# **JD/MBA Dual Degree Program**

The JD/MBA program provides an opportunity to earn a dual degree through an integrated curriculum. The benefit of the integrated curriculum allows for courses successfully completed to be applied in the other program. Successful completion of the dual degree program leads to the awarding of two degrees. The Juris Doctor degree is awarded by the College of Law, and the MBA degree is awarded by the College of Business and Innovation. If a student chooses to opt out of the dual degree program, the student will no longer be eligible to receive credits towards degree, through the integrated curriculum, completed in the other program.

## **Juris Doctor Degree**

The College of Law requires completion of 89 credit hours. A maximum of 15 credit hours can be online courses. The dual degree program permits up to 12 credit hours of MBA core courses to be applied toward this requirement. Online courses taken with the College of Business and Innovation count against the maximum online credit limit if they are being applied toward the J.D. degree requirements. Any MBA courses taken prior to enrolling in the JD program cannot be applied toward the JD program. All courses taken in the College of Business and Innovation that are to be applied towards J.D. program requirements must be earned with a grade of B (3.0) or better.

### **MBA** Degree

The MBA program requires a minimum of 33 credit hours at the 6000-level. Up to 18 additional credit hours may be required if a student does not have an academic background in business. The dual degree program permits up to 12 credit hours from the College of Law to be applied toward the MBA program. The College of Law courses must have business application and can replace one MBA core course and three MBA electives. All courses taken in the College of Law that are to be applied towards MBA program requirements must be earned with a grade of C (2.0) or better. All grades earned in College of Law courses that are applied towards MBA program requirements will impact the overall graduate GPA.

## **Integrated Curriculum**

JD/MBA students may replace either BUAD 6500 or BUAD 6800 with the College of Law elective listed below. Only **one** MBA Core Course can be replaced with a College of Law course.

MBA Core Course

BUAD 6500 International Business

BUAD 6800 Information Technology and E-Business

College of Law Elective

LAWI 9480 International Business Transactions

LAWI 9020 E-Commerce

Up to three of the College of Law courses listed below can serve as MBA electives. Other College of Law courses may be approved as well. Students in the dual degree program will earn their MBA in Administration since the MBA electives are replaced with College of Law courses.

#### Accepted as MBA Electives

LAWD 9210 Contracts I

LAWD 9220 Contracts II

LAWG 9010 Business Associations

LAWG 9610 Secured Transactions

LAWI 9060 Sales and Leases of Goods

LAWI 9300 Employment Discrimination

LAWI 9310 Employment Law

LAWI 9730 Pension and Employee Benefits

LAWI 9940 White Collar Crime

LAWN 9050 Negotiation and Settlement



## **Administrative Arrangements**

The College of Law and the College of Business and Innovation are both responsible for the administration of the dual degree program. Both colleges shall coordinate and monitor any changes that could lead to an adjustment regarding the integrated curriculum.

#### **Admissions**

Students must apply and be admitted to both programs separately. Admission to one program does not guarantee admission to the other program. There are separate applications and fees for each program. The LSAT will be accepted by the College of Business and Innovation in lieu of a GMAT score.

# **Academic Advising**

The College of Law and the College of Business and Innovation both provide academic advising to students in the dual degree program.

# **Awarding of Degrees**

Students enrolled in the dual degree program will not receive the JD or MBA degree until all work required for both degrees has been completed. Credit for courses from the other college will be awarded only if a satisfactory grade is earned. Also, degrees must be awarded within time limits established by the College of Law, the College of Business and Innovation and the College of Graduate Studies.

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