



Joint Graduate Pathway Law and Business

The College of Law and College of Business joint graduate pathway in law and business J.D./M.B.A., permits the completion of both degrees concurrently. Current law students must meet with and submit all documents for admission to the College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator before June 1st following their first year of law school. The College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator will then submit their completed packet to the College of Law and the College of Business for approval. Any student who has completed M.B.A. coursework prior to matriculating to the College of Law, or who wishes to apply for the joint graduate pathway after beginning their second year of law school, must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law before applying for the joint graduate pathway.

Applicants to the M.B.A. program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better, and a competitive GMAT or GRE score. It is expected that most students admitted to the M.B.A. program will exceed these limits. Applicants should contact the College of Business to obtain specific information on the necessary GMAT or GRE requirements. Previous coursework in business is not required, but students applying to the M.B.A. Program are also expected to have a general knowledge of economics, finance, accounting, statistics, calculus, and management principles. An LSAT score of 160 or higher will be considered for current College of Law students.

How To Apply

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint graduate pathway application and necessary documents for the College of Business.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the College of Business. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before June 1st following the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Provide a completed JOINT GRADUATE PATHWAY APPLICATION form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Provide a completed MBA PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION form.
4. Have competitive GMAT or GRE scores on file with the Florida State University or an LSAT score of 160 or higher for current College of Law students.
5. Provide three letters of recommendation from employers or college professors. Applicable letters provided during the application to the College of Law are acceptable.
6. Provide a completed College of Business APPLICANT STATEMENT ESSAY QUESTIONS FOR MBA PROGRAM ADMISSION form.

Program Sequence

The normal program sequence for a student in the joint graduate pathway is:

1st Year (Fall, Spring)	30	hours of Law
2nd Year (Fall, Spring)	30	hours of Business
3rd & 4th Years	49	hours of Law
Total Law Courses	79	hours
Total Business Courses	30	hours
Shared Credit Courses	9	hours of Law, 9 hours of Business
Total J.D./M.B.A. Courses	109	hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.



• Business Curriculum

- A student enrolled in the joint graduate pathway must complete 30 credit hours, consisting of eight core courses and two three-hour elective courses, from the College of Business. The Legal & Ethical Environment of Business (BUL 5810) and Professional Development (MAN 5935) are waived for J.D./M.B.A. students.

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

- ACG 5026 Financial Reporting & Managerial Control (3 hours)
- FIN 5425 Problems in Financial Management (3 hours)
- ISM 5021 Information & Technology Management (3 hours)
- MAN 5245 Organizational Behavior (3 hours)*
- MAN 5501 Operations Management (3 hours)
- MAN 5716 Business Conditions Analysis (3 hours)*
- MAN 5721 Strategy & Business Policy (3 hours)*
- MAR 5125 Marketing Strategy in the Global Environment (3 hours)

- * Required courses for the joint graduate pathway from the M.B.A. curriculum that will also be used as shared credit toward the J.D. degree. The following courses from the J.D. curriculum are required and will be used as shared credit for the M.B.A. degree:

- LAW 5522 Legislation & Regulation (3 hours)
- LAW 5716 Closely Held Business Organizations (3 hours)
- LAW 7560 Securities Regulation (3 hours)

- Note on Shared Credit: Because a joint graduate pathway allows a student to complete each curriculum by taking fewer hours overall, each program will require that certain courses be taken from the other curriculum to cover the number of hours reduced from their respective curriculum. These courses are part of the respective program's curriculum and are not counted toward the credit requirement for the other curriculum. They may or may not be included in the normal core requirements of the respective program's curriculum.



• Questions

- The joint graduate pathway must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

- For further information related to applying for this joint graduate pathway, please contact:

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Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint graduate pathways receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in both the College of Law and the College of Business. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

Residency Requirement

Unless otherwise approved by both advisors and the College of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint graduate pathways 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.

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