Joint Graduate Pathway
Law and Business

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.

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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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