What is the MBA/JD?

The School of Law and The UCLA Anderson School jointly offer a program, which makes it possible to earn the JD and the MBA degrees in four academic years.

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, public service, international trade or industrial relations.

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

Students wishing to pursue the concurrent degree program must meet the entrance and total course requirements established for each of the respective degrees. 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.

Are there any restrictions on the courses that a student in the combined program can take?

Within The Anderson School, there are no absolute restrictions, but some courses and/or areas of study are much more appropriate than others. The following areas of study are recommended: accounting, information systems, finance, marketing, strategy and organization. At the School of Law, externships are not available and students may not take coursework outside of the Law School, allowing students to focus on their concentrated studies. Otherwise, the Law curriculum is fairly dependent on the student’s desired area of concentration.

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

The preparation for a management career ideally has three components: (1) general management skills; (2) in-depth specialization in some functional area or discipline; (3) an area of application. Neither the MBA nor the JD by itself provides as much depth.
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.

Curriculum Requirements:

In the first year of the program, all first year JD program courses are taken. In the second year, the first year MBA management core requirements are taken. During the third and fourth years, students complete the Management Field Study requirement, six MBA area elective courses at The Anderson School, and 40 elective units at the School of Law.

For students who pursue a MBA/JD, the requirements include 76-quarter units (19 courses) in The Anderson School, 73 semester units at the School of Law, and 120 weeks of residence credit. Residence is earned by completing a prescribed number of units each term. See the Law School Director of Student Records about residence requirements. Normally 96-quarter units are required for the MBA and 87 semester units for the JD. The MBA/JD requirements are as follows:

1. The first year law curriculum (33 semester units)
2. 40 elective units at the School of Law (includes required course in professional responsibility and an upper division writing requirement)
3. The MBA management core (36-quarter units or 9 classes) plus Leadership Foundations
4. 44 area elective units at The Anderson School (11 courses)
5. 120 weeks of Law residence credit

Management core classes may be waived by examination or occasionally through transcript evaluation based upon prior coursework. Waivers do not reduce the units required for graduation; additional classes must be selected to complete 76 units of work in The Anderson School.

In the MBA/JD program, the MBA area electives consist of nine 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 Assistant 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.

**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 The Anderson School and the School of Law. Separate committees
make admission decisions for the concurrent program from the School of Law and The
Anderson School, and applicants must be given admission to both schools to be
admitted to the combined program.

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.

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

Group information sessions are offered at The Anderson School several times a week.
To schedule an appointment, call (310) 825-6944. The following representatives at the
respective schools may be contacted for further information:

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

### First Year

**Fall Semester**  
First-year law curriculum = 33 semester units

**Spring Semester**

### Summer

Mathematics (if necessary, to prepare for MBA coursework)

### Pre-term

414A/Leadership Foundations (2 units)

### Second Year

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### Third Year and Fourth Year

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Total: 20 units (48 qtr. units)

### Third and Fourth Years

Students take 40 elective Law units (including one course in professional responsibility and an upper division writing requirement) and 28 Management units (including 444A and 444B) during the third and fourth years.

### Note:

- 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 (19 classes and Leadership Foundations) required to graduate.

- 73 Law units required to graduate.