

JD/MBA DEGREE PROGRAM AND BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Stetson School of Business and Economics Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The Mercer University Stetson School of Business and Economics MBA Program in Macon offers a flexible evening format and an intimate graduate setting, providing students with an opportunity to develop strong connections with each other, the faculty and the business community. With its focus on ethical leadership and problem-solving skills, Mercer's MBA Program in Macon enables students to make connections between business theory and its practical application.

Walter F. George School of Law, Jurist Doctorate (JD)

The Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law is one of the oldest law schools in the country, founded in 1873. The School of Law has earned a reputation as a high-quality provider of legal education with an intense focus on student/faculty interaction. The Law School's model curriculum was honored with the Gambrell Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association for its "depth and excellence" and "obvious commitment to professionalism."

JD/MBA Admissions Procedures

Both schools have collaborated to offer strong combined programs in law and business. Admission to the JD/MBA Program is quite simple. Any applicant to the program must indicate on the application to the Law School his/her intent to also apply to the School of Business and Economics. Both units will share the information in the application, including required standardized test scores (LSAT and GMAT). The applicant must be admitted separately by each school. No person will be admitted to the Law School merely because he or she has been admitted to the regular MBA Program, and no person will be admitted to the MBA Program merely because he or she has been admitted to the Law School.

Curriculum Requirements

Neither the JD nor the MBA degree will be awarded to a student until he or she has completed the requirements set forth in the joint program for both degrees. A student who abandons either part of the joint program must complete all of the requirements for the other degree before receiving that degree. In the case of the Law School, this would mean the completion of all regular graduation requirements for the JD degree as if the student never applied for the joint JD/MBA Program.

The JD Degree

The JD portion of the joint program will embody the following requirements to be completed within the Law School:

1. A total of 79 semester hours of academic credit.
2. Completion of all required courses.
3. Uninterrupted enrollment in the first year of law.
4. No less than six semesters of residence in the Law School. For the purpose of determining residence only, courses taken in the School of Business and Economics will be included with courses in the Law School during any term in which the student actually takes courses in both the Law School and the School of Business and Economics.

The present graduation requirement for the regular JD program in the Law School is 91 semester hours. A total of 34 of these hours are completed in the first year, leaving 57 hours for the last two years (four semesters). The joint program allows a reduction of upper division Law School hours to 45. The 45 upper-division hours might be divided over as many as six semesters. No student in the joint program will be allowed to spend more than 17 semester hours in class in any week.

The MBA Degree

The MBA curriculum is divided into two parts: foundation areas and core areas. The foundation areas are really pre-requisites for the program; these are often satisfied by students' undergraduate program of study. If not, they can be satisfied at Mercer.

Foundation Areas:

MAT 126: Elementary Statistical Methods (waived by an approved undergraduate course with a grade of "C" or better). Students are also required to take, and score at a satisfactory level, the Statistics Skills Test prior to registering for BAM 622.

ECN 150: Principles of Microeconomics (waived by an approved undergraduate course with a grade of "C" or better)

FIN 362: Principles of Finance (waived by an approved undergraduate course with a grade of "C" or better)

Eighteen undergraduate semester credit hours in business with a grade of "C" or better. (This requirement may be met by completing three semester graduate elective hours for every six semester undergraduate hours required.) For JD/MBA students, this requirement can be satisfied with courses taken in the JD program (e.g., Law 116, Law 202, and others at the discretion of the MBA Program Director). Students must have a working knowledge of spreadsheet, word-processing, and presentation software.

Core Courses:

- BAM 602:** Financial Reporting and Analysis
- BAM 604:** Operations Management
- BAM 606:** Applied Microeconomic Analysis
- BAM 608:** Global Macroeconomic Environment
- BAM 610:** Manager and the Legal Environment of Business (waived for Law 107)
- BAM 612:** Corporate Financial Management
- BAM 614:** Accounting for Control
- BAM 616:** Management and Leadership
- BAM 618:** Advanced Seminar in Business Ethics (waived for Law 149)
- BAM 620:** Seminar in Strategic Management
- BAM 622:** Applied Data Analysis
- BAM 699:** MBA Capstone

A Sample Course of Study:

Below is a sample of a course of study that would permit a student to complete the joint JD/MBA degree course requirements in three and one half years and allow a student to take the Georgia Bar Exam in the following February. This is only a sample and is not intended as the only path to completion of the joint degree program. Instead, the deans of the law school and business school (or their respective designates) are expected to work with students to develop and approve alternative courses of study for those students who choose not to follow this example. Any alternative course of study must adhere to law school and business school requirements, as modified by the requirements for the joint degree program. Also, it is expected that even this sample course of study may need modification in the event that either the business school or the law school alter aspects of their respective educational programs.

