

ALBERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS AND THE SCHOOL OF LAW

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Business and Law Joint Degree Program

The Seattle University business and law joint degree program is designed to allow students interested in obtaining both the JD and a graduate degree in business to complete the degrees in less time than if the two degrees were obtained independently outside the program. Full-time students are able to complete the two degrees in less time because, through the program, specified courses taken at the School of Law may count toward the graduate business degree and specified courses taken in the Albers School of Business and Economics may count toward the JD degree. The joint degree program is also available to part-time students.¹

Degrees Offered

JD/MBA (Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration)

JD/MSF (Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Finance)

JD/MIB (Juris Doctor/Master of International Business)

JD/MPAC (Juris Doctor/Master of Professional Accounting)

Program of Study

The Seattle University business and law joint degree program allows students to choose either to spend their first year in the Albers School of Business and Economics or in the School of Law. Once a student chooses, the full first year must be spent in that school. The second year is spent in the other school (e.g., if the student chose law first, the second year would be in business, and vice versa). In the last two years (or more) students may take courses in both the business and law schools. The Albers School of Business and Economics operates on a quarter system and the School of Law operates on a semester system. Therefore, specific schedules must be carefully coordinated with and approved by the School of Law associate dean and the Albers director of graduate programs.

Admission Requirements for the Joint Degree Program

Students must be admitted separately to both the School of Law and the Albers School of Business and Economics, and should consult this *Graduate Bulletin* for the specific admissions requirements for each school. Students may be admitted to both schools before starting in the joint program; alternatively, students may seek admission to the other school during their first year of law or graduate business school. In any case, students will be expected to meet the respective school's admissions deadlines for the com-

ing year. Prospective applicants should note that the admissions requirements for the MBA, MSF, and MIB programs include a current résumé reflecting continuous full-time work experience in business. Work experience requirement will be waived for joint degree students who have completed the first year of law at Seattle University.

Length of Program

The minimum length of time required to complete the joint degree program is four years for full-time students. The length of time required for completion of the joint degree program will be longer if the student is part-time and/or if the student must complete fundamental business classes for the graduate business degree.

Credit Requirements

Students in the School of Law are required to complete 90 semester credits for the JD degree. The number of quarter credits required to complete the graduate business degree varies, depending upon which of the four degrees the student wishes to obtain in combination with the JD degree. In the joint degree program, students can satisfy the requirements for each degree by using a specified number of crossover credits chosen from a list of approved courses in each school. Of the 90 semester credits required for the JD degree, 12 semester credits can be satisfied by 18 quarter credits chosen from a list of specified graduate business degree courses (listed below).² Of the 55-73 quarter credits required for the MBA degree, 12 quarter credits can be satisfied by 8 semester credits chosen from a list of specified JD degree courses (listed below).³ Of the 45-63 quarter credits required for the MSF, 46-67 for the MIB, or 46-88 for the MPAC degrees, 9 quarter credits can be satisfied by 6 semester credits chosen from the list of specified law courses. Joint degree program students must complete all required courses for both the JD degree and the graduate business degree.

Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration Joint Degree Program (JD/MBA)

The Seattle University juris doctor/master of business administration joint degree program is designed to allow students to complete both degrees in less time than if the two degrees were obtained independently outside the program. Certain courses taken at the School of Law count toward the MBA degree and certain courses taken in the Albers School of Business and Economics count toward the JD degree. This joint degree program is available to both full- and part-time students.

MBA degree: Full-time graduate business students ordinarily complete the MBA degree in a minimum of two years. Among other requirements, applicants to the MBA program must have a current résumé that reflects continuous full-time work experience in business. MBA students must demonstrate computer and math proficiency and complete six fundamental business classes, or they may seek to have some or all of those courses waived. In addition to the fundamental business courses, MBA students must complete 55 quarter credits of course work in designated areas, including ten required courses and eight elective courses. See specific MBA course requirements in this *Graduate Bulletin*.

JD degree: Full-time law students ordinarily complete the JD degree in three years; part-time students may take four years or longer. Students must complete a total of 90 semester credits of course work. In the full-time program, students complete 30 credits of required course work in their first year. In their second and third years, law students must complete 15 credits of required course work and 45 elective credits. For specific JD course requirements see the *School of Law Bulletin*.

JD/MBA Joint Degree Program: Full-time students can complete the JD/MBA joint degree program in a minimum of four years, which is one year less than would be required to complete the two degrees independently. Time to completion will be longer if the student is part-time and/or if the student must complete business prerequisites for the MBA degree. Students in the JD/MBA program must complete the equivalent of 90 semester credits for the JD degree and the equivalent of 55-73 quarter credits for the MBA degree. Students can satisfy the requirements for each degree by using a specified number of cross-over credits chosen from a list of approved courses in each school. Of the 90 semester credits required for the JD degree, 12 semester credits can be satisfied by 18 quarter credits chosen from a list of specified graduate business degree courses. Of the 55-73 quarter credits required for the MBA degree, 12 quarter credits can be satisfied by 8 semester credits chosen from a list of specified JD degree courses. Students must, however, complete all of the required courses for each degree.

Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Finance Joint Degree Program (JD/MSF)

The Seattle University juris doctor/master of science in finance joint degree program is designed to allow students to complete both degrees in less time than if the two degrees were obtained independently outside the program. Certain courses taken at the School of Law count toward the MSF degree and certain courses taken in the Albers School of Business and Economics count toward the JD degree. This joint degree program is available to both full- and part-time students.

MSF degree: Full-time students ordinarily complete the master of science in finance degree in a minimum of two years. Among other requirements, applicants to the MSF program must have a current résumé that reflects continuous full-time work experience in business. MSF students must demonstrate computer and math proficiency and complete six fundamental business classes or they may seek to have some or all of those courses waived. In addition to the fundamental business courses, students in the master of science in finance program must complete 45 credits of course work in designated areas, including nine required courses and six electives. See specific MSF course requirements in this *Graduate Bulletin*.

JD degree: Full-time law students ordinarily complete the JD degree in three years; part-time students may take four years or longer. Students must complete a total of 90 semester credits of course work. In the full-time program, students complete 30 credits of required course work in their first year. In their second and third years, law students must complete 15 credits of required course work and 45 elective credits. For specific JD course requirements see the *School of Law Bulletin*.

JD/MSF Joint Degree Program: Full-time students can complete the JD/MSF joint degree program in a minimum of four years, which is one year less than would be required to complete the two degrees independently. Time to completion will be longer if the student is part-time and/or if the student must complete the business prerequisites for the MSF degree. Students in the JD/MSF program must complete the equivalent of 90 semester credits for the JD degree and the equivalent of 45-63 quarter credits for the MSF degree. Students can satisfy the requirements for each degree by using a specified number of cross-over credits chosen from a list of approved courses in each school. Of the 90 semester credits required for the JD degree, 12 semester credits can be satisfied by 18 quarter credits chosen from a list of specified graduate business degree courses. Of the 45-63 quarter credits required for the MSF degree, 9 quarter credits can be satisfied by 6 semester credits chosen from a list of specified JD degree courses. Note: Law credits may not be used to satisfy the MSF requirement of two finance courses chosen from specified electives. Students must complete all of the required courses for each degree.

Juris Doctor/Master of International Business Joint Degree Program (JD/MIB)

The Seattle University juris doctor/master of international business joint degree program is designed to allow students to complete both degrees in less time than if the two degrees were obtained independently outside the program. Certain courses taken at the School of Law count toward the MIB degree and certain courses taken in the Albers School of Business and Economics count toward the JD degree. This joint degree program is available to both full- and part-time students.

MIB degree: Full-time students ordinarily complete the master of international business degree in a minimum of two years. Among other requirements, applicants to the MIB program must have a current résumé that reflects continuous full-time work experience in business. MIB students must demonstrate computer and math proficiency and complete seven fundamental business classes, or they may seek to have some or all of those courses waived. In addition to the fundamental business courses, students in the master of international business program must complete 46 credits of course work in designated areas, including eleven required courses and four electives. In addition, students must be proficient in a foreign language and complete an international experience requirement. See specific MIB course requirements in this *Graduate Bulletin*.

JD degree: Full-time law students ordinarily complete the JD degree in three years; part-time students may take four years or longer. Students must complete a total of 90 semester credits of course work. In the full-time program, students complete 30 credits of required course work in their first year. In their second and third years, law students must complete 15 credits of required course work and 45 elective credits. For specific JD course requirements see the *School of Law Bulletin*.

JD/MIB Joint Degree Program: Full-time students can complete the JD/MIB joint degree program in a minimum of four years, which is one year less than would be required to complete the two degrees independently. Time to completion will be longer if the student is part-time and/or if the student must complete the business prerequisites for the MIB degree. Students in the JD/MIB program must complete the equivalent of 90 semester credits for the JD degree and the equivalent of 46-67 quarter credits for the MIB degree. Students can satisfy the requirements for each degree by using a specified number of cross-over credits chosen from a list of approved courses in each school. Of the 90 semester credits required for the JD degree, 12 semester credits can be satisfied by 18 quarter credits chosen from a list of specified graduate business degree courses. Of the 46-67 quarter credits required for the MIB degree, 9 quarter credits can be satisfied by 6 semester credits chosen from a list of specified JD degree courses. Students must, however, complete, the MIB language proficiency requirement, the MIB international experience and all of the required courses for each degree.

Juris Doctor/Master of Professional Accounting Joint Degree Program (JD/MPAC)

The Seattle University juris doctor/master of professional accounting joint degree program is designed to allow students to complete both degrees in less time than if the two degrees were obtained independently outside the program. Certain courses taken at the School of Law count toward the MPAC degree and certain courses taken in the Albers School of Business and Economics count toward the JD degree. This joint degree program is available to both full- and part-time students.

MPAC degree: Full-time students ordinarily complete the master of professional accounting degree in a minimum of two years. MPAC students must demonstrate computer and math proficiency and complete eight business and six accounting fundamental business classes, or they may seek to have some or

all of those courses waived. In addition to the fundamental courses, students in the master of professional accounting program must complete 46 credits of course work in designated areas, including eleven required courses and five electives. See specific MPAC course requirements in this *Graduate Bulletin*.

