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Students can complete both a J.D. and an MBA in three years

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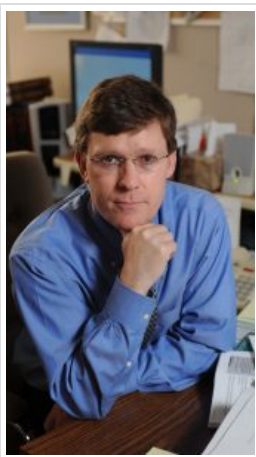
The UM School of Law and School of Business Administration have partnered for a new J.D.-MBA program, allowing students to earn both degrees in just three years. Photo by Robert Jordan/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services

OXFORD, Miss. – For graduates with expertise in both law and business, there’s almost no limit on career choices.

The **University of Mississippi** is offering an opportunity for students to be at the cutting edge of law and business with interdisciplinary skills fit for the modern economy.

The university’s **School of Law** and the **School of Business Administration** have partnered to offer a concurrent J.D.-MBA program, allowing students to earn both degrees in just three years.

“In virtually every industry, a working knowledge of both business concepts and the legal and regulatory environment are crucial skills that will provide the joint program holder with a competitive advantage,” said Mercer Bullard, Butler Snow Lecturer and professor of law.



Mercer Bullard is the UM Butler Snow Lecturer and professor of law. Photo by Robert Jordan/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services

“The joint program deepens students’ understanding of the interaction of business and law, which is a practical necessity for students who may work in heavily regulated fields such as high technology, finance, health care, energy, agriculture and pharmaceuticals.”

Throughout the programs, students will complete 126 credit hours: 81 hours of law classes, 27 hours of MBA classes and 9 hours that will count toward both degrees. Enrollment in summer and intersession courses allows the joint program to be completed in just three years.

Another benefit of the program is that applicants need to take only the LSAT and receive a minimum qualifying score, rather than also taking the GRE, GMAT or any other standardized test.

The law school’s **business law program** consistently is ranked in the top eight nationally by preLaw magazine. At the heart of the school’s stellar business law concentration is the **Business Law Institute**, a shared space that houses both business law faculty and student groups, including the Business Law Network.

The latest addition to the program is the business law fellowship. As fellows, a select group of high-achieving first-year students participate in an exclusive seminar series

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Civil Engineering Professor Receives Most-Cited Paper Award

OXFORD, Miss. – Peer recognition is a rewarding experience for anyone, but University of Mississippi researcher Amir Mehrara Molan was elated when an article he co-authored recently received the Most Cited Paper Award at the 102nd Transportation Research Board meeting in the nation’s capital. The International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology presented the civil engineering

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OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy’s new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying “thank you.” “It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

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U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to

and earn summer positions with some of the nation's leading companies, including FedEx, C Spire and Ingalls Shipbuilding.

The UM business school is ranked in the top 75, according to Bloomberg Businessweek. World-renowned faculty teach the comprehensive curriculum of the challenging MBA program, which encourages teamwork, networking and professional development.

"Ole Miss business students and law students are poised to become leaders in their profession," said Walter Davis, associate professor of management and faculty director of the MBA program. "The joint program offers a unique opportunity for these rising leaders to interact with one another in the classroom and to begin professional relationships that can last for years."

Applicants to the joint program need only complete an LSAC law school application. An introductory class in finance and in accounting is a prerequisite for the MBA component. These prerequisites can be satisfied while completing coursework for the J.D. component, although in this case, three-year completion may be difficult.

For more information on application requirements, visit <https://law.olemiss.edu/>.




Walter Davis is a professor and faculty director of the MBA program in the School of Business Administration. Photo by Kevin Bain/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services

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