law, grades awarded for graduate business courses will be converted to either Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory and will not be included in the compilation of the participant's grade average or class standing in the College of Law. The official academic record of the student maintained by the Registrar will show the actual grade assigned by the instructor. The School of Business Administration will award a maximum of 12 semester hours toward the M.B.A. degree for the elective courses taken in the College of Law. Credit will be awarded for a law course in which the student earns a 2.0 grade or higher.

A student who has completed the J.D. degree requirements and graduated from the College of Law, or an individual who has received a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school, may apply to the M.B.A. program and receive up to 12 hours of credit toward an M.B.A. at Stetson.

C. Curriculum and Awarding of Degrees

Until the student completes the requirements for both degrees, neither degree will be awarded to a student who pursues the two degrees simultaneously. Special degree requirements, which are outlined below, have been established by each school for the participants in this program. If a student abandons the dual-degree program, the cross-over credits will not apply and the student will not receive credit toward graduation from one school for courses taken in the other school. Students with questions about required law classes and J.D. degree requirements should contact the Associate Dean of Academics at the College of Law, and students with questions about M.B.A. classes and M.B.A. degree requirements should contact the J.D./M.B.A. Program Coordinator at the College of Law.

The J.D. Degree: Participants in the dual-degree program must complete the requirements set forth in the official publications of the College of Law to receive the J.D. degree. These requirements include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Completing a total of 88 semester hours of academic credit, 76 of which must be

in courses in residence in the law school, with the remaining 12 hours being credited as electives from successfully completed M.B.A. classes. M.B.A. classes are considered elective hours when registering for law classes and count toward the total hours a student may take during a semester.

2. Completing all required courses.
3. Maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.2 for all work attempted in the law school while the student has earned between 30 and 59 law credits, and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.3 for all work attempted in the law school once the student has earned 60 or more law credits.
4. Ranking in the top 75% of the student's class each semester after attempting at least 29 law credits.
5. Six semesters of residence in the College of Law. One semester of residence in the College of Law will be granted for any semester in which the student takes courses at either school which require at least ten class hours per week or one-half semester of residence will be granted for any summer semester in which a student takes courses at either school which require at least five class hours per week.

The College of Law reserves the right to withhold a degree whenever it appears that the character or conduct of a student or the quality of the work completed will prevent acceptable representation of the College or will compromise the legal profession.

The M.B.A. Degree: [Note: The requirements for the M.B.A. degree are established by the School of Business Administration; the following are for illustrative purposes only.] Participants in the dual-degree program must complete the requirements set forth in the official publications of the School of Business Administration in order to receive the M.B.A. degree. These requirements include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Completing a total of 30 semester hours of academic credit in advance course work, 18 of which are core M.B.A. courses in residence in the business school.

M.B.A. Required Courses:

Managerial Decision Analysis
Organizational Theory & Behavior
Electronic Commerce
Advanced Financial Management
Marketing Decision-Making
Advanced Accounting Seminar
Strategic Management

The core M.B.A. courses are offered by the School of Business Administration on the law campus and enrollment in those courses fulfills the residency requirement.

Two different core M.B.A. courses are offered in the fall, spring, and summer semesters (shown above), allowing students to enter the rotation at any time. Core M.B.A. courses can also be taken on the DeLand and Celebration campuses.

M.B.A. Electives: Students must take Law 3255–Corporations and at least 9 additional hours of approved elective classes from the law curriculum to satisfy the elective requirements for the M.B.A. degree. A list of the approved electives can be obtained by contacting the J.D./M.B.A. Program Coordinator.

2. Maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for all work attempted in the School of Business Administration.

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