JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Additional MBA Program Information (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/graduate/colleges-programs/business-administration/mba-additional-information)

Joint Programs

The School of Law and the College of Business Administration (CBA) offer a joint program in legal and administrative studies (JD/MTax), a joint program in legal and taxation studies (JD/MTax), and a joint program in legal and accounting financial forensics (JD/MSA). These combinations are open to the student preparing for a career in such areas as corporate law, tax accounting, or legal practice in government. The amount of time required to complete a joint degree program is shorter than the time required to complete both programs independently. To pursue either one of these cooperative programs, the student must apply to and be accepted by both the School of Law and the Graduate School. The student should contact each school independently for information covering admission criteria and procedures (for further information on School of Law admissions, write: Director of Admissions, School of Law. The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-2901; for further information on College of Business Administration admissions, contact Graduate Programs in Business at (330) 972-7043 or gradcba@uakron.edu). A baccalaureate degree is required.

Degree Requirements

A student is required to fulfill the requirements of the School of Law, 87 credits, which includes up to ten credits transferred from the CBA. The requirements of the CBA may be met by fulfilling the requirements including the common body of knowledge (Gateway) courses (unless waived because of prior undergraduate credits earned), and 27 credits for MBA advanced courses in the CBA plus nine credits transferred from the School of Law. The Master of Taxation program consists of 21 credits of advanced courses in the CBA plus 9 credits transferred from the School of Law. The reciprocal acceptance of course credits by each school is the essence of the joint programs. All law courses used to fulfill CBA requirements must be approved by the director of Graduate Programs in Business prior to completion. To earn both degrees, a total of 98 (JD/MTax), 105 (JD/MBA), or 142 (JD/MSA) credits is required, depending on the master's program pursued. More credits may be required for the master's degree if Gateway or Foundation courses are required.

Upon the approval of the Director of Graduate Programs in Business, up to nine credits of School of Law courses may be transferred in a graduate business program. Up to nine credit hours may be in their area of concentration and must be selected from the courses listed below. Related courses not listed under concentrations may transfer with approval of the Director of Graduate Programs in Business Administration.

JD/MSA students may transfer up to nine credits of School of Law courses.

Law Courses to be used as MBA Concentration Courses

Interdisciplinary Concentration (choose 9 credits)

Students may devise a personalized concentration consisting of any nine credits of the law courses listed for the concentrations. The choice of courses for the Interdisciplinary Concentration must be approved by the director prior to enrolling in the courses. Students must provide a career-related, programmatic rationale for the personalized concentration they have devised. If a joint degree student wishes to pursue one of the other MBA concentrations he/she is permitted to do so and should contact the Director of Graduate Programs for additional information.

Admission Policy

The applicant must meet one (1) of the following eligibility requirements which are in conformity with the Graduate School and the college's accrediting agency (AACSB).

- Hold a domestic baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a total index score of 1,050 or more based upon the overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) (A=4.0) times 200 plus the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score.
- Hold a domestic baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have a total index score of 1,100 or more based on the junior-senior (i.e., last 64 semester or 96 quarter credits) GPA (A=4.0) times 200 plus the GMAT score.
- Hold a degree from outside the United States and have an academic standing of first or high second class, satisfactory evidence of competence in English (i.e., TOEFL score of 550 or above) and a score of at least 500 on the GMAT or 150 on the LSAT for Joint degree students.

Degree Requirements

To be awarded any master's degree from the College of Business Administration, a student must:

- Meet the time and grade-point requirements of the Graduate School.
- Complete the minimum credits in each of the degree program descriptions.
- Complete all course and program requirements of applicable master's degree program.

Questions regarding these Policies, Procedures, and Requirements may be sent via e-mail to grad.cba@uakron.edu. Further information may be found at the College of Business Administration website: mba.uakron.edu

Transfer Policy

The College of Business Administration will permit nine credits of comparable graduate credits to be transferred in a graduate business program. These credits must be pre-approved by the CBA Director of
Graduate Programs. This nine credit policy also applies to second degree applicants.

**Admission Requirements**

- Graduate School application and fee
- Official transcripts from each institution attended
- LSDAS Report from the School of Law
- Joint Degree Application Form from the School of Law
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Resume

**Application Deadline**

- July 15 for Fall enrollment
- November 15 for Spring enrollment
- April 15 for Summer enrollment

**International Student Applications**

It is recommended that international students apply one month prior to these dates to allow time for admission and I-20 visa processing. I-20 forms are processed by UA Immigration Services in the International Center, Buchtel Hall, Suite 202. Proof of English Language Proficiency is required by producing an acceptable TOEFL or IELTS score.

*Students currently admitted to this program may have different course requirements than those listed here. Refer to your official Program Checklist and DPR in My Akron for your program requirements.*

**Degrees Offered:**

- JD/MBA (MBA webpage (https://www.uakron.edu/cba/graduate/programs/mba))
- JD/MSA (MSA webpage (https://www.uakron.edu/cba/graduate/programs/msa))
- JD/MTax (MTax webpage (https://www.uakron.edu/cba/graduate/programs/mtax))

Joint Degree Application Form (https://www.uakron.edu/cba/graduate/programs/joint-degree/joint-degree-application.dot)

**School of Law Admissions** website (https://www.uakron.edu/law/admissions)

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