University of Houston C. T. Bauer College of Business

MBA/JD PROGRAM

The Bauer College of Business and the Law Center at the University of Houston offer a concurrent degree program that enables students to prepare for careers in which law and business overlap and understanding both fields is a necessity. Examples of such areas include public service, investment banking, commercial banking, accounting, tax law, international trade, industrial relations, energy law, corporate law, real estate law, the entertainment industry, and specialized areas of management consulting. By pursuing both the Doctor of Jurisprudence and the Master of Business Administration degrees concurrently, students can complete both degrees in a shorter time period than if they were to pursue the two independently. The MBA/JD joint program requires a total of 111 semester hours.

Candidates for the MBA/JD joint program must apply and be admitted separately to each of the programs involved; admission to one has no official bearing upon admission to the other. **Students must be admitted to both programs within a year**, and need to plan ahead to time the LSAT and GMAT or GRE exams to meet the application deadlines. Students may be admitted to the MBA program for Fall or Spring semesters, but all law students must begin the first-year law sequence in the Fall semester. (Note: Part-time students would complete the first-year law sequence in four semesters, including summer, instead of two semesters.)

Upon completion of curriculum requirements for both degrees, 12 semester hours from the law curriculum will apply towards the MBA degree (as elective credit) and 15 semester hours of graduate business course work will apply towards the JD degree, allowing the full-time student to complete both degrees in three to four years (five or six years for part-time students).

MBA students who are petitioning for MBA/JD status must not have completed more than 24 semester hours of their required graduate curriculum at the time of their enrollment in the law program.

Candidates for the MBA/JD joint program must follow the separate application procedures of the Bauer College of Business graduate program and the Law Center. Upon acceptance to both schools, the applicant **must petition** the program coordinators for admission to the joint program. Each school has a designated coordinator for the MBA/JD program to provide academic advising for joint program students; the MBA/JD petition form is available from either advisor.

If a student starts the MBA/JD in the fall, the first year of the joint program must be spent in one program or the other. The student makes the decision whether to do the first year in law or in business. At the time the student petitions for admission to the joint program, he/she will notify the MBA/JD coordinators of his/her program selection. A student who starts in the spring would take one semester of business courses, and then enroll for the first-year law sequence in the subsequent fall and spring semesters. Students are advised that their final year of study should consist primarily of law course work in preparation for the bar exam.

It is recommended that full-time students pursue the joint program in either one of two sequences:

Year 1: Law (1st year sequence)	Year 1: MBA (24 hours)
Year 2: MBA (18 hours) + Law	Year 2: Law (1st year sequence)

Year 3: Law + MBA (9 hours)   Year 3: Law + MBA (6 hours)
Year 4: Law + MBA (9 hours)   Year 4: Law + MBA (6 hours)

The Law Center will accept a maximum of 15 semester hours, taken in the Bauer College of Business (graduate level), towards the 90 semester hours needed for the JD degree. Credit may not be given for course work taken before a student's regular matriculation as a first-year student in the law program. Should the student fail to complete the MBA degree, JD candidates would be allowed to apply a maximum of 12 semester hours of business courses toward the law degree.

The Bauer College of Business will accept a maximum of 6 semester hours of law electives for MBA elective credit, should the student fail to complete the JD degree. This acceptance is contingent on the courses satisfying MBA guidelines.

MBA/JD candidates will be charged business tuition and fees for their 36 semester credit hours of business courses, and law tuition and fees for their 75 semester credit hours of law courses. Note: once admitted, Law students are charged certain fees every semester until they graduate.

GRADING

Although up to 15 semester hours taken in the Bauer College of Business may be counted towards the student's law degree, the grades earned for those courses will not be considered in computing the student's overall average, class rank, or eligibility for honors in the Law Center. The effect shall be as if the courses were taken on a pass/fail basis. Likewise, grades for Law Center course work, used towards an MBA, will not be used in computing the Bauer College of Business grade point average, or in determining whether the student is maintaining the 3.0 minimum graduate GPA required by the Bauer College of Business for graduation.

GRADUATION

To graduate, the student must meet all graduation requirements of both colleges. No courses taken from either college will be officially counted towards the degree from the other college, until the student has completed all requirements and is eligible to receive both degrees. **The student must file for graduation from the University of Houston with both degrees in the same semester** through his/her *myUH* student center. MBA/JD students will receive two diplomas. (Note: The bar exam cannot be taken until both degrees have been completed.)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER APPROVED MBA COURSE WORK

ACCT	6331	Financial Accounting
FINA	6387	Managerial Analysis
FINA	6A35	Managerial Finance
GENB	7A97	Business Communication
MANA	6A32	Organizational Behavior and Management

For detailed information about the JD program, contact the UH Law Center Admissions Office at (713) 743-2280, or visit www.law.uh.edu.   Please visit the Bauer College web site for more information about the Bauer MBA program: www.bauer.uh.edu/mba , or call (713) 743-0700.