MBA/JD Dual Degree Program

The S.J. Quinney College of Law and the David Eccles School of Business offer a dual-degree program in which students may earn both the JD and MBA degrees in four years. Recognizing the close relationship between the business and legal communities, the program helps business managers and corporate counsel understand each other’s challenges, constraints, and objectives.

Program Details

Length of Program: The MBA program requires completion of 62 credit hours. The JD program requires 88 total credit hours.

The time required to complete the joint MBA/JD degree is shorter than the time required to complete both programs independently, because required courses in one college fulfill elective requirements in the other college. The College of Law and the School of Business will each accept up to 12 credit hours taken in the other college. All MBA classes used to fulfill the law school's elective requirements must be advanced classes and must be approved by the College of Law.

A combined total of 126 credit hours are required to complete the dual-degree.

The value of a JD/MBA dual-degree in the marketplace

The combination of a Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degree prepares students to address the many legal and business issues that they will face in their roles within legal practice, entrepreneurship, public governance, consulting, investment banking, venture capital and other careers.

There are many specialties in both business and legal practice that are well-suited to someone with an MBA/JD dual degree. The following areas have applications in both business and law:

- Mergers & Acquisitions (instead of government)
- Government
- Entrepreneurship
- Business Planning
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Investment Banking
- Labor Relations & Human Resources
- Contracts
- Business Consulting
- Intellectual Property Law

Technology Commercialization Office for MBA /JD students

The Technology Commercialization Office (TCO) is responsible for managing the intellectual property of the University of Utah. Efforts at the TCO are focused primarily towards obtaining appropriate levels of intellectual property protection for technologies developed by researchers, faculty and students, as well as, taking these technologies to the marketplace through licensing agreements, industry partnerships, and new business creation and development.
Technology Commercialization Office (cont’d)

Law students have the opportunity to participate at the TCO and be involved in various legal aspects of the commercialization process. For example, students will gain valuable experience in evaluating technologies for possible intellectual property protection and in preparing and reviewing licenses, patents, trademarks, and contracts. The TCO also provides a great networking opportunity for students interested in intellectual property. Find out more about the TCO at http://www.tco.utah.edu/

Admissions Requirements / MBA

- Bachelor’s Degree – MBA/MHA applicants must have completed the equivalent of a four-year U.S. bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
- Work Experience – For the MBA program, at least two years of professional work experience is strongly preferred. MHA applicants must show experience, either paid or volunteer, in a health care related field.
- Minimum GPA – Applicants must have earned their degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Consideration will be made for applicants meeting this 3.0 GPA over the last 60 hours taken in their undergraduate course work.
- Standardized Test Score Requirement (GMAT/GRE) – MBA/MHA applicants are required to take the GMAT or GRE standardized tests. Scores are used to indicate aptitude for business studies and are valid for five years.
- Quantitative Proficiency Requirement – MBA/MHA applicants must meet a quantitative proficiency requirement. Proficiency may be demonstrated through a combination of a strong GMAT/ GRE quantitative score, current employment responsibilities or past academic performance that provide a solid indication that the applicant will meet the quantitative demands of the MBA/MHA program. Applicants not meeting this requirement at the time of application may be asked to complete additional coursework prior to the start of the program.
- Statistical Proficiency Requirement – MBA/MHA applicants must demonstrate an understanding of statistical analysis. Applicants meeting this requirement will have successfully completed an approved statistics course with a grade of B or better. Applicants not meeting this requirement at the time of application may be asked to complete additional coursework prior to the start of the program.
- English Language Proficiency Requirement

Admissions Requirements / JD

- Bachelor’s Degree
- LSAT (median of those admitted scored above the 85th percentile)
- Full details available on-line at www.law.utah/prospective/apply-now/

Applications Deadlines & Program Entry

2012 JD Deadline: February 15, 2012

Applicants interested in this program must submit separate admission applications to the College of Law and to the School of Business.

Each program has its own independent application requirements and admissions standards. Admission to one program does not ensure admission to the other.

School of Business application: www.business.utah.edu/mastersapplication

This online application requires the following information:
- Personal information
- Professional resume
- Personal essays – two essays are required for the MBA application
- Unofficial transcripts – you will be asked to upload your unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate institutions. The university requires an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. If your GPA does not meet this standard, the GPA from your last 60 hours is accepted.
- Residency status information
- Application fee – the application fee is $55 for domestic applicants and $65 for International applicants
- Recommendations – 2 recommendations are required for all programs. You will be asked to supply the e-mail addresses for the individuals submitting your recommendations for this online process. All recommendations must be submitted online. Paper recommendations will not be accepted.

SJ Quinney College of Law application: www.law.utah.edu/prospective/apply-now/

Students may matriculate into the dual-degree program as follows:
- At the time they are initially accepted by both the College of Law and the School of Business, or
- During the first year of law school, if they are accepted for admission by the School of Business, or
- During the first year of the MBA program, if they are accepted for admission to the College of Law

Students will not be admitted to the dual-degree program if they have begun their second year of law school or their advanced MBA coursework. Students entering the dual-degree program must take the first year of law school study without enrolling in other courses. The MBA Program begins annually in the fall.

Tuition/Costs

Estimated tuition and fees for the MBA/JD dual-degree program is $84,000 for Utah residents.

This estimate reflects 126 total credit hours taken over the course of 8 semesters at the current tuition rates. Please note that this is an estimate only and that tuition rates are likely to fluctuate over the course of a 4-year program. If you are a non-resident student starting the JD program, you can apply for resident tuition after only 40 credits. This can usually be accomplished during the first two semesters of law school and 10 credits taken over the first summer. Note that all summer courses at the University of Utah are offered at resident tuition rates.

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