

# SOUTHWESTERN

## LAW SCHOOL Los Angeles, CA

### Interdisciplinary Programs Policy

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**Related policies:** Maximum JD Unit Policy.

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#### A. Drucker Joint JD/MBA Program

Southwestern Law School and the Drucker Graduate School of Management, part of Claremont Graduate University (CGU) at the Claremont Colleges, offer dual-degree programs to expand students' educational and career options. Students at Southwestern and the Drucker School can earn a J.D. and Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Law students who wish to earn the JD/MBA degree are eligible to apply a select number of their units completed at each institution toward their Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees. The remaining units will be completed at each respective institution.

Program	Eligible Transfer Units	Units Required (Southwestern)	Units Required (Drucker)
JD/MBA	10	77	38

In addition to the required coursework at the Drucker Graduate School of Management, students will have the opportunity to select some elective courses according to their interests.

Requirements for the JD/MBA can be found here: <https://www.swlaw.edu/jd-llm-programs/jdmba>. The Associate Dean for Student Services or a Vice Dean must approve a joint-degree student's courses at the beginning of each semester.

## **B. Keck Graduate Institute Certificate Program**

Southwestern and the Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), a member of the Claremont Colleges, have established a Bioscience Industry Law and Practice certificate program to provide law students and Master of Bioscience (MBS) students with a unique understanding of the interplay between law and the fast-growing bioscience industry.

Through this certificate program, qualified Southwestern students interested in intellectual property, for example, could take courses at KGI in technology management, entrepreneurship, and bioscience industry dynamics. Conversely, qualified KGI students interested in bioscience industry dynamics could take courses at Southwestern in intellectual property law, patent and trademark law, and regulatory law as it applies to health care and the bioscience industry.

The certificate program is small and highly competitive, with approximately two to four students from each school each year participating. The schools will select candidates for the program from among their current student bodies; applicants will generally be from the top 20% of their class or cohort. Southwestern students will be eligible to enter the certificate program after completing their first or second year of law school. KGI students may enter the certificate program after completing their first year of the MBS program. Southwestern students will have up to two years to complete the policy certificate program. KGI MBS students must complete the certificate program during their second year.

Students accepted into the certificate program will pay no additional tuition to the partner institution provided they complete the certificate requirements concurrent with earning their J.D. or MBS degree.

More information about this program may be found at <https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/interdisciplinary-study/keck>. The Associate Dean for Student Services or a Vice Dean must approve a joint-degree student's courses at the beginning of each semester.