

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SMEAL - M.B.A., D.B.A.)

Joint Degrees

Joint J.D./M.B.A. with Penn State Law

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-211 Joint Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-211-joint-degree-programs/>).

Smeal College of Business and the Penn State Law offer a joint degree program leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). We live in a global society where complex legal structures interact with dynamic and powerful market forces. Individuals with backgrounds in both business and law have a distinct advantage in understanding this interaction and are uniquely positioned for success in our modern society. The Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (J.D./M.B.A.) joint degree program provides outstanding, highly motivated students the opportunity to combine a Juris Doctor degree from Penn State Law with an M.B.A. degree from Penn State's internationally ranked Smeal MBA Program (Smeal). Participants in this program earn both a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Business Administration in four years.

In order to be admitted to the program, students must first be admitted and enrolled in Penn State Law and subsequently admitted to the Smeal College of Business.

Admission Requirements

Candidates must apply to Penn State Law and Smeal separately and must meet each school's requirements. The admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration degree are listed on the Admission Requirements tab. Admissions requirements and applications for admission for Penn State Law are available at the J.D. Admissions (<https://www.pennstatelaw.psu.edu/penn-state-law-jd-admissions>) section of the Penn State Law website.

Degree Requirements

Credit Requirements: Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree. Seven credits of coursework from the J.D. program, identified in consultation with the graduate program, will be double counted towards the M.B.A. degree requirements. Degree requirements for the J.D. program are listed on the Penn State Law website (<https://www.pennstatelaw.psu.edu/jd-degree-requirements>). Degree requirements for the M.B.A. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

Advising of Students: All students in the program shall have two advisers, one from Smeal and one from Penn State Law. Periodic interaction between the two advisers is encouraged.

Graduation: If students accepted into the joint degree program are unable to complete the J.D. degree, they are still eligible to receive the M.B.A. degree if all the M.B.A. degree requirements have been satisfied.

Joint M.D./M.B.A. with the College of Medicine

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Smeal College of Business and the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine offer a joint degree program leading to the degrees of Medical Doctor (M.D.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). The objective of the program is to produce highly qualified clinicians who also understand the challenges of running a business. The Medical Doctor/Master of Business Administration (M.D./M.B.A.) joint degree program provides outstanding students the opportunity to combine a Medical Doctor degree from the College of Medicine, a highly respected medical college and medical center, with an M.B.A. degree from Penn State's internationally ranked Smeal MBA Program (Smeal). Participants in this program earn both a Medical Doctor degree and a Master of Business Administration in five years.

In order to be admitted to the program, students must first be admitted and enrolled in the COM as a medical student and subsequently admitted to Smeal. Each program will make a separate admission decision. Students admitted to both programs will be admitted as joint degree candidates.

Students currently enrolled at the College of Medicine in the M.D. program may apply to the M.D./M.B.A. program during their first three years at the College of Medicine by applying to the M.B.A. program, as described on the Admission Requirements tab.

Admission Requirements

The admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration degree are listed on the Admission Requirements tab. Admissions requirements and applications for admission for Penn State College of Medicine are available at the M.D. Program (<http://www.med.psu.edu/md>) section of the Penn State College of Medicine website.

Degree Requirements

Credit Requirements: Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Seven credits of coursework from the M.D. program, identified in consultation with the graduate program, will be double counted towards the M.B.A. degree requirements. Degree requirements for the M.D. program are listed on the College of Medicine website (<http://www.med.psu.edu/md>). Degree requirements for the M.B.A. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

Sequence: Students may choose to conduct their study in either of the two sequences shown below. Each "Year" refers to the traditional academic year beginning in late August and concluding in May. The College of Medicine students can expect to take courses during the summer. The Smeal College of Business does not offer any classes over the summer term.

Years 1-3: M.D. foundation and advanced course work at the College of Medicine.

Year 4: M.B.A. course work at the University Park location.

Year 5: Return to M.D. course work at the College of Medicine.

Advising of Students: All students in the program shall have two advisers, one from the Smeal College of Business and one from the College of Medicine. Periodic interaction between the two advisers is encouraged.

Graduation: If students accepted into the joint degree program are unable to complete the M.D. degree, they are still eligible to receive the M.B.A. degree if all the M.B.A. degree requirements have been satisfied.