



# joint-degree program law and business

**The Colleges of Law and Business joint-degree program in Law and Business, J.D./M.B.A., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently.** Interested applicants must first begin their study at the College of Law. Once enrolled in the first-year law curriculum, interested applicants will then complete all necessary documentation for the College of Business application as well as a joint-degree application by the end of the first year at the law school. All required documents should be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions.

For this joint-degree program, both the GMAT and LSAT must be taken in order to be considered. Applicants to the M.B.A. program must have a bachelor's degree, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better, and a minimum score of 550 on the GMAT. It is expected that most students admitted to the M.B.A. program will exceed these minimums. The College of Law's fall 2011 entering class median LSAT score and GPA were 162 and 3.5.

## • How To Apply

- 1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint-degree application and necessary documents for the College of Business.
- 2. Complete the documentation.
- 3. Return all documents to the College of Law Office of Admissions by February 1st.

• The student will need to provide:

- 1. Completed joint-degree application and M.B.A. application
- 2. Official GMAT scores
- 3. Three letters of recommendation
- 4. Statement of purpose

## • Program Sequence

• The program sequence for a student in the J.D. / M.B.A. joint degree program is:

• 1st Year	30 hours of Law
• 2nd Year	30 hours of Business
• 3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law
• Total Law Courses	79 hours
• Total Business Courses	30 hours
• Cross Credit Courses	9 hours
• Total J.D./M.B.A. Courses	109 hours

• Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at [www.law.fsu.edu](http://www.law.fsu.edu).



## • Business Curriculum

• A student enrolled in the joint-degree program must complete  
• 30 credit hours, consisting of eight core courses and two elective  
• courses, from the College of Business. One normally required course,  
• Legal Environment (BUL 5810), and two electives are waived for  
• J.D./M.B.A. students. All courses are three credit hours each. Some  
• elective course may be taken online in lieu of the on-campus offerings  
• for an extra fee.

• All students in the M.B.A. program are required to take:

- ACG 5026 Current Issues in Accounting
- FIN 5425 Problems in Financial Management
- ISM 5021 Information & Technology Management
- MAN 5245 Organizational Behavior
- MAN 5501 Service Operations Management
- MAN 5716 Economics and Business Conditions
- MAN 5721 Strategy & Business Policy
- MAR 5125 Marketing Strategy in the Global Environment

• Students applying to the M.B.A. program are expected to have  
• a general knowledge of economics, finance, accounting, statistics,  
• calculus and management principles. The following are examples of  
• useful undergraduate foundation courses:

- MAC 2233 Calculus for Business
- STA 2023 Fundamental Business Statistics
- ACG 2021 Principles of Accounting
- ECO 2013 Macro-Economics
- ECO 2023 Micro-Economics
- FIN 3403 Basic Finance

## Questions

The joint degree must be completed within five years, although most students complete the program in four years. For further information about curriculum requirements, please contact:

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## • Conferring of Degrees

• Students in joint-degree programs receive  
• both degrees concurrently. Law students may  
• not be certified as a graduate without having  
• completed the degree requirements in both  
• colleges.

## • Residency Requirement

• Unless otherwise approved by both advisors  
• and the College of Law Associate Dean for  
• Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint-  
• degree programs must earn a minimum of  
• seven semesters of residence credit. Based on  
• the College of Law formula for determining  
• residency, one semester of residency credit is  
• earned for every 12 credit hours of courses  
• taken in the Colleges of Law and Business.  
• All requirements for both degrees must be  
• completed within five calendar years.