

## Joint Degree Programs

**JD/MBA**

**JD/MTax**

**JD/MSA**

### **Joint Degree Program Description:**

The School of Law and the College of Business Administration (CBA) offers joint programs in legal and administrative studies (JD/MBA), legal and taxation studies (JD/MTax) and legal and accounting studies (JD/MSA). JD/MBA students should apply for the interdisciplinary concentration to maximize the 9 credits of law transfer coursework.

The total amount of time required to complete joint degree program is shorter than the time required to complete both programs independently because required courses in one college fulfill course requirements in the other college.

For acceptance in to the joint degree program you must apply to, and be accepted by, both the School of Law and the College of Business Administration Graduate Programs. Contact each college independently for information concerning admission criteria and procedures. You will also need to submit a joint degree application for review by the School of Law, College of Business Administration and the Graduate School. Applicants from any area of undergraduate study are eligible to apply for a joint program.

Most students complete the first year of law school without taking any graduate courses in the College of Business Administration. Sometime during the first or second year of law school you should make an appointment with a Graduate Advisor in the College of Business Administration for counseling. During the second or third years of law school, course work may include both law and business administration courses.

### **Termination of Joint Status:**

Should the JD degree be conferred before earning any credits in the CBA, joint status terminates, including any liberal transfer policy. Reapplication for joint status is not possible.

## Application for the Joint Degree Program

Application for joint program admission is a three-step process:

- You must fulfill all the requirements of, and meet all the standards for regular admission to the School of Law.
- You must fulfill all the requirements of, and meet all the standards of, regular admission to the

College of Business Administration. This step can be completed after you are accepted for Law School and must be completed BEFORE you can be accepted for the joint program and BEFORE any master's classes are taken.

- You must apply for the joint program by completing and filing the "Application for Joint Degree Program." This is submitted in conjunction with the Graduate School application.

**For more information or to meet with an advisor:**

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| <b>Call us:</b>  | Law: 1-800-4.AKRON.U          | CBA: (330)972-7043      |
| <b>Email us:</b> | Law: lawadmissions@uakron.edu | CBA: cbagrad@uakron.edu |

**Procedures for Applying to the Joint Degree Program with the College of Business Administration (CBA)**

Applicants should follow the following procedures to make the application and admission process as smooth and speedy as possible.

1. Fill out the following forms:
  - Online Graduate School Application available at [www.uakron.edu/gradsch](http://www.uakron.edu/gradsch)
    - Letter of intent/personal statement for the CBA
    - Resume
    - **Two new reference letters are required** in addition to any submitted to the School of Law.
    - The Graduate School Application Fee.
  - LSAT, Transcript and Recommendation Request Form
  - Joint Degree Application Form
  - College of Business Financial Aid Application. Information and the application form are available online at [mba.uakron.edu](http://mba.uakron.edu) under Paying for Graduate School.
2. Submit the LSAT, Transcript and Recommendation Request Form to the School of Law staff for processing along with the Joint Degree Application.

After you submit the LSAT, Transcript and Recommendation Request Form (page 3), the School of Law will forward copies of your transcripts and LSAT scores to the Graduate School and the Graduate Programs in Business Office along with the Joint Degree Application.

Once all application materials are received in the Graduate School they will forward the material to the CBA Graduate Programs Office. The applicant will be evaluated at the next monthly meeting of the Graduate Admissions Committee.

For Questions regarding CBA admission status contact us at:

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| Office: | Graduate Programs in Business, CBA Room 412<br>The University of Akron<br>Akron, OH 44325-4805 |
| Phone:  | 330-972-7043   |
| FAX:    | 330-972-6588   |
| e-mail: | <a href="mailto:gradcba@uakron.edu">gradcba@uakron.edu</a>                                     |



**LSAT, Transcript and Recommendation Request Form**

**For use by students interested in a Joint Degree Program in Business**

**To:** Student Affairs, School of Law

Please provide copies of my LSDAS report, LSDAS essay, recommendation letters, writing sample and all transcripts (undergraduate, law and graduate) on file to the Graduate Programs in Business Office and the Graduate School to be used in evaluating my admission to the Joint Degree program.

I understand that I must also provide two new business related reference letters to be evaluated for admission.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program (check one):     JD/MBA                       JD/MTax                       JD/MSA

Please send all information to:

Myra Weakland, Assistant Director    AND  
CBA Graduate Programs  
Mail code: 4805  
FAX: (330)972-6588

Dr. Karen Greene, Director  
Graduate Admissions and Student Services  
Graduate School  
Mail Code : 2101  
FAX : (330)972-6475

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For Law School Office Use Only: Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

(Initials)



The University of Akron  
**Application for Joint Degree**

School of Law  
and  
College of Business Administration

**Student Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

UANet Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the appropriate responses:**

I have APPLIED to the School of Law

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been ADMITTED to the School of Law

\_\_\_\_\_ I am ENROLLED in the School of Law

\_\_\_\_\_ I have APPLIED to the Graduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been ADMITTED to the Graduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ I am ENROLLED in the Graduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ My LSAT score is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My GMAT score is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to take the LSAT on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR:

- \_\_\_\_\_ JD/MBA
- \_\_\_\_\_ JD/MTAX
- \_\_\_\_\_ JD/MSA

Only courses pre-approved for transfer and taken while enrolled in BOTH (J.D. and graduate Business) programs may be applied toward the J.D. and/or the graduate Business degree program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approval Procedure:

This form must be approved by all three departments. It will be each department's responsibility to sign and forward to whichever department has not yet signed.

After all 3 departments have signed this form, it should be returned by campus mail to:

Student Affairs  
School of Law, 2901

Law Student Affairs will then send a congratulatory letter to the student and a copy to the Graduate School, College of Business Administration Graduate Programs and University Registrar.

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Admitted to the School of Law

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Charles Oldfield, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Date

Admitted to the College of Business

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Myra Weakland, Assistant Director, Graduate Programs in Business Date

Admitted to the Graduate School

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Karen Greene, Director of Graduate Admissions and Student Services Date

**(Return completed form to Law Student Affairs 2901)**