



**Student Guide to the JD/MBA  
Concurrent Degrees Program**

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**Offered by**

**Thomas Jefferson School of Law**

**and**

**San Diego State University, College of Business Administration**

## Overview

Students can earn in eight semesters a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from San Diego State University (SDSU). The objective of the concurrent degrees program is to prepare students who are competent in both law and business administration for advanced practice in many areas where the fields converge.

Students will spend their first year in the JD program at TJSL and the second year at SDSU. Classes will be taken at both institutions the last two years of the programs.

Each institution grants credit for up to 12 units taken at the other school. A minimum of 30 units and a maximum of 48 units are required for the MBA degree. A minimum of 88 units are required for the JD degree.

## San Diego State University – College of Business Administration

The major goal of the MBA degree is to prepare students with diverse academic backgrounds for entry into general management positions in business and not-for-profit enterprises. The MBA program stresses experiential learning through the MBA consulting program, the culminating experience for MBA students. Through group projects, presentations, and written reports, the MBA curriculum also emphasizes teamwork and professional skill development. Students are given the option of completing a general management track or specializing in a functional area by focusing their electives around a particular subject.

Classes are scheduled in two traditional semesters running late-August through early December and mid-January through mid-May. A limited number of graduate business classes are offered during the summer in six-week sessions.

## Admissions

Applicants must conform to the application procedures for each institution. Because the sequence for the program is for students first to attend TJSL for two semesters, the expectation is that students will be admitted to TJSL and then apply to SDSU during their first year at TJSL. If an applicant to TJSL wants a decision on admission to SDSU prior to deciding to attend TJSL, the applicant can apply to SDSU for deferred admission.

Admission to SDSU's graduate programs is competitive. The factors that are taken into consideration in the admission decision include the applicant's previous academic performance, the quality of the previous universities attended, the field of undergraduate study, scores on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), management experience, and the written application essay. References which validate experience may also be considered. A 550 TOEFL score is normally required when English is not the student's principal language. Applicants must file an application and pay a \$55 application fee. For more information, visit the SDSU Graduate School of Business website at [www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~cba/grad/index.html](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~cba/grad/index.html).

Deadlines: For the Fall entering class, the MBA applications deadline is April 15. For the Spring entering class, the MBA applications deadline is November 1.

## GMAT

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is required for all applicants and should be taken before filing an application to the JD/MBA Concurrent Degrees Program. The GMAT is a standardized assessment test that measures basic verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills. It consists of three sections: two 30 minute analytical writing assessments on the analysis of an issue and the analysis of an argument; a 75 minute quantitative section containing 37 multiple choice questions on data sufficiency and problem solving; and a 75 minute verbal section containing 41 multiple choice questions on reading comprehension, critical reasoning, and sentence correction.

Registration: You may schedule a GMAT appointment at any test center around the world. There are two test centers in San Diego that operate on their own schedules. Other test center locations can be found at [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com). Registration for the GMAT may be done online at [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com), by phone at 1-800-717-4628, by fax (the fax number will vary depending upon where you plan to take the test), or by mail. If you schedule an appointment online, you must first become a registered user of the [mba.com](http://www.mba.com) website. Registration costs \$250. There is a \$50 rescheduling fee. You may take the GMAT once every 31 calendar days and up to five times in a 12-month period. For more information, visit [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com).

## Curriculum

### SDSU: Specific Requirements for the Concurrent MBA Degree

The student must complete an approved program of study including a maximum of 48 units and a minimum of 30 units of graduate coursework. Transfer credit may be accepted for graduate coursework completed at an accredited AACSB institution or with the approval of the Director of Graduate Programs.

Students entering the program should have completed coursework in basic statistics and macro- and micro-economics. They should be proficient in college-level mathematics including algebra and in the use of personal computers including spreadsheets and word-processing.

The requirements for the concurrent MBA degree are as follows:

1. Complete the following core of seven courses. (21 units)
  - BA 650 Financial Reporting and Analysis I (3)
  - BA 651 Organizational Behaviour (3)
  - BA 652 Statistical Analysis (3)
  - BA 653 Managerial Economics (3)
  - BA 655 Marketing (3)

BA 662        Operations Management (3)  
BA 665        Financial Management I (3)

A maximum of 18 units of core courses may be waived.

