

MBA/JD & MAcc/JD Dual Degree Programs FAQ

Gonzaga University Graduate School of Business

HOW DOES THE WAIVER OF CREDITS WORK?

The JD is a 90-credit degree and the MBA is a 33-credit degree. Dual program students can waive a combination of 9 credits from both programs combined (for a total of 114 credits), but cannot waive more than 6 credits from either program. Thus there are four possible combinations:

| Combinations | JD Credits | MBA Credits | Total Credits |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 6/3 | 84 | 30 | 114 |
| 5/4 | 85 | 29 | 114 |
| 4/5 | 86 | 28 | 114 |
| 3/6 | 87 | 27 | 114 |

The MAcc program is a 30-credit degree. Dual Program students can waive a combination of 9 credits from both programs combined (for a total of 111 credits), but cannot waive more than 6 credits from either program. Thus, there are four possible combinations:

| Combinations | JD Credits | MAcc Credits | Total Credits |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 6/3 | 84 | 27 | 111 |
| 5/4 | 85 | 26 | 111 |
| 4/5 | 86 | 25 | 111 |
| 3/6 | 87 | 24 | 111 |

NOTE: In order to obtain the JD degree *and* be certified to sit for the bar exam, students must either complete all 114 or 111 required credits for the MBA/JD or MAcc/JD accordingly, or have completed all 90 credits required for the JD degree as allowed under the Law School's academic rules for dual degree students. This must be done by June (summer session 1) for the July bar exam or December (fall semester) for the February bar exam.

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR FULL-TIME DUAL PROGRAM STUDENTS: (MBA/JD – 28 MBA/86 JD)

| Term | 1 st Year Credits | 2 nd Year Credits | 3 rd Year Credits |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fall | Law—15 | Law—14 GSB—3 | Law—14 GSB—3 |
| Spring | Law—15 | Law—14 GSB—3 | Law—14 GSB—3 |
| Summer 1 | GSB—6 | GSB—5 | Study for Bar |
| Summer 2 | GSB—6 | GSB—5 | Study for Bar |

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APPLYING:

You must apply to both schools separately. You are required to take the GMAT exam for the MBA/MAcc programs and the LSAT exam for the JD program. Once admitted to both programs, you are a dual program student and must notify Sharon Day and Stacey Chatman of your dual student status. However, admission into one school does not automatically grant you admission into the other, regardless of your intent to pursue a dual degree. Furthermore, you must apply to *both* schools for graduation by notifying *each* of the staff members in charge of graduation (Sharon Day – Law School and Janice Carruthers– Business School).

WHEN TO REGISTER FOR EACH PROGRAM:

| Term | Law Classes | MBA & MAcc Classes |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Fall | May (date depends on year in school) | First week of April |
| Spring | November (date depends on year in school) | Mid-November |
| Summer 1 | Mid-March | Mid-March |
| Summer 2 | Mid-March | Mid-March |

TUITION:

The MBA & MAcc tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$710/credit.

The Law School tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$1,004/credit.

You will be charged the tuition amount based on the course you are taking.

To ensure this is done you must contact Joan Henning at the Law School and Student Accounts.

ARE BOTH SCHOOLS ON THE SAME ACADEMIC CALENDAR?

Unfortunately, NO. The law school starts a week earlier in both the fall and spring semesters. This is because the law school has a 15-week semester with two weeks of finals, whereas the business school has a 15-week semester with one week of finals. This would only be a problem if you have a business class (or business school final scheduled for the last week of class) during the final week of the business school semester, which is the first week of law school finals. While this would be an unusual circumstance and shouldn't be hard to schedule around, students should be aware of the possibility of such an overlap. Also, the law school summer sessions start a week later than the business school summer sessions. Florence summer program students should be aware of this discrepancy before making travel plans. The Labor Day holiday is observed on Labor Day at the law school, however the grad school of business doesn't observe it until a few weeks later due to the close proximity to school starting.

TERM START DATES 2008-2009:

| Term | Law Classes | MBA & MAcc Classes |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Fall 2008 | August 25, 2008 | September 1, 2008 |
| Spring 2009 | January 13, 2009 | January 13, 2009 |
| Summer 1 2009 | May 26, 2009* | May 19, 2009 |
| Summer 2 2009 | July 6, 2009* | June 30, 2009 |

*tentative start dates

HOW DOES EMAIL WORK?

Dual program students have two email accounts, one through the law school and one through the graduate school of business. Your law school email is the first letter of your first name and the first six letters of your last name followed by @lawschool.gonzaga.edu. You can access your law school email account by going to the law school website. Your business school email is the first letter of your first name and the first six letters of your last name followed by @gonzaga.edu. You can access this email account by going to www.zagmail.gonzaga.edu (if you have a common name i.e. Joe Smith, you may need to contact the help desk to get your email address). Students can **link their accounts** in zagweb by going to: Options/Remote Servers/type in email you want to link it to in the URL area and enter your password. For help with your business school account, contact the **help desk at (509)313-5550**. If your accounts are not linked, **make sure to check both of them as law school professors will use your law school account to get in touch with you and business school professors will use your business school account.**

SUMMER SCHOOL

If a dual degree student is taking any credits at the Law School during the summer and would like to take more than 5 combined business and/or law credits during a law school summer session or more than 8 combined business and/or law credits over the entire summer term, they will be required to submit a request for permission to the Associate Dean of the Law School. If approved they can take up to 6 credits hours in a single summer semester, but no more than 10 combined in both sessions. Due to accreditation requirements, the maximum credits that may be allowed are 6 in a single session and 10 for the entire summer term.

| Important Contacts: | | |
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| Questions Regarding... | School of Law www.law.gonzaga.edu | Graduate School of Business www.gonzaga.edu/mba |
| Admissions & Applications | Susan Lee, Director, Admissions (509) 313-3734 slee@lawschool.gonzaga.edu | Stacey Chatman, Asst Director GSB Admissions (509) 313-4622 chatman@gonzaga.edu |
| Financial Aid | Joan Henning, Counselor (509) 313-3859 jhenning@lawschool.gonzaga.edu | Sharon Griffith, Financial Aid Counselor (509) 313-6581 griffiths@gonzaga.edu |
| Billing | Student Accounts (509) 313-6812 studentaccounts@gonzaga.edu | Student Accounts (509) 313-6812 studentaccounts@gonzaga.edu |
| Registration | Sharon Day, Registrar (509) 313-3731 sday@lawschool.gonzaga.edu | Registrar's Office (509) 313-6592 registrar@gonzaga.edu |
| Graduation | Sharon Day, Registrar (509) 313-3731 sday@lawschool.gonzaga.edu | Janice Carruthers, Academic Records Evaluator (509) 313-6593 carruthers@gonzaga.edu |
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