What is the MBA/JD?

The UCLA MBA/JD is a four year concurrent degree program jointly sponsored by two of the many nationally renowned professional schools at UCLA: the UCLA School of Law and the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

What is it for? Why was it established?

This program is designed for students who are interested in careers in which law and management overlap and where the understanding of both fields is beneficial. For example, a graduate’s career might be in:

- corporate law
- management consulting
- business development
- public service/politics/government
- international trade
- entrepreneurship
- real estate
- industrial relations

The program’s concurrent nature allows students to develop and integrate their management and legal knowledge/skills more effectively than if the degrees were obtained sequentially.

How are these joint degrees different from the regular MBA and JD degrees?

The joint degrees received are no different than the degrees received when taking the courses separately. However, the program is modified so that the normal degree requirements separately applicable in each department are applied to both degrees. Thus, the program can be completed in four years rather than five.

Why spend four years obtaining both degrees? Why not merely get an MBA or a JD?

The MBA provides students with broad leadership and managerial training but provides limited study of specific legal issues affecting business. The JD, on the other hand, provides an interdisciplinary legal education but does not provide in-depth managerial skills. By combining the programs, students will be well especially prepared for many careers in business, or a business-oriented career in public or private law/government.

MBA/JD students also benefit from a particularly extensive network and the experience they will gain while learning to navigate both the business school and law school programs/student bodies.

Can students already pursuing one or the other degree switch to the combined program?

Yes, UCLA students in their first year of the MBA or their first or second year of their JD degree program may submit an application to be accepted as a candidate for the other degree. However, each school has its own entrance requirements, and there is no...
guarantee that because an individual is already a student in good standing in one school that he or she will be accepted by the other.

Applicants who are already first or second year students at the UCLA Law School must have at least a B average in order to be considered for admission to the concurrent degree program.

**Are there any restrictions on the courses that joint program students can take?**

Within Anderson some courses and/or areas of study are much more appropriate than others for MBA/JD students. The following areas of study are recommended: accounting, information systems, finance, marketing, strategy and organization. Unlike regular MBA students, concurrent degree students may not take coursework outside of Anderson for their MBA elective requirements. Similarly, unlike some other law students, joint-degree students may not receive academic credit for externships and also may not take coursework outside of the law school for their law degree requirements. Otherwise, the law curriculum is fairly dependent on the student’s desired area of concentration.

**Curriculum Requirements:**

Normally 96-quarter units are required for the MBA and 87 semester units for the JD. For students who pursue a MBA/JD, the requirements include:

- 76-quarter units at UCLA Anderson
  1. The MBA core (42 quarter units)
  2. 7 electives at UCLA Anderson (26 quarter units)
  3. Applied Management Research Project (8 quarter units)
- 73 semester units at the School of Law
  1. The first year law curriculum (33 semester units)
  2. 40 elective semester units at the School of Law (includes required course in professional responsibility and an upper division writing requirement)
- 120 weeks of residence credit for the School of Law. Residence is earned by completing a prescribed number of units each term. See the Law School Director of Student Records about residence requirements.

Management core classes may not be waived by examination with the exception of the accounting course by CPA certified students.

In the MBA/JD program, the MBA area electives consist of seven management courses. The group of courses taken is developed by each student individually, working with one or more faculty advisors, and is then subject to the approval of the Associate Dean of the Anderson MBA Program. It is intended that the MBA area electives be directly related to at least some of the elective courses taken at the School of Law in order to develop a cohesive field of expertise.
After completing all the requirements for the MBA/JD program, both degrees are awarded simultaneously. If while in the MBA/JD program a student decides not to complete the JD or the MBA, all of the regular requirements for the intended program must be met.

**Suggested Sequence:**

In the first year of the program, typically all first year JD program courses are taken. In the second year, the MBA management core requirements are taken. During the third and fourth years, students complete the Applied Management Research (AMR) project requirement, five MBA area elective courses at UCLA Anderson and 40 elective units at the School of Law.

**How do I apply to the MBA/JD Program?**

In order to apply to the MBA/JD Program, applicants should request application materials from both UCLA Anderson and the School of Law. Separate committees make admission decisions for the concurrent program from the School of Law and UCLA Anderson, and applicants must be given admission to both schools to be admitted to the combined program.

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**How can further information on the MBA/JD be obtained?**

Group information sessions are offered by appointment at UCLA Anderson nearly every week throughout the year. Sign up online at [http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/x6531.xml](http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/x6531.xml) or with short notice, call (310) 825-6944. For further information, contact:

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## Sample Plan of Study
### The MBA/JD Program

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#### Summer
- Mathematics (if necessary, to prepare for MBA coursework)

#### Pre-term
- 414A/Leadership Foundations (2 units)

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**Total qtr units**
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- 12 units
- 16 units

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**Total qtr units**
- 16 units
- 8 units
- 4 units

#### Notes:
- These courses must be taken in accordance with the 120-week residence requirements for graduation as stated in the Law School Summary of Academic Standards. Students taking courses in both departments simultaneously must undertake a prescribed number of units each quarter/semester to meet the 120-week residence requirements.

- 76 management units (11 core classes, 26 quarter units of electives, and 8 quarter units of AMR) required to graduate.

- 73 law units required to graduate (33 semester units of first year law curriculum, 40 semester units of law electives, including one course in professional responsibility and an upper division writing requirement)