2. Complete one course from the below listed theme. (3 units)

Management of Technology Issues in Business Theme

IDS 688        Information Systems in Organizations (3)

IDS 691        Decision Support Systems (3)

3. Complete BA 780 – Field Studies in Business. An internship experience is accomplished through this course. Students will be simultaneously enrolled in the Internship course at TJSJL.
4. Complete 18 units of electives. Not more than 12 units outside the College of Business Administration and not more than a total of six units in courses 780 (Field Studies in Business), 797 (Research), and 798 (Special Study), will be accepted toward the degree. Courses taken outside of the College of Business Administration should be related to the MBA program and must be approved by the Director of Graduate Programs.

Twelve units of electives will be accepted from TJSJL for students with MBA programs of study requiring the completion of 33 or more units. Nine units will be accepted for a student with a 30-unit program of study. The law courses deemed appropriate for an MBA program of study are listed in Exhibit 3.

5. Complete courses from three out of the five departments in the College of Business Administration. The Corporate Responsibility Theme is waived for students in the concurrent degree program.
6. Complete a culminating experience course. (3 units)  
BA 795 Integrative Business Analysis (3) MBA consulting program  
BA 799A Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP  
The option of participating in the MBA consulting program or completing a thesis will be discussed with the advisor. Should a student elect the thesis option, an additional bound copy of the thesis must be submitted to TJSJL.

### **TJSJL: Specific Requirements for the Concurrent JD Degree**

Students must complete a minimum of 88 units of coursework. The first year curriculum is prescribed for all students. After completion of these first year courses, students may take the remaining JD required courses and electives in any sequence they wish, subject to specific course prerequisites.

The requirements of the concurrent JD degree are as follows:

1. Complete the following required courses (57 units)

Business Associations – one semester (4)  
Civil Procedure – two semesters (6)  
Constitutional Law – two semesters (6)  
Contracts – two semesters (6)  
Criminal Law – one semester (3)  
Criminal Procedure – one semester (3)  
Evidence – one semester (4)  
Legal Writing – two semesters (7)  
Professional Responsibility – one semester (3)  
Property – two semesters (6)  
Remedies – one semester (3)  
Torts – two semesters (6)

2. Complete a minimum of 31 units of electives. Twelve units of electives will be accepted from the 600- and 700-level courses offered by the College of Business Administration.
3. Complete at least one elective that satisfies the school's upper-level writing requirement.
4. Complete an internship experience, and be simultaneously enrolled in BA 780 at SDSU.

For examples of the programming by semester, see Exhibits 1 and 2.

## **Financial Charges and Financial Aid**

Students are responsible for paying the tuition and fees charged by the respective schools. For the purposes of financial aid, students must complete a Visiting Student Agreement available at TJSL's Financial Aid Office. Students generally apply for financial aid to their "home" institution. A student may designate either institution as the "home" institution during each semester in which he or she is in the program. However, only one of the institutions can be designated the "home" institution at any point in time. In most cases, the "home" institution is expected to be TJSL.

Students who complete a 4-year program pay for six full-time semesters at TJSL and for two full-time semesters at SDSU during the first year of the MBA program. After the completion of the first year of the MBA program, students will need to complete approximately 12 credits at SDSU. TJSL will reimburse SDSU for up to three part-time semesters per student to permit students to register and attend classes at SDSU. If a student is not able to complete the program in three additional semesters at SDSU, the student will be responsible for SDSU fees for each additional semester.

Students who complete a 3½ year program pay for six full-time semesters at TJSL and for one full-time semester at SDSU during the first year of the MBA program. After the completion of the first semester of the MBA program, students will need to

complete approximately 12 credits at SDSU. TJSL will reimburse SDSU for up to three part-time semesters per student to permit students to register and attend classes at SDSU. If a student is not able to complete the program in three additional semesters at SDSU, the student will be responsible for SDSU fees for each additional semester.

Students that attend summer school at TJSL or take less than the standard schedule recommends, pay the approximate tuition for the number of units taken.

