

Dual/Joint Programs of Study

M.B.A./J.D. Dual Degrees

The Graduate School of Management, in conjunction with the Law School, offers a program of dual study leading to an M.B.A. degree and a juris doctor degree. Students seeking admission to the dual program must apply to both the Graduate School of Management and the Law School and must meet the admission requirements for each. Students start this dual program as a law student. Upon completion of the law program, students are officially admitted to the M.B.A. program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

Dual program students complete 81 credit hours in the Law School and 22.5-30 graduate business credit hours in the M.B.A. program. Up to 9-12 hours of Law School credits may be applied to M.B.A. requirements and as many as 9 hours of M.B.A. credits may be applied to J.D. elective requirements. All transfer courses from the Marquette University Law School must have a C or above grade. Dual program students must maintain a 3.000 grade point average to graduate with the M.B.A. degree. Students are strongly encouraged to seek advising from both programs.

Dual JD/MBA students wanting to earn the specialization in Sport Business must complete 12 credits of Sports Law courses. Ten credit hours of Sports Law courses may be counted as 9 credits electives course credit for the M.B.A. component of the joint degree program. The remaining 3 credits are in addition to degree requirements and are specific to the specialization requirement. The ten credit hours must include: LAW 7106 (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/search/?P=LAW%207106>) Amateur Sports Law, LAW 7303 (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/search/?P=LAW%207303>) Professional Sports Law and one two-credit hour sports law workshops (e.g., Legal and Business Issues in Collegiate Athletics, Legal Issues in Youth, High School and Recreational Sports, Representing Professional Athletes and Coaches, Sports Industry Governance, Sports Sponsorship and Marketing Legal and Business Issues, Sports Venues) and one two-credit hour LAW 7950 (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/search/?P=LAW%207950>) Advanced Legal Research course. Only a maximum of 9 credits can be double counted for the M.B.A. program. Dual degree program students must maintain a 3.000 cumulative grade point average in all classes taken to fulfill the requirements for the M.B.A. degree and specialization in Sport Business, including the sports law classes used as open electives. In addition, students must earn a grade of at least a C in all sports law classes counted as open electives for the M.B.A. in Sport Business degree.

In general, dual program students pay tuition at the full-time (flat tuition) Law School rate while a full-time law student, regardless of whether or not they are taking additional graduate courses. Upon receiving the juris doctor degree, dual program students pay Graduate School of Management tuition at the per credit rate for graduate courses. Part-time law students pay the per credit Law School rate for all courses.

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The Graduate School of Management, in conjunction with the Department of Political Science, offers a program of dual study leading to a master of business administration (M.B.A.) degree and a master of arts (M.A.) degree with a focus on political science or international affairs. The program is designed for students whose interests overlap business and politics or business and international affairs. Dual degree students are able to complete both degree programs in less time than if both degrees were pursued separately.

Students seeking admission into the dual degree program must submit to the Graduate School and Graduate School of Management separate applications for admission to both programs, including two sets of required documentation and must meet the admission requirements of each program. The Graduate School of Management requires either the GMAT or GRE test scores or meeting the waiver requirements. Both programs in political science and international affairs accept GMAT scores in lieu of GRE scores. Acceptance into one program does not guarantee acceptance into the other. If a student is accepted into one program and not the other, the student can still choose to accept the admission offer from the first program but would not be considered a dual degree student. Because students are officially admitted into only one Marquette University graduate program at a time, applicants must indicate which program they intend to pursue and complete first, although once accepted for admission to both programs, students may take courses from both departments. Upon completion of the first program, the student is officially admitted to the second program for completion of the remainder of the dual program.

The application for the Graduate School of Management is online via the GSM website (<http://business.marquette.edu/academics/gsm/>). Then click on Start Your Application. The Graduate School also has an online application to the Political Science and International Affairs programs.

Dual degree students count 9 credits of course work in each program toward the required course work credits of the other program. Thus, 9 of the 33-42 credits required for the master of business administration degree can come from POSC courses and 9 of the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree in political science or in international affairs can come from GSM courses.

Students must identify the courses being applied toward both degrees prior to completion of the programs by contacting their advisers in both programs.