



# Joint Juris Doctor - Master of Business Administration

The University of Detroit Mercy's MBA program offers a personal academic approach to help you prepare for a rapidly evolving business world.

Admission to the joint JD-MBA program is contingent upon separate admissions to the Law program and the MBA program. However, the applicant is not formally admitted into the Joint JD-MBA Program until satisfactory completion of the first year of law studies (30 credit hours), with no grade below 2.2 and an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.80 or higher.

## Program Features

- Classes Downtown! - Evening MBA classes will be available at the Riverfront Campus, 651 East Jefferson Avenue as well as the McNichols Campus, 4001 W. McNichols Road.
- Scholarships for the MBA program are available: students who score a 600 or higher on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) may reduce their tuition by half. For more information, contact Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Business Programs Omid Sabbaghi at [omid.sabbaghi@udmercy.edu](mailto:omid.sabbaghi@udmercy.edu).
- A limited number of Graduate Assistantships are available on a competitive basis.

## Admission Requirements

The Joint JD-MBA Program incorporates two sets of academic requirements. Those two sets of requirements interface to allow a significant saving in course work when compared to an individual's efforts in accomplishing both degrees on a back-to-back, or independent basis.

### JD Requirements Under the Joint Program

Law School course requirements include 78 credit hours, including all required courses of the regular law curriculum.

### MBA Requirements Under the Joint Program

MBA courses include from 24-45 credit hours of graduate business courses, depending upon the applicant's former exposure to business courses in general.

Depending upon the applicant's former performance in business courses work, the JD-MBA candidate may take from 0-21 credit hours in the MBA's pre-core requirements. Students having

to fulfill pre-core courses will be waived from MBA 5100. JD-MBA students are required to complete 24 credit hours in the MBA's core structure. Students are waived from MBA 5210. At the MBA post-core level, JD-MBA students are required to fulfill MBA 5900. In addition, the post-core requirement of nine credit hours of electives will be fulfilled by a cognate.

## Do I need the GMAT?

1. Was your undergraduate grade point average 3.0 or above?
2. Do you have 7 or more years of professional experience?
3. Have you already earned a graduate or professional degree?

If you can answer “YES” to at least two of these questions, then you have an excellent chance to gain admission to the AACSB accredited MBA program at the University of Detroit Mercy **WITHOUT TAKING THE GMAT!** Otherwise, you should plan to submit official scores from either the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE). For more information, contact Student Services Coordinator for CBA Graduate Programs Carrol Parris at 313-993-1203 or [carrol.parris@udmercy.edu](mailto:carrol.parris@udmercy.edu).

## Great Academics

Our renowned business programs have remained fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for more than 60 years. We are the only private school in the state of Michigan to earn this distinction, which places us in the top five percent of business schools worldwide.

Our College of Business Administration is ranked the best private business school in Michigan, and the #2 business school overall by [College Choice](#). Both our undergraduate Management program and our MBA have been ranked among the nation's top 20 Management programs by *U.S. News & World Report*. Our pass rate for first-time candidates on the CPA exam (68%) ranks 19th best in the nation for programs of our size, ahead of both Harvard University (ranked #31, with 63%) and the University of Chicago (ranked #26, with 65%).

## Great Outcomes

Our graduates populate the board rooms and executive offices of major companies, governments, and nonprofits around the world. [View a sample of them here.](#)

## Great Values

Do you want to make the world a better place? We do! No matter which business school you choose, you'll learn the fundamentals of the field, but at Detroit Mercy we can offer you something more: The opportunity and know-how to affect change in the world around you.

Why are we different? Because we're rooted in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions of our religious sponsors. Jesuit and Mercy schools are known for providing students a great, well-rounded education with an emphasis on leadership and service — we don't just teach business; we create community leaders.

<https://business.udmercy.edu/programs/grad/mba-jd.php>

While in school, hone your skills by participating in service learning projects aimed at helping others, like providing volunteer income tax assistance and teaching financial literacy classes. You'll learn business, but also so much more.

## Great American City

Do you want to go to school in a city rich with culture and entertainment, known for its music, theater, food, sports and world-class museums?

And what about a city with 20 Fortune 500 companies nearby? Think about the possibilities for job placements and internships!

If this sounds good to you, then you might just feel at home at University of Detroit Mercy. Our students learn, work and play in the Motor City. And as a business student, you'll be at the forefront of the industry, surrounded by opportunities to make a name for yourself before you're even done with school.

Your on-campus opportunities are plentiful, too. You'll get great personal attention from your professors, thanks to our student-centered environment and small class sizes, and you can meet new friends with similar interests in our many clubs and organizations.

But as much as we take pride in our Detroit roots and campus experience, we also understand how important it is for our students to experience the world at large. That's why we offer study abroad opportunities through our International Studies in Business travel course — experience the world of business in Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona and Rome.