A report of the SDSU charges reimbursed by TJSL or charged directly to the student will be provided by the graduate advisor at SDSU to the financial offices of both TJSL and SDSU. The financial offices will verify the accuracy of the graduate advisors reports.

## **Registration Status at SDSU**

SDSU Graduate Affairs will take the necessary steps to ensure that students are mailed registration materials at the address on file with SDSU. If the student has not received registration materials by mid-June for the Fall semester or early November for the spring semester, they shall contact the Graduate Advisor in the College of Business Administration.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that they are cleared for registration prior to their RegLine access date. Otherwise, the student may not be able to register for classes in a timely fashion.

## **Sharing of Transcript Information**

Each student will be required to sign a release of transcript information that authorizes the exchange of transcripts between the two institutions.

## **Academic Good Standing**

A student in the concurrent degree program is expected to maintain good academic standing throughout their matriculation. Each school will determine the students continuing status in their respective institutions. Either school may dismiss a student from their degree program.

A student dismissed by one of the schools may continue in the other school's program at the discretion of the second school.

## **School Administrators for the Program**

The coordinators for the program are the Dr. David Ely, the Director of Graduate Business Programs at SDSU, and Eric Mitnick, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at TJSL.

## EXHIBIT 1

### Program for Students with Non-business Undergraduate Degree

Thomas Jefferson School of Law and San Diego State University College of Business  
JD/MBA courses and credits: By Year and School

School of Law/College of Business

#### YEAR I

<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Civil Procedure I	3	Contracts I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Contracts I	3	Criminal Law	3		
Criminal Law	3	Legal Writing I	4		
Legal Writing I	4	Property I	3		
Torts I	3	Torts I	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	
Civil Procedure II	3	Civil Procedure I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Contracts II	3	Contracts II	3		
Legal Writing II	3	Legal Writing II	3		
Property I	3	Property II	3		
Torts II	3	Torts II	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Year I Law Units</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total Year I CBA Units</b>	<b>0</b>		

#### YEAR II

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
No Law Courses	0	Financial Accounting	3
		Organizational Behavior	3
		Statistical Analysis	3
		Managerial Economics	3
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>12</b>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>		<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	
No Law Courses	0	Marketing	3
		Operations Mg	3
		Financial Management I	3
		Theme Course:	
		Mgt. of Technology	3
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Year II Law Units</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Year II CBA Units</b>	<b>24</b>

**Year III**

<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Constitutional Law I	3	Civil Procedure II	3	Elective	3
Criminal Procedure*	3	Criminal Procedure*	3		
Evidence*	4	Business Associations*	4		
Property II	3	Professional Resp.*	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>3</b>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>			<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>		
Constitutional Law II	3	Constitutional Law I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Business Associations*	4	Evidence*	4		
Electives	≤10	Electives	≤10		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤17</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤17</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Year III Law Units</b>		<b>≤30</b>		<b>Total Year III CBA Units</b>	
				<b>3</b>	

**Year IV**

<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Internship	5	Constitutional Law II	3	Field Studies	3
Professional Resp.*	3	Remedies*	3	Elective	3
Remedies*	3	Internship	5		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤11</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤11</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>6</b>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>			<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>		
Electives	≤14	Electives	≤14		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤14</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤14</b>	Integrative Business Anal.	3
<b>Total Semester Units</b>		<b>≤14</b>		<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Year IV Law Units</b>		<b>≤25</b>		<b>Tot. Year IV CBA Units</b>	
				<b>9</b>	

<b>Summary of Units From:</b>	<b>Law School</b>	<b>College of Business</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year I</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Year II</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Year III</b>	<b>≤30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>≤33</b>
<b>Year IV</b>	<b>≤25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>≤34</b>
<b>Credits from "home institution"</b>	<b>≥76</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Credits from "host institution"</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Credits JD, MBA, JD/MBA</b>	<b>≥88</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>136</b>

\* Business Associations, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Remedies are upper-year required law courses and may be taken during any semester in Years III or IV, consistent with the other constraints of the JD/MBA program of study.



