



Joint Degree: MBA/JD

The Hamline School of Business offers a program in collaboration with the Hamline University School of Law which provides students the opportunity to earn a joint master's of business administration (MBA) and juris doctor (JD) degree.

By pursuing the two degrees simultaneously, students may use selected courses to satisfy requirements in both the MBA and the JD. The two degrees may be completed in less than four years.

MBA/JD students benefit from the combination of a rich law curriculum, including many business-related offerings, and an intensive exposure to the innovative Hamline MBA program, in which traditional business disciplines are integrated and cross-functional perspectives emphasized. This cross-disciplinary experience yields joint-degree graduates well-grounded in the doctrines and cultures of both business and law. The degree is of interest to students interested in working for business in management and/or as general counsel, and those seeking a law firm practice serving business needs.

Admission

Students must apply to and be admitted independently to both the School of Business and the School of Law. The ideal candidate for the MBA/JD begins his or her studies in law. After successfully completing the first year of law school, students can apply to the School of Business in a streamlined process.

Students who begin their studies in the MBA may also pursue the joint degree. However, MBA credits transferred to the JD must be taken after matriculation into the School of Law, in accordance with ABA requirements.

Program

Typically, MBA/JD students combine the third year of law school with the first semesters of the MBA. Students will transfer the credits from the MBA Module 1, Leading People with Integrity and Purpose, and one elective course from the MBA to the JD. Business-related law courses will be transferred from the JD to the MBA. The transfer of credits allows the two degrees to be completed in 112 credits, rather than the 136 credits required for the two degrees separately.

Upon completing JD courses, students continue with the remainder of the MBA degree, which can be completed in as little as two additional semesters.

Scheduling

The MBA degree is offered in a structure compatible with the schedules of working professionals. Classes meet one evening per week for four hours. The MBA/JD joint degree is open to full-time JD students as well as JD students in the weekend program.

The usual schedule for a JD/MBA dual degree student is:

- **Year one:** law school courses
- **Year two:** law school courses
- **Year three:** law school courses and MBA Module 1 + elective (law school completed)
- **Year four:** complete MBA Modules 2 and 4 (law students are not required to take module 3)

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