NOTE: Before electing the JD/MBA Program, you should carefully consider the effect that completing the required MBA classes that are only offered in the summer semesters will have on the following: summer associate positions, judicial clerkships, internships, externships, public interest programs, study abroad programs, summer positions in cities other than Macon or Atlanta, Bar review and study courses, graduation dates, eligibility to take the Bar Exam, and preparation for the Bar Exam. You are allowed to take classes at the Atlanta campus if it is more convenient. If you are not close to the Macon or Atlanta campuses to take the summer courses, you might want to reconsider your decision to enter the JD/MBA Program. Please review the course of study carefully before making your decision.

First Year (Fall)

Law 100 (Intro to Law); Law 103 (Intro to Legal Research); Law 107 (Contracts); Law 110 (Criminal Law); Law 111 (Legal Analysis); Law 116 (Property Law); Law 119 (Torts)

Total Law Credits = 17 / Total Business Credits = 0

First Year (Spring)

Law 150 (American Constitutional System); Law 103 (Intro to Legal Research); Law 151 (Jurisdiction and Judgments); Law 152 (Legal Writing I); Law 153 (Sales); Law 149 (The Profession)

Total Law Credits = 17 / Total Business Credits = 0

First Year (Summer)

Clerk and/or ECN 150; MAT 126; and/or FIN 362 (prerequisites if not taken as undergraduate)

Total Law Credits = 0 / Total Business Credits = 0

Second Year (Fall)

Law 200 (Intro to Counseling); Law 203 (Civil Lawsuits); Administrative Block; Law 207 (Legal Writing II); Law 154 (Statutory Law and Analysis); BAM 602 (Financial Reporting and Analysis); BAM 606 (Applied Microeconomic Analysis)

Total Law Credits = 11 / Total Business Credits = 6

Second Year (Spring)

Law 206 (Evidence); Perspectives Block; 5 hrs law electives; BAM 614 (Accounting for Control); BAM 620 (Seminar in Strategic Marketing)

Total Law Credits = 11 / Total Business Credits = 6

Second Year (Summer)

Clerk and BAM 612 (Corporation Finance - Macon or Atlanta)

Total Law Credits = 0 / Total Business Credits = 3

Third Year (Fall)

Law 300 (Intro to Dispute Resolution); Law 302 (Law of Lawyering); Seminar; 5 hrs law electives; BAM 616 (Management and Leadership); BAM 604 (Operations Management)

Total Law Credits = 11 / Total Business Credits = 6

Third Year (Spring)

Advanced Skills; 10 hrs law electives; BAM 618 (Advanced Seminar in Business Ethics - waive for Law 149); BAM 622 (Applied Data Analysis)

Total Law Credits = 12 / Total Business Credits = 3

Third Year (Summer)

BAM 608 (Global Macroeconomic Environment); BAM 699 (MBA Capstone)

Total Law Credits = 0 / Total Business Credits = 6

Business Certificate Programs

Students in good standing in the Walter F. George School of Law may choose to take up to three graduate courses in the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics (SSBE) without applying for admission to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. Currently, two specific combinations of courses can be taken for a certificate.

Certificate in Practice Management

- BAM 604:** Operations Management
- BAM 614:** Accounting for Control
- BAM 616:** Management and Leadership

Certificate in Corporate Finance

- BAM 602:** Financial Reporting & Analysis
- BAM 612:** Corporate Financial Management
- BAM 614:** Accounting for Control

Students who receive one of these certificates will have his or her law school graduation requirement reduced by six credits, which at present would be from 91 to 85 credits. Students who do not complete all courses required for a certificate will not have their law school graduation requirements reduced by any credits. Tuition for the last three semester hours in the Business Certificate Program will be billed at the current MBA tuition rate. To enroll in a certificate program, students should notify the Registrar in the law school of their intention.

JD/MBA and certificate students can register through the Registrar's Office at the Law School.

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