JD degree: Full-time law students ordinarily complete the JD degree in three years; part-time students may take four years or longer. Students must complete a total of 90 semester credits of course work. In the full-time program, students complete 30 credits of required course work in their first year. In their second and third years, law students must complete 15 credits of required course work and 45 elective credits. For specific JD course requirements see the *School of Law Bulletin*.

JD/MPAC Joint Degree Program: Full-time students can complete the JD/MPAC joint degree program in a minimum of four years, which is one year less than would be required to complete the two degrees independently. Time to completion will be longer if the student is part-time and/or if the student must complete the business prerequisites for the MPAC degree. Students in the JD/MPAC program must complete the equivalent of 90 semester credits for the JD degree and the equivalent of 46-88 quarter credits plus the prerequisites (unless waived) for the MPAC degree. Students can satisfy the requirements for each degree by using a specified number of crossover credits chosen from a list of approved courses in each school. Of the 90 semester credits required for the JD degree, 12 semester credits can be satisfied by 18 quarter credits chosen from a list of specified graduate business degree courses. Of the 46-88 quarter credits required for the MPAC degree, 9 quarter credits can be satisfied by 6 semester credits chosen from a list of specified JD degree courses. Students must, however, complete all of the required courses for each degree.

Crossover Courses for Joint Degree Program

The following courses can be used to satisfy elective credits toward the juris doctor and graduate business degrees. Not all courses are offered each quarter, semester, or year, and some courses may require particular sequencing or have prerequisites. In addition to the courses listed below, students may, upon approval, receive crossover credit for other appropriate courses that may be offered from time to time. Crossover credit will not be granted for courses that are substantially similar to courses already taken in the other school.

School of Law

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Real Estate
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Basic Real Estate
- Business Entities
- Business Planning
- Client Counseling and Negotiation
- Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic
- Consumer Law
- Corporate Acquisitions
- Corporate and Partnership Tax
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Law Appellate Litigation
- Corporations, Law and Society
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment Discrimination

Employment Law
 Environmental Law: Fundamentals
 Environmental Law-NEPA/SEPA
 Health Law I
 Individual Income Tax
 Intellectual Property
 International Business Transactions
 International Tax
 International Trade
 Labor Law: Private Sector
 Labor Law: Public Sector
 Land Use Planning
 Law and Economics Seminar
 Mediation, Advocacy, and Collaborative Law
 Not For Profit Organization Clinic
 Payment Law
 Pensions and Employee Benefits
 Products Liability
 Public International Law (formerly International Law)
 Securities Regulation
 Taxation of Charitable Organizations
 UCC Sales and Secured Transactions

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Accounting

ACCT 531 Intermediate Financial Accounting I
 ACCT 532 Intermediate Financial Accounting II
 ACCT 533 Advanced Financial Accounting
 ACCT 534 Managerial Cost Accounting
 ACCT 535 Auditing I
 ACCT 538 Financial Statement Analysis
 ACCT 541 Auditing II
 ACCT 542 Auditing III
 ACCT 544 Strategic Management Accounting
 ACCT 545 Not-for-Profit Accounting
 ACCT 580 Systems Modeling for Financial Decisions

Economics

ECON 565 Applied Econometrics
 ECON 568 Natural Resources and Environmental Economics
 ECON 571 Government Finance and Economics
 ECON 573 International Economics
 ECON 578 Urban/Regional Economics
 ECON 583 Economics of Emerging Nations
 ECON 584 Economics of Strategy

Finance

FINC 540	Investments
FINC 542	Valuation of Derivatives
FINC 544	Financial Institutions and Markets
FINC 546	Finance for International Business
FINC 549	Corporate Investment Decisions
FINC 550	Risk Management
FINC 551	Entrepreneurial Finance
FINC 552	Portfolio Management
FINC 553	Advanced Topics in Investments
FINC 554	Valuing Intangible Assets (formerly Real Options Analysis)
FINC 555	Fixed Income Analysis
FINC 557	Hedge Funds
FINC 580	Cases in Managerial Finance

Management and Marketing

ECIS 567	Data Mining for Business Intelligence
MBA 515	Corporate Financial Management
MBA 516	Management of People
MBA 519	Competitive Strategy
MGMT 568	Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic I
MGMT 569	Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic II
MGMT 572	International Business Consulting
MGMT 573	International Management
MGMT 577	Managing Diversity
MGMT 581	Human Resource Management
MGMT 583	Entrepreneurship Fundamentals
MGMT 586	Business Plan Development
MGMT 588	Negotiation Skills
MGMT 589	International Policy and Strategy
MKTG 554	Topics in International Marketing
MKTG 559	Brand Management

¹ The American Bar Association, one of the accrediting agencies for law schools, requires that the JD degree be completed within a maximum of seven years.

² One quarter credit is the equivalent of .67 semester credits. A three-quarter credit crossover business course could, for example, be used to satisfy two-semester credits for the JD degree.

³ One semester credit is the equivalent of 1.5 quarter credits. A four-semester credit crossover law course could, for example, be used to satisfy six-quarter credits for the graduate business degree.