

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM
School of Law (J.D.) & School of Business (M.B.A or M.Acc.)

Recognizing that legal and business studies complement each other and that real-world problems often require solutions from both legal and business perspectives, Washburn University has developed dual degree programs to encourage students to obtain J.D. and M.B.A. or J.D. and M.Acc degrees during their course of study at Washburn.

On its own, the J.D. program at Washburn University School of Law requires 90 credit hours; the M.B.A. program at the Washburn University School of Business requires 30 credit hours of upper-level courses.¹ The Master of Accountancy² program requires 30 master's level credit hours. Thus, pursued separately, the J.D./M.B.A or the J.D./M.Acc would require 120 credit hours. Under the dual degree programs, certain courses are accepted for credit by both schools: six credit hours of business-related law school courses may count toward the M.B.A. or toward the M.Acc, and six credit hours of business school courses in either the M.B.A or the M.Acc may count toward the J.D. Students can therefore obtain either combination of degrees with a total of 108 credit hours.

Law school courses that transfer to the business school are those that are business-related (as determined by the business school); business school courses that transfer to the law school are core courses in which the student earns at least a "B." (Grades will not transfer between schools; for the transferee school, the courses will be treated as credit/no-credit.) No credits for business school courses will transfer to the law school until the student has obtained 12 credits of upper-level MBA (950 series) business school courses.

Students may choose to begin either their legal studies, their business studies, or their accounting studies first. Whenever they start the law school program, students must take the full first-year curriculum, all of which consists of required courses, without interruption. Students will not be permitted to take business school courses during the first year of law school. After completing the first year of the law school curriculum, if students simultaneously take courses in both programs, the total number of credits enrolled in at one time must stay within the parameters required by the American Bar Association's standards governing accredited law schools. Students are also required to participate in the various orientation and assessment activities of both programs.

Students must separately apply to and be accepted by both schools. Students will indicate to each school, at the time of application that they are applying to the dual degree program. Students will pay tuition for law school courses at the normal rate for that school and will pay tuition for business school courses at the normal rate for that school.

¹ The M.B.A. program also requires up to 30 credit hours of foundation-level courses. This requirement is met either through the completion of undergraduate courses or by taking 920 level courses offered by the School of Business.

²The M.Acc program requires that students complete all prerequisites for Master of Accountancy courses.