

# **LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY/LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (JD/MBA)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The JD/MBA program is designed for the student who wishes to combine his/her graduate studies in law and business administration. It requires an intensive full-time commitment and superior capability to handle the academic rigors of two equally intensive graduate programs.

## **ADMISSIONS**

Applicants to the Program must first apply separately to both the Law School and the MBA Program. Only after a student is admitted to both the Law School and the MBA Program will his/her application to the JD/MBA Program be considered. Acceptance to both schools does not guarantee admission to the JD/MBA Program.

Applicants may apply to the JD/MBA Program prior to or immediately after completing their first year of Law School. Only full-time law students and those applying to the full-time division of the Law School may apply for admission into the Program. Students whose admission to either program would normally be granted on either a conditional or provisional basis will not be accepted into the JD/MBA program.

## **GENERAL SEQUENCE OF CLASSES**

### **First Year**

The first year of the Program is begun at the Law School where the student will take the normal first year courses: Administration of Criminal Justice, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law I, Contracts, Legal Research, Legal Writing, Property and Torts.

### **Second Year**

In the second year, students will generally take all courses in the MBA Program. Students who have majored in business, and have graduated within the last five years may be allowed to waive as many as eight core courses (MBAA 602-609) or twenty-four (24) units. Upon completion of the core requirements, the student takes five advanced electives. Students in the MBA Program will be allowed to count up to twelve (12) units of law coursework toward the fifty-four (54) units that are required to earn the MBA degree; these units will satisfy the business law and emphasis requirements. Should all core courses be waived, the student shall take one additional advanced elective to satisfy the University's residence requirement, a minimum of thirty (30) units.

### **Third & Fourth Years**

Classes during the third and fourth year are taken concurrently at the Law School and MBA Program. (Students who have waived MBA core courses may be permitted to enroll in courses concurrently at the Law School and MBA Program during the second year of the JD/MBA Program. A maximum of 16 units total (in both programs) may be attempted in a single semester.

Students must complete all advanced courses at the Law School to earn the JD degree (i.e., Constitutional Law II, Ethical Lawyering, Evidence, a statutory course, a breadth requirement, the upper division writing requirement and the pro bono requirement). Students will be allowed to count up to twelve (12) units of business coursework toward the eighty-seven (87) units that are required to earn a JD degree; these units will transfer as elective units. These twelve (12) units may also be applied toward the Law School's residence requirement.

### **COUNSELING**

Students in the program will be assigned an individual counselor at both the Law School and in the MBA Program. The student must receive permission of the counselor at each respective school for the courses that the student enrolls in at the Law School and in the MBA Program.

### **OTHER ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Both the Law School and the MBA Program will apply their normal probation and disqualification rules to the student's performance in the respective schools.

No student who is on probation at the completion of his/her first year at the Law School will be allowed to enter the JD/MBA Program.

Students must maintain full-time status throughout their participation in the Program. The law School's five-year rule with respect to meeting graduation requirements will remain in effect for students in the JD/MBA Program.

Other than the waiver of the academic rule which only allows a student to receive a maximum of six units of non-law course credit towards the JD degree, students in the dual degree program are responsible for meeting and following all requirements, standards and policies as outlined in the Law School's *Student Handbook*. This same waiver policy applies to the maximum of six units of transfer credit a student may apply from an accredited institution to the MBA Program (notwithstanding core course exemptions.)

### **TUITION AND FEES**

Students will be responsible for the tuition and fees of the respective school (Law School or MBA Program) that they are attending. During the terms in which students are attending classes at both schools, tuition and fees must be paid to each school. At the Law School, after completion of the first year during which tuition is charged on a flat rate basis, students will pay tuition on a per unit

basis. Students will be required to pay all mandatory fees as well as any other fees for services for which the student may have opted (e.g., extended payment plan, vehicle registration).

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Students in the dual degree program will have their financial aid applications processed through the Law School's Office of Financial Aid.

## **SPECIFIC COURSE PARADIGM FOR MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

The following course paradigm satisfies the MBA degree requirements for the dual degree program.

### **I. CORE COURSES**

The core curriculum courses, prefixed MBAA, comprise the first level or common body of knowledge studies in business administration. All core courses must be taken or waived before students may proceed to the advanced curriculum. Either the MBA Coordinator or the Associate Dean must approve exceptions.

MBAA 601	The Legal Environment of Business*
MBAA 602	Financial and Managerial Accounting
MBAA 603	Business Statistics
MBAA 604	Business Economics
MBAA 605	Management and Organizational Behavior
MBAA 606	Marketing Management
MBAA 607	Operations Analysis and Decision Support Systems
MBAA 608	Financial Management
MBAA 609	Management Information Systems

**NOTE:** \* MBAA 601 is waived for all JD/MBA students.

The remaining eight core courses may be waived for students who either:

- A. have taken equivalent courses and obtained grades acceptable to the MBA Program Office and graduated within five years, or
- B. pass challenge examinations in each subject area within the first semester of enrollment in the MBA Program.

## II. ADVANCED COURSES

The advanced curriculum consists of elective classes taken to satisfy breadth requirements and the integrative experience requirement. The area of emphasis for students in the dual degree program is business law and all area of emphasis courses are completed at the Law School. Students are advised to contact the JD/MBA Coordinator at the Law School for specific degree requirements prior to enrolling in any law courses once they have been admitted to the dual degree program.

Students may choose to take electives from the following functional areas: Management and Organizational Behavior, Marketing Management, Information and Decision Sciences, Human Resource Management, Financial Decision Systems, International Business Systems and Entrepreneurial Organizations. Students may take no more than two courses in any one functional area to satisfy the breadth requirement.

## III. INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE COURSES

Integrative courses culminate the student's graduate business studies. Three options are available:

1. Integrative Project or Thesis (MBAI 692)
2. Comparative Management Systems (MBAI 691)
3. Three Strategy Courses (MBAI 610 plus any two other strategy courses)

**NOTE:** Students who elect to complete the Integrative Project must take MBAI 610 (Management Strategy) as one of the five breadth courses. Students who elect to participate in the Comparative Management Systems option must take MBAI 690 (International Regional Strategy) as one of the five breadth courses.

All students enrolled in the dual degree program are required to comply with the requirements of both the Law School and MBA Program. Please refer to the *Loyola Law School Student Handbook* and the *Loyola Marymount University Graduate Bulletin* for clarification on policies governing graduate students.