

**2009-2010**

**DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM:**

**J.D. /M.B.A.**

**Boston University**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Recognizing that the worlds of law and business have become increasingly interdependent and complex, the School of Law and the Graduate School of Management at Boston University are pleased to offer a formal dual-degree program in Law and Management. Because of the many areas of focus shared by the two schools, students can complete the J.D./M.B.A. dual program in as little as four calendar years.

**II. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for the dual-degree program include:

- A. Online applications to **both** the School of Management, (<http://management.bu.edu/apply>) and the School of Law. For application procedures for the School of Law, please see <http://www.bu.edu/law/prospective/apply/jd/index.html>  
Students must be accepted by both schools.

**For Graduate School of Management:**

- 1) Students ordinarily apply to the School of Management before or during their first year of law school to begin the M.B.A. program in their second year of law school. However, students also can apply to the Graduate School of Management to begin their master's degree program their third year of law studies. In that case, students would be behind by two School of Management courses out of the total number of courses required for the M.B.A. degree;
- 2) An official score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) from the past 5 years. (The LSAT will **not** be accepted in lieu of the GMAT);
- 3) Two (2) letters of recommendation;
- 4) All (4) required essays;
- 5) Official copies of all university-level transcripts (undergraduate and graduate);

6) Current resumé

7) Although work experience is not a requirement of admission, **candidates with little or no work experience should be stronger in other admission criteria, such as GPA and GMAT;**

8) Application deadlines for GSM:

November 15<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

(If an application is complete by a deadline, the admission decision is guaranteed to be mailed within four weeks).

B. Students beginning the dual-degree program during and after the fall of 2006 must complete the following courses for the M.B.A.:

The required courses (a total of 40 **GSM\*** credit hours) must be completed within the Graduate School of Management. **Note that the MBA program has a strict policy on having the appropriate prerequisites for certain courses. Also, not all courses are offered each semester, so please be sure to meet with the GSM dual degree advisor before you register for each semester to plan your MBA courses and to make sure what courses will be offered!** The required MBA courses are:

- 1) OB 712 – Managing Organizations and People (4 **GSM** credits)-***must be taken first***
- 2) AC 711 -- Financial Reporting and Control (4 **GSM** credits)
- 3) MK 724—Marketing Management (4 **GSM** credits)-(***Note: AC 711 must be taken before or concurrently***)
- 4) QM 717 -- Data Analysis for Managerial Decision-Making (4 **GSM** credits)  
(***Note: OB 712 must be taken before***)
- 5) FE 722 -- Financial Management (4 **GSM** credits) (***Note: OB 712 must be taken before; AC 711 must be taken before or concurrently***)
- 6) FE 730 -- Economics and Management Decisions (4 **GSM** credits) (***Note: OB 712 must be taken before; recommend that QM 717 be taken before***)
- 7) OM 726 -- Creating Value Through Operations and Technology (4 **GSM** credits) (***Note: OB 712, AC 711, and QM 717 must be taken before; recommend that MK 724 and FE 722 be taken before***)
- 8) IS 711– IT Strategies for a Networked Economy (4 **GSM** credits) (***Note: OB 712, AC 711, and QM 717 must be taken before***)
- 9) SI 751-- Competition, Innovation and Strategy (4 **GSM** credits) (***Note: OB 712, AC 711, MK 724 and OM 726 must be taken before***)  
*We recommend that students take this in the fall or spring semesters. A limited number of summer 1 slots will be available to J.D./M.B.A. students.*
- 10) Executive Communications (1 **GSM** credit)  
*One of the following courses will meet this requirement: **ES700 – Executive Presentations, ES701- Executive Written Communication***
- 11) ES707 -- Managing Career Growth (1 **GSM** credit)

- 12) PL 700--Business Law & Ethics (2 **GSM** credits)  
*This course may be waived with the completion of appropriate coursework at LAW.*

\*GSM=Graduate School of Management credits. Note that ordinarily the number of Law credits for these courses will differ because of ABA requirements for calculating Law credits; please check with the **Law Registrar's Office** for credit conversions.

**Please note that dual-degree students must take evening classes at GSM.**

- C. There are no specific LAW courses required for the J.D./M.B.A. Program, but it is strongly suggested that students take courses in the areas of commercial law, business organizations, government regulation of business, and taxation.

\***NOTE:** No law-taught management courses (e.g., LAW Principles of Accounting) may be transferred to the School of Management for M.B.A. credit.

- D. After the first year of Law School, students may apply toward the J.D. (Law) degree no more than two graduate-level M.B.A. courses in one semester; however, students may apply toward the J.D. degree a **maximum of 12 credits total** of non-law, graduate-level work taken at GSM.

- E. **NOTE:** In order to satisfy American Bar Association accreditation requirements, the number of credits that the School of Law can grant for a graduate-level course taken at GSM may be different from the credits allocated by GSM for that course; therefore, students must check with the School of Law Registrar's Office to verify the number of credits that may be applied toward the J.D. degree for a GSM course.

- F. Although GSM has a summer session, courses offered during the summer session are limited and vary from year to year. Also, students who take summer GSM courses while a law student must pay extra tuition for those courses. Please note that summer courses taken at GSM may **not** be applied toward the J.D. degree.

- G. While students are attending both the School of Law and the Graduate School of Management, they pay only one tuition. If students exceed 18 credits in a given semester, they will be charged additional tuition.

- H. GSM merit-based financial aid is very limited. Students with merit-based scholarships from the Law School should not expect scholarship awards from GSM.

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