Stetson University’s Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration program is designed to broaden career opportunities in the fields of business and law. Students completing the program receive both an M.B.A. degree from the School of Business Administration and a J.D. degree from the College of Law. Holders of these degrees can use the J.D. to provide legal context for their managerial activities, and the M.B.A. to sharpen administrative and managerial decision-making skills.

J.D./M.B.A. students enjoy a significant savings in required course work. The M.B.A. program accepts 12 credits from a list of law electives, and the College of Law accepts 12 semester hours from the M.B.A. curriculum. The student’s net benefit is a 24-hour reduction when compared to pursuing the two degrees independently.

Stetson M.B.A. Program

Today’s professional managers are faced with a knowledge explosion, as new managerial techniques and concepts appear at an unprecedented pace. Both aspiring and experienced managers are finding that the educational requirements associated with their jobs are increasing. Stetson’s M.B.A. program is designed to meet this need.

The M.B.A. program provides students with the range of knowledge and practical skills to become professional managers. Stetson’s program focuses on effective decision-making, the basic competence needed in all managerial positions.

J.D./M.B.A. Admission

J.D. students must submit a completed M.B.A. application, college and law school transcripts (may be forwarded from law school registrar), two academic/professional letters of recommendation, and GMAT score. The GMAT may be waived for students with a strong LSAT score and undergraduate GPA.

School of Business Administration

Fully accredited by the AASCB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business — Stetson has long recognized the importance of business education as Florida’s first business school. Stetson’s business alumni include investment executives, portfolio managers, government administrators, Big Four accounting firm partners, CEOs, presidents, vice presidents and college professors. Stetson is consistently included in the Princeton Review’s annual best business school rankings.

Program Availability

The School of Business Administration offers the required M.B.A. classes for the dual-degree program on the law school’s Gulfport campus. Typically, two M.B.A. courses are offered every fall, spring and summer. Students will need to attend at least one summer session, but are generally able to complete both degrees without delaying their graduation.

After enrolling in the law school, students also may take M.B.A. courses at Stetson’s other campuses in DeLand and Celebration.
J.D./M.B.A. Requirements

1. Students must be admitted by both the School of Business Administration and the College of Law independently, and students may apply as early as their second semester of law school. All entrance and graduation requirements for both programs must be satisfied to receive both degrees.

2. Several of the M.B.A. advanced courses require foundation courses as prerequisites, which must be completed before starting the specific M.B.A. courses. These foundation courses cannot be taken concurrently with a full-time course load in the J.D. curriculum. Applicants are advised to submit their transcripts for review to receive foundation credits, and should contact the Office for Graduate Business Programs before registering for additional foundation courses.

3. The required graduate course work for the M.B.A. portion of the J.D./M.B.A. program consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours: 18 semester hours of core M.B.A. courses and 12 semester hours of elective courses.

4. Students must take at least 12 hours of approved elective classes from the law curriculum to satisfy the elective requirements for the M.B.A. degree, including Corporations or Business Entities. A list of approved courses may be requested from the J.D./M.B.A. program coordinator.

5. Students will be required to achieve a minimum graduate business GPA of 3.0, and must maintain a law GPA within the top 75% of their law class. Students whose ranking falls within the bottom 25% of their law class will not be permitted to continue in the dual-degree program until their rank returns to the top 75% of their class.

6. J.D./M.B.A. students must complete the requirements set by the School of Business Administration and the College of Law for both degrees before receiving either degree. If the M.B.A. program is not completed, no portion of the 12-credit transfer to the law school will be valid.

Graduate Core M.B.A. Courses
- Advanced Financial Management
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Seminar
- Managerial Decision Analysis
- Marketing Decision-Making
- Strategic Management and Theory (capstone course)
- Technology for Business Transformation

The Business Foundation Courses
- Business Finance*
- Business Statistics
- Economics
- Financial Accounting
- Management*
- Marketing*

*upper-division courses

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