

# JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CONCURRENT DEGREES

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The University of Manitoba offers students the opportunity to complete the curriculum requirements for both a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) concurrently, over four years rather than five years if taking the two programs consecutively.

## Eligibility and Application Process:

To be eligible for the concurrent JD/MBA degrees program, students must meet the entrance requirements of the JD (Faculty of Law) and the MBA (Asper School of Business Stu Clark Graduate School). JD/MBA students will apply initially to the JD program; an expression of interest in the concurrent JD/MBA degrees program will be indicated through a checkbox on their JD application. Students will then apply to the Asper MBA program during their first year of Law studies, no later than the published deadline.

At the latest, students can apply to complete the MBA concurrently with a JD up to the end of the 2nd year in Law.

## Progression in the concurrent JD/MBA degrees program:

To continue in the concurrent JD/MBA program, a student must maintain the Degree Grade Point Average of each program and is subject to the rules and regulations of the Faculty of Law while in Law courses and the rules and regulations of the MBA program while in MBA courses.

To complete the concurrent JD/MBA degrees, a student will earn 131 credit hours over four years, comprising of 83 credit hours of Law courses (53 core CH and 30 CH electives), and 48 credit hours of MBA courses (30 core and 18 elective credit hours). The first year will consist of Law core courses, the second year of MBA core courses, the third year is expected to be Law courses, and the final year will most often be one term of Law courses and one term of MBA courses to a total of 131 credit hours.

The typical journey to achieve the concurrent JD/MBA degrees would be as follows:

(Year 0) Apply to Law by December 1 to be considered for Year 1 of JD/MBA studies

- Indicate interest in the concurrent degrees program with checkbox on application
- (Applicable application fee)

(Year 1) September of following year: Law core courses

- Apply to the MBA by May 1 of that academic year (applicable application fee) to be considered for entry into JD/MBA Year 2

(Year 2) MBA core courses

(Year 3) Law elective courses

(Year 4) One Term Law courses/One Term MBA courses

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations ([https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/master-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission\\_FGSMasters](https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/master-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters)) section of the Guide.

## Degree Requirements

### Boot Camps and Workshops

Mandatory preparatory boot camps and workshops help develop the necessary skills to succeed in the Asper MBA program and in the business world. The Asper School of Business MBA has three regularly offered pass/fail auxiliary courses (X):

- SCM 5110 (Math Boot Camp) – online number crunching primer (challenge exam option available).
- MIS 5120 (Information Technology Boot Camp) – online course that provides you with the basics of common productivity software packages used in the business world, with particular focus on Excel (challenge exam option available).
- IDM 5120 – develop the “soft skills” you need to advance your career, such as business etiquette, networking, resume-building and behaviour-based interview skills.

## Program Core

The Program Core consists of 30 credit hours of business fundamentals and strategy, and a foundation in leadership, decision-making methods, and contemporary themes that inform decisions in today's business world.

| Course    | Title                                  | Hours |
|-----------|--|-------|
| GMGT 7200 | Critical and Creative Thinking         | 1.5   |
| ACC 7010  | Accounting Fundamentals                | 3     |
| FIN 7000  | Managerial Economics                   | 1.5   |
| FIN 7020  | Corporate Finance                      | 3     |
| GMGT 7220 | Managing People in Organizations       | 3     |
| SCM 7120  | Operations and Supply Chain Management | 3     |
| MKT 7010  | Marketing Management                   | 3     |
| ACC 7020  | Managerial Accounting                  | 1.5   |
| MIS 7120  | Management Information Systems         | 1.5   |
| GMGT 7210 | Strategy                               | 3     |

## Business Foundations

The Strategy Capstone Course, to be taken in the last term of the program, provides a holistic perspective on managing an organization or business by integrating all the functional areas and themes explored in the Program Core.

## Leadership

| Course   | Title   | Hours |
|----------|---|-------|
| IDM 7000 | Leadership and Practical Ethics                           | 1.5   |
| IDM 7002 | Executive Leadership and Responsibilities- the CEO Course | 1.5   |
| IDM 7510 | Strategic Leadership and Managing Change                  | 1.5   |

## Business Themes

| Course   | Title                           | Hours |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| IDM 7130 | Contemporary Themes in Business | 1.5   |

Contemporary Themes in Business focuses on three themes: International and Emerging Markets, Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship and Innovation. These themes also inform the two Leadership courses and the Strategy Capstone Course. Together, they prepare you for the realities of business – and give you a distinct advantage in today's competitive job market.

Students completing the JD and MBA degrees concurrently will complete 53 credit hours of Law core courses, 30 credit hours of MBA core courses, 30 credit hours of Law electives and 18 credit hours of MBA electives, for a total of 131 credit hours. Please refer to the JD degree requirements for a list of Law core courses and Law electives here (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/law/concurrent-jd-mba/#degreerequirements>).

For the purposes of the MBA degree, they will complete 48 credits in the MBA and 12 credit hours of their electives from Law (see below).

The following courses have been specifically approved for students concurrently completing the JD/MBA programs for MBA elective credit and are only available to MBA students who are concurrently completing the JD/MBA. Students concurrently completing the JD/MBA are permitted to take courses in Law at the 2000/3000 level toward the MBA requirements.

### Faculty of Law:

- LAW 3014 International Trade Law
- LAW 3980 Current Legal Problems B\*
- LAW 3510 Corporate Tax
- LAW 3770 Labour Management
- LAW 3026 Trademarks and Patents
- LAW 3028 Copyright
- LAW 3980 Tainted Finance
- LAW 3050 Commercial Law
- LAW 3392 Securities Law
- LAW 3330 Employment Law
- LAW 3022 Insurance Law

\*LAW 3980 may be completed two times for credit when it is taught as "Bankruptcy and Insolvency" or as "Tainted Finance".

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Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>).

If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

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Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

## Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

## Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

## General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).