Come, open the door, visit us and learn how you can play an active role in creating your own path to success. **Build a Boundless Future at the University of Detroit Mercy!**

**APPLICATION**  
**JD/MBA JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM**  
**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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Title (Mr., Ms., etc.)    First Name    M.I.    Last Name    Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.)

Previous/Maiden Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Citizenship                      UDM I.D. Number

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City                      County (if in Michigan) State/Province or Country                      Zip/Postal Code

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Area Code/Home Phone                      Area Code/Work Phone                      E-mail

**CURRENT PROGRAM INFORMATION**

1.    To what term are you applying for admission to the joint degree program?  
I am applying for: Fall Semester 20\_\_\_\_ Winter Semester 20\_\_\_\_ Summer Semester 20\_\_\_\_
  
2.    Applicants currently enrolled in the JD program at UDM School of Law:
  - a.    Have you been accepted into UDM MBA PROGRAM?                      Yes    No
  
  - b.    How many credit hours will you have completed at the School in the Law by the time you begin the joint degree program?                      \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.    Will you begin MBA pre-core or core courses during the summer?                      Yes    No
  
3.    Applicants currently enrolled in MBA Program at the UDM College of Business Administration:
  - a.    Have you been accepted into UDM JD Program?                      Yes    No
  
  - b.    If not, have you taken the LSAT?                      Yes    No

- c. How many credit hours will you have completed in the MBA Program by the time you begin the joint degree program? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CERTIFICATION**

By signing this application I apply for admission to the joint JD-MBA degree program. I authorize the School of Law and the College of Business Administration to forward copies of my current file to each other, if necessary, to process my application to the School of Law or MBA program. I understand that final admission into the joint program is contingent upon admission to both the College of Business Administration and the School of Law. I also understand that I must maintain a 2.8 GPA in law courses and a 3.0 GPA in business courses to remain in the joint degree program and to receive the two degrees. I also understand that I must complete requirements for both degrees before either is awarded. If I do not maintain these eligibility requirements, I may remain in both programs, but must complete the normal requirements for each degree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this application to:

**Registrar  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
651 E. Jefferson  
Detroit, MI 48226**

or

**Director of Graduate Business Programs  
College of Business Administration  
University of Detroit Mercy  
PO Box 19900  
Detroit, MI 48219**

**Note: The School of Law JD/MBA Faculty Advisor will be in communication with Program Applicants once the aforementioned criteria has been met regarding acceptance into the Program.**



# Master of Business Administration

## Recommendation Form

**This section to be completed by the applicant (please print)**

*Please give this form and the recommendation envelope to the person writing the recommendation. You or the recommender may return the form to me via fax, scan/email, or snail mail.*

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Name of applicant

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Date of birth (MM/DD)

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Name and title of recommender

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Relationship of recommender to applicant

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From To

**I recognize the confidential nature of this document and**  **I waive my right to access.**  **I do not waive my right to access.**

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Signature of applicant

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Date

**This section to be completed by the recommender**

This applicant is seeking admission to the MBA program at the University of Detroit Mercy. To assess the appropriateness of this choice for the individual, we would appreciate your candid opinion regarding the qualifications listed below. If there is any item for which you have little or no evidence, please indicate. Also, if you wish to supplement the recommendation with additional comments, attach an extra page. However, please complete this form.

**1. Please indicate your evaluation of the applicant by checking the appropriate rating.**

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Chance to Observe
<b>Problem Solving</b> (is able to define the problem; uses critical thinking; is flexible and objective; is imaginative and reflective)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Communication Skills</b> (writes clearly; presents ideas in an organized fashion; articulates ideas effectively in spoken form; listens)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Ethics/Values</b> (is willing to examine the impact of personal and professional choices; demonstrates beliefs concerning what is morally right and proper as opposed to what is simply correct or effective; is aware of social, political, and economic inequalities and their effects)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Motivation</b> (demonstrates initiative; works hard; assumes responsibility; is goal driven demonstrates; empathy, patience, respect, caring, and sense of humor)enthusiastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Commitment</b> (identifies with, is involved in, and enjoys membership in the organization) is willing and able to tolerate ambiguity; maintains appropriate boundaries; is self-motivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Service</b> (volunteers to benefit the community and/or its institutions; practices responsible citizenship)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. What are the applicant's strengths as you see them?**

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**3. What are the applicant's limitations as you see them?**

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**4. Other comments:**

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**5. Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I strongly recommend the applicant for admission.

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend the applicant for admission.

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend the applicant for admission with some reservation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend the applicant for admission.

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Signature of Recommender	Date	
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Name of Recommender	Title	Phone
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Institution	Email Address	
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Address	City, State, Zip	

**Thank you for submitting this recommendation.**

**Please make a photocopy for your records.**

**Please return completed at your earliest convenience to Carrol Parris:**

**By Email:** [carrol.parris@udmercy.edu](mailto:carrol.parris@udmercy.edu)

**By Fax:** 313-993-3326

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Detroit, Michigan 48221-3038