

# JOINT JD/MBA DEGREE PROGRAM

NKU Chase College of Law and the NKU College of Business offer a joint JD/MBA degree. The following describes the JD/MBA program at the time this Handbook was updated. However, inasmuch as the requirements of the program change from time to time, students should confirm all requirements with the Associate Dean for Academics at the College of Law and with the Dean of the NKU College of Business.

A student entering the joint JD/MBA program is required to complete 108 semester credit-hours, consisting of 78 hours in the College of Law and at least 30 hours in the College of Business. If the same student were to complete each degree separately, he or she would be required to take 90 credit-hours in law and at least 39 in business. Thus, the joint degree program allows the student to take 12 fewer law credit hours and 9 fewer business credit hours, and to complete the joint degree program as much as a year earlier.

Students currently enrolled in either the MBA or JD program may elect to pursue the joint degree if they comply with the admission requirements of each program.

## Business Curriculum

The curriculum for the business portion of the JD/MBA degree can be found at <http://cob.nku.edu/MBA>.

## Law Curriculum

### Required Courses for Joint Degree (60 hours)

- Basic Legal Skills I (2)
- Basic Legal Skills II (3)
- Civil Procedure I (3)
- Civil Procedure II (3)
- Constitutional Law I (3)
- Constitutional Law II (3)
- Contracts I (3)
- Contracts II (3)
- Corporations (3)
- Criminal Law (3)
- Evidence (3)
- Tax-Basic Income Tax Concepts (3)
- Legal Analysis and Problem Solving (1)
- Professional Responsibility (3)
- Property I (3)
- Property II (3)
- UCC: Sales and Secured Transactions (3) OR
- UCC: Payment Systems (3)
- Torts I (3)
- Torts II (3)
- Agency, Partnerships and LLCs (3)

### **Elective Courses (18 hours)**

The additional 18 hours needed to fulfill the total of 78 law school hours will be taken from other courses offered by the College of Law, all as elective hours in the joint degree program - whether those courses are offered as Core courses or as Elective courses in the regular law curriculum.

Note: The Core Curriculum will not apply to students in the joint degree program.

### **Advanced Writing Requirements**

Students in the joint degree program shall fulfill both parts of the Advanced Writing Requirement.

### **Skills Training**

Effective with the class entering in fall 2008, every student must pass at least three credit hours of professional skills training beyond the required curriculum. A list of courses that satisfy this requirement is located in an earlier section of this handbook.

### **Additional Information and Requirements**

To facilitate passing the bar examination, students in the joint degree program are encouraged to take MBA courses first. Law classes should be taken thereafter in order to have those subjects more clearly in the student's memory when the bar examination is taken.

Students enrolled in the joint degree program are advised to take these courses, as they are available: Anti-Trust Law, Close Corporation Problems, Securities Regulation, and Corporate and White Collar Crime.

No more than 6 hours of credit from courses listed in the "18 Hour Rule" will apply to the 78 hours needed to fulfill the law hours in the joint degree program.

### **Minimum Law School Grade Point Average**

Students in the joint degree program must maintain at least a 2.500 cumulative grade point average in all courses after their first 30 hours of law study and thereafter. Students who do not achieve this GPA will not be permitted to continue in the joint degree program but will be permitted to complete the law degree consistent with academic policies, standards, and requirements applicable to all other law students. The College of Business will determine whether that student may continue to pursue the MBA degree outside of the joint degree program.

## **Academic Standing**

A student who fails to meet academic requirements of the College of Business but who satisfies the academic requirements of the College of Law will be permitted to continue to pursue his or her law degree. Such a student will be required to meet all of the academic requirements of students who are not in the joint degree program.

A student who fails to meet the academic requirements of the College of Law will not be permitted to continue pursuing the law portion of the joint degree. The College of Business will determine whether that student may continue to pursue the MBA degree.