**EXHIBIT 2**  
**Program for Students with Business Undergraduate Degree**

Thomas Jefferson School of Law and  
San Diego State University College of Business  
JD/MBA courses and credits: By Year and School

School of Law/College of Business

<b>YEAR I</b>					
<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Civil Procedure I	3	Contracts I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Contracts I	3	Criminal Law	3		
Criminal Law	3	Legal Writing I	4		
Legal Writing I	4	Property I	3		
Torts I	3	Torts I	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
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<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Civil Procedure II	3	Civil Procedure I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Contracts II	3	Contracts II	3		
Legal Writing II	3	Legal Writing II	3		
Property I	3	Property II	3		
Torts II	3	Torts II	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Total Year I Law Units</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total Year I CBA Units</b>	<b>0</b>		

<b>YEAR II</b>					
<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	Units
No Law Courses	0	Core course	3	Theme Course:	
		Mgt. of Technology	3	Electives	6
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>12</b>
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<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</u>	Units
Elective	3	Civil Procedure II	3	Elective	3
Criminal Procedure*	3	Criminal Procedure*	3		
Evidence*	4	Business Associations*	4		
Property II	3	Professional Resp.*	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>Total Year II Law Units</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Year II CBA Units</b>	<b>15</b>		

**Year III**

<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1st Semester</u>		<u>1st Semester</u>		<u>1st Semester</u>	
Constitutional Law I	3	Constitutional Law I	3	No CBA Courses	0
Business Associations*	4	Evidence*	4		
Professional Resp.*	3	Professional Resp.*	3		
Electives	≤7	Electives	≤10		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤17</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤17</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>2nd Semester</u>	Units	<u>2nd Semester</u>	Units	<u>2nd Semester</u>	Units
Constitutional Law II	3	Internship	5	Field Studies	3
Remedies*	3	Constitutional Law II	3		
Internship	5	Remedies*	3		
<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Year III Law Units</b>	<b>≤28</b>	<b>Total Year III CBA Units</b>	<b>3</b>		

**Year IV**

<b>Fall Entering</b>		<b>Spring Entering</b>			
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</u>	
Electives	≤14	Electives	≤14	Integrative Business Anal.	3
<b>Total Trimester Units</b>	<b>≤14</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>≤14</b>	<b>Total Semester Units</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Year IV Law Units</b>	<b>≤14</b>	<b>Tot. Year IV CBA Units</b>	<b>3</b>		

<b>Summary of Units From:</b>	<b>Law School</b>	<b>College of Business</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year I</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Year II</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Year III</b>	<b>≤28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>≤31</b>
<b>Year IV</b>	<b>≤14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>≤17</b>
<b>Credits from "home institution"</b>	<b>≥76</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Credits from "host institution"</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Credits JD, MBA, JD/MBA</b>	<b>≥88</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>118</b>

\* Business Associations, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Remedies are upper-year required law courses and may be taken during any semester in Years III or IV, consistent with the other constraints of the JD/MBA program of study.

**EXHIBIT 3**  
**TJSL Courses Appropriate for SDSU MBA Electives**

Administrative Law	International Taxation
Antitrust Law	Internet Law
Arbitration Advocacy	Labor Law
Bankruptcy Law	Land Use Planning
Bioethics Seminar	Mediation
Biotechnology Seminar	Mediation, Advanced
Business Planning	Mediation, Clinic
Celebrity Advertising & Endorsements (2)	Music Law
Client Representation (2)	Natural Resources Law
Commercial Law	Negotiation Theory and Practice
Comparative Law	Patent Claim Drafting
Consumer Protection & Secured Credit	Patent Law
Copyright	Patent Litigation
E-Commerce Law	Payment Systems
Employment Discrimination	Sales
Employment Law	Secured Land Transactions
Entertainment Law	Securities Regulation
Environmental Law	Sports Law
Estate Planning & Taxation	Taxation, Federal Individual
Federal Criminal Law	Taxation, Business Organizations
Globalization & the Workplace Seminar	Telecommunications Law
Health Care Liability	Technology Licensing Law
Immigration Law	Trademark & Unfair Competition Law
Information Privacy Law (2)	Trademark Law, Advanced
International Business Transactions	Water Law
International Law	White Collar Crime
International Intellectual Property	Wills & Trusts
International Investment Law	World Trade Organization Law