RULE XIX: UNH JD/MBA PROGRAM

A. Dual Degree Programs Offered with UNH

1. The University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (law school) and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) offer students the opportunity to earn a Juris Doctor (JD) degree and an additional Master of Business Administration (MBA), or Master of Social Work (MSW), or Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree pursuant to these dual degree program rules.

2. Dual Degree Program defined. The Dual Degree Program differs from the law school Joint Degree Program. Dual degrees are conferred by the law school and another UNH school pursuant to these and related rules. By contrast, joint degrees are offered only by the law school. For instance, the law school offers JD students the opportunity to earn a JD degree and an additional degree such as a Master of Intellectual Property (MIP) or Master of Laws in Intellectual Property (LLM). The law school confers both degrees in the joint degree program.

3. These rules apply to all students enrolled in a dual degree program. Additionally, all other JD degree academic rules apply to JD students enrolled in a dual degree program. Where conflict between other JD academic rules and these rules exists, these dual degree rules shall apply. Moreover, while a JD student is enrolled in a Master’s degree programs at UNH, the academic rules governing that degree program also are applicable to the student.

B. Eligibility Requirements for JD Students to Apply for and Matriculate into Dual Degree Programs

1. Prospective JD Students. A prospective law student may matriculate as Dual Degree student provided that the law school and UNH have accepted the student into both programs on the student’s first day of law school.

2. Matriculated JD Students. Following matriculation at the law school, a JD student may apply to the MBA, MSW or MPP program at any time prior to the end of the JD student’s second semester.

3. Regardless of whether a student is eligible under B. 1 or 2, a JD student must achieve a B (3.0) average at the end of the first JD year to be eligible to matriculate into or apply to a dual degree program. Before matriculating into a UNH Master’s degree program, the student must supply to the UNH Master’s degree program a transcript and letter signed by the Assistant Dean of Students confirming the applicant’s academic eligibility to participate in the UNH Master’s degree program.

C. Dual Degree Planning and Advising

1. 1L students entering law school as dual degree candidates. By the end of the second semester, an eligible dual degree candidate will meet with the faculty advisor and the Assistant Dean of Students to plan a course of study for the dual degree program. The student must submit a plan to the Registrar and to the Master’s degree program by June 30.

2. All other dual degree candidates. Students who are eligible and wish to enroll in a dual degree program after their first year of law school must meet with their faculty advisor, the Business Services Office (BSC), and the Assistant Dean of Students to determine the feasibility of completing the degree within the timeframe permitted and to discuss the impact of the dual degree to their financial arrangements for tuition, including scholarships, and how the remaining semesters will be billed. After these meetings, all such students shall submit their curricular plans for approval by the Assistant Dean for Students. Following approval from the Assistant Dean for Students, students must submit their approved plans to the Registrar before the start of the semester in which the student will become a dual degree candidate.

D. Admission Requirements

Admission of a JD student into any dual degree program is conditioned on the JD student satisfying all of the requirements herein and the admission policies applicable to any applicant seeking admission into the UNH Master’s degree program.

C. Degree Requirements for JD/MBA Candidates

1. To receive a dual degree, the candidate must successfully complete the minimum number of credits required for both the JD and the Master’s degree, complete the required coursework, meet the law school’s residency requirements, fulfill all financial obligations to the law school and comply with the law school’s conduct code.

2. Transfer of Course Credits. Provided that the grades earned satisfy the requirements of JD Rule 1.B, and the student is in good academic standing in both programs, the following transfer of course credits may occur:

   a. MSW dual degree program
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ii. The law school will accept up to 12 MBA course credits toward the JD, from among the following:
D. Academic Information

1. In any semester, a student enrolled in a Master's degree program may enroll in a maximum of 3 credits at the law school. However, the student may not enroll in a required JD course or “bar course” while also enrolled in a Master's program. In no case shall a dual degree student's combined credit load exceed seventeen credits during a semester or any portion of a semester.

2. Residency Requirement. Dual degree candidates shall spend at least 5 semesters in residency at the law school. For purposes of this rule, any semester in which the student is enrolled in at least twelve law credits and successfully completes 10, will qualify for residency.

3. Eligibility for other law school programs. Dual degree candidates are eligible to participate in law programs as follow:
   a. Law Review. Dual degree candidates are not permitted to participate in any semester when the candidate is not in residence at the law school unless participation is approved in writing by the Law Review Faculty Advisor and Assistant Dean for Students.
   b. Moot Court Competitions and Advisory Board. Dual degree candidates are not permitted to participate in a Moot Court competition or on the Advisory Board in any semester when the candidate is not in residence at the law school unless participation is approved in writing by the Moot Court Board Faculty Advisor and Assistant Dean of Students.
   c. Daniel Webster Scholar Program
      Dual degree candidates must apply at the end of the second semester as instructed by the DWS Director, but the candidate must notify the Director that he/she is pursuing a dual degree. The candidate must request that the DWS application be considered for acceptance into the DWS program following the student’s completion of the Master’s program requirements.
   d. Independent Study
      Dual degree candidates are not permitted to participate in an Independent Study in any semester when they are not in residence at the law school unless the plan is approved in writing by the faculty member supervising the independent study and Assistant Dean of Students.
   e. Joint Degree Programs
      Dual degree candidates are not eligible to participate in the law school’s joint degree programs. However, candidates may pursue an LLM degree offered by the law school following completion of the dual degree program.

F. Conferring of Juris Doctor

1. A dual degree candidate will receive the Master’s Degree and the JD degree upon satisfactory completion of the requirements for receiving each degree.

2. A dual degree student may participate in the law school graduation ceremony with the class in which the student matriculated at the beginning of the JD degree program even though the student may not have completed all requirements for earning the law school degree until December of the graduation year. However, the student may be considered a member of the next year's graduating class for ABA reporting purposes if the ABA so mandates.

G. Dual Degree Protocols or Policies

In addition to these rules, additional law school, business school and graduate school requirements for tuition, financial aid, admissions, and grading are specified in the Dual Degree protocols or similar policies. These protocols are available from the Assistant Dean for Students.

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