XX. JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

C. Joint JD/MBI (Master of Business Informatics) Degree Program

NKU Chase College of Law and the NKU College of Informatics offer a joint JD/MBI degree.

A student entering the joint JD/MBI program is required to complete 108 semester credit-hours, consisting of 81 hours in the College of Law and at least 27 hours in the College of Informatics. 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 30 in Business Informatics. Thus, the joint degree program allows the student to take 9 fewer law credit-hours and 3 fewer Informatics credit-hours. This potentially could allow a student to complete the joint degree program as much as a year earlier.

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

Informatics Curriculum

The Business Informatics (MBI) portion of this degree offers practical, hands-on experience and theoretical discussions of current and future trends in developing applications and managing corporate information systems. The purpose of the informatics courses is to provide students a good understanding of the information technology and information systems areas so as to incorporate them fully and practically into a legal environment.

The MBI program requires a competence in basic business courses or background. Additional foundation courses may be required for those students admitted to the program with a limited business or programming educational background. The requirement of these courses can be met based on undergraduate/graduate (transcripted) coursework completed or with professional experience.

Required

MBI 625 Information Systems in Organizations (3 credits)
MBI 630 Systems Analysis and Design (3 credits)
MBI 635 Database Management Systems (3 credits)
MBI 640 Data Communication & Networking (3 credits)
MBI 645 Electronic Commerce (3 credits)
MBI 650 Information Technology Project Management (3 credits)
MBI 685 Corporate IS Management (Capstone) (3 credits)

Electives (2 required)

MBI 647 ERP Business Process Analysis Using SAP
MBI 655 Advanced Business Application Programming
MBI 657 ERP Business Process Integration Using SAP
MBI 660 Data Warehousing and Data Mining
MBI 665 Knowledge Management and Decision Support Systems
MBI 667 ERP Business Intelligence Using SAP
MBI 670 Object-Oriented Software Engineering
MBI 675 Enterprise Workflow Design and Reengineering
MBI 677 ERP Programming for SAP
MBI 680 Global Information Technology and Systems
MBI 682 Information Security and Controls
MBI 692 Information Systems Research
MBI 694 Topics in Information Systems

Additional Admission Requirements:
1. A total score of at least 450 on the GMAT or a combined score of 1,000 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

2. An admissions formula total of at least
   1,000 points based on the formula (200 x GPA on 4.0 scale) + GMAT or
   1,050 points based on the formula (200 x GPA on 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester hours) + GMAT or
   1,500 points based on the formula (200 x GPA on 4.0 scale) + GRE


*Students applying to the joint JD/MBI may use the LSAT score in lieu of the GMAT or GRE. Check with the MBI office for current formula.*

**Law Curriculum**

**Required Courses for Joint Degree (63 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)
Criminal Procedure (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)
Intellectual Property Survey (3)

Elective Courses (18 hours)

The additional 18 hours needed to fulfill the total of 81 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 the College of Law’s Student Handbook.

Additional Information and Requirements

Students enrolled in the joint program should complete their first year of the JD program before beginning to take courses in the College of Informatics. Thereafter, students are encouraged to blend their classes each semester so that a student can gain a better understanding of the interplay between law and informatics.

Students enrolled in the joint degree program are advised to take these courses, as they are available: Patent Law and Patent Prosecution.

No more than 6 hours of credit from courses listed in the “18 Hour Rule” will apply to the 81 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 Informatics will determine whether that student may continue to pursue the MBI degree outside of the joint degree program.
**Academic Standing**

A student who fails to meet academic requirements of the College of Informatics 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 Informatics will determine whether that student may continue to pursue the MBI degree.