Joint Degree Programs

JD/MBA   JD/MTax   JD/MSA

Joint Degree Program Description:

The School of Law and the College of Business (CoB) offers joint programs in legal and administrative studies (JD/MBA), legal and taxation studies (JD/MTax) and legal and accounting studies (JD/MSA). JD/MBA students should apply for the interdisciplinary concentration to maximize the 9 credits of law transfer coursework.

The total amount of time required to complete joint degree program is shorter than the time required to complete both programs independently because required courses in one college fulfill course requirements in the other college.

For acceptance in to the joint degree program you must apply to, and be accepted by, both the School of Law and the College of Business Graduate Programs. Contact each college independently for information concerning admission criteria and procedures. You will also need to submit a joint degree application for review by the School of Law, College of Business and the Graduate School. Applicants from any area of undergraduate study are eligible to apply for a joint program.

Most students complete the first year of law school without taking any graduate courses in the College of Business. Sometime during the first year of law school you should make an appointment with a graduate advisor in the College of Business to discuss the program. During the second and third years of law school, course work may include both law and business courses.

Termination of Joint Status:

Should the JD degree be conferred before earning any credits in the CoB, joint status terminates, including any liberal transfer policy. Reapplication for joint status is not possible.

Application for the Joint Degree Program

Students Should be enrolled and have completed at least 15 credits for The University of Akron School of Law before applying to the Joint Degree Program.

Students must complete the following steps in order:

- Apply to the Graduate School for the appropriate College of Business graduate program (MBA, MTax, or MSA).
- Complete the Transcript Request Form and Application for Joint Degree Program.

For more information or to meet with an advisor:

School of Law
lawadmissions@uakron.edu
1-800-4.AKRON.U (1-800-425-7668)

College of Business, Graduate Programs
gradbusiness@uakron.edu
(330) 972-7043

Procedures for Applying to the Joint Degree Program with the College of Business (CoB)

Applicants should follow the following procedures to make the application and admission process as smooth and quick as possible.

1. Apply to the Graduate School (MBA, MSA, MTax):

- Submit your application, available at www.uakron.edu/graduate/admissions/apply.
  - Scroll down and click "Create application account"
  - Select "Create an account" for a first-time user
  - You do not need to worry about submitting your transcripts at this time.
  - Submit your application to create your application portal

- Log back into your application portal and upload your:
  - Statement of Purpose for the CoB program you are applying to
  - Resume

2. Submit the Transcript Request Form and the Joint Degree Application to the School of Law for processing. Physical copies can be submitted to the School of Law, Student Affairs office or emailed to lawstudentaffairs@uakron.edu.

After you submit the Transcript Request Form, the School of Law will forward copies of your transcripts to the Graduate School Admissons and the CoB Graduate Programs along with your Joint Degree Application.

For Questions regarding CoB admission status contact the College of Business Graduate Programs Office at CoB 412, 330-972-7043 or gradbusiness@uakron.edu.

Transcript Request Form

For use by students interested in a Joint Degree Program in Business

To: Student Affairs, School of Law

Please provide copies of all my transcripts (undergraduate, law and graduate) on file to the College of Business Graduate Programs office and Graduate Admissions to be used in evaluating my admission to the Joint Degree program.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Date: _____

Program (check one):

___ JD/MBA   ___ JD/MTax   ___ JD/MSA

   Semester: 20 __

Please send all transcripts to:

Graduate Admissions   **AND**   College of Business, Graduate Programs
admissions@uakron.edu   graduatebusiness@uakron.edu

For Law School Office Use Only:

☐ Completed Date: _____ Initials: _____

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Application for Joint Degree Programs
School of Law
&
College of Business

Student Information:

Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

UA Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

I am applying for:

___ JD/MBA   ___JD/MTax   ___JD/MSA

Semester: _____   20 ___

Check the appropriate responses:

___ I have APPLIED to the School of Law

___ I have been ADMITTED to the School of Law

___ I am ENROLLED in the School of Law

___ I have APPLIED to the Graduate School

___ I have been ADMITTED to the Graduate School

___ I am ENROLLED in the Graduate School

Only courses pre-approved for transfer and taken while enrolled in BOTH (J.D. and Business graduate) programs may be applied toward the J.D. and/or the graduate Business degree program.

Signature: _____Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approval Procedure:

This form must be approved by all three departments: School of Law, College of Business Graduate Programs, and Graduate Admissions. It will be each department's responsibility to sign and forward to whichever department has not yet signed.

After all 3 departments have signed this form, it should be sent to:

Student Affairs, School of Law – lawstudentaffairs@uakron.edu

Law Student Affairs will then send a congratulatory letter to the student and a copy to the Graduate School, College of Business Administration Graduate Programs and University Registrar.

___ Admitted to the School of Law

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

___ Admitted to the College of Business, Graduate Programs

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

___ Admitted to the Graduate School

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Return completed form to Law Student Affairs - lawstudentaffairs@uakron.edu)