J.D./M.B.A. JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

The School of Law, in conjunction with Oklahoma City University’s Meinders School of Business (MSB), offers a JD/MBA joint degree program designed to provide a meaningful combined experience for students with an interest in law and business. The joint degree program allows candidates to earn the JD and MBA degrees in less time than would be required if each degree was earned separately.

To participate in this program, students must be admitted to both schools. All the usual entrance requirements apply. There is no required sequence for admission: students may apply and matriculate at either school first.

Law students may apply to the MSB at any time prior to the completion of their fifth semester of law school (if the student has taken summer classes, a summer semester counts as one-half of a semester). MSB students may apply to the School of Law at any time prior to completion of 12 credit hours of work in the MSB. An MSB student must begin law studies in the first August following his or her decision to pursue the joint degree program.

Students who have been admitted to both the university’s JD program and the university’s MBA program must notify the School of Law’s Student Services Office in order to receive the benefit of the joint program’s reduced number of credit hours for the JD degree. The student should notify the Student Services Office by completing and filing an Election to Pursue the Joint JD/MBA Program.

Program candidates must satisfy all MSB prerequisites (foundation courses) prior to beginning graduate work in the MSB. Completion of those requirements may be by prior academic credit, course work, or waiver by the MSB Dean. Further information on the MSB prerequisites may be found at the MSB web site, located at http://www.okcu.edu/business/.

Joint degree students must complete 84 credit hours in the School of Law and 30 credit hours in the MSB (over and above any foundation courses required for the MSB). This compares with 90 hours normally required in the School of Law and 36 hours typically required in the MSB if the degrees are pursued separately. Program candidates who are enrolled as full-time students in the School of Law must complete their first two semesters of law school without interruption. Program candidates who are enrolled as part-time students in the School of Law must complete their first four semesters of law school without interruption. In the School of Law, joint degree candidates must complete all of the regular required courses, as well as Income Tax Law, Agency and Unincorporated Business Associations, and Secured Transactions. In the MSB, joint degree candidates are exempt from taking Legal Environment and International Transactions and Business Ethics in the MBA generalist track.

For further information on admission to the MSB, call the Office of Admissions at (800) 633-7242 or (405) 208-5050, e-mail admissions@okcu.edu, or visit its web site at http://www.okcu.edu/business/.