

Concurrent-Degree Programs: JD/MBA



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Southwestern Law School and **The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management** have joined forces to offer Juris Doctor/Masters of Business Administration degree programs that expand students' educational and career options. Students at Southwestern and The Drucker School, part of Claremont Graduate University (CGU), now have two options through which to concurrently earn the two degrees.

Differing in scheduling and duration, they include:

- **J.D./M.B.A.** - full-time day*
- **J.D./Executive M.B.A.** - part-time evening, for students who have at least five years of senior-level management experience

These programs enable students to acquire the combination of legal training and management skills that is increasingly in demand in a complex global environment. The collaboration reflects the core values of both Drucker and Southwestern as well as their unique curricula, and the genuine desire to prepare graduates not only for fulfilling careers, but to make a positive difference in society.

The concurrent-degree programs build on the reputations of these two prominent schools as leaders in the fields of:

- **Media, Entertainment and Other Creative Industries**
- **Nonprofit Management and Public Interest Law**
- **Transnational Corporate Governance**

Students can pursue a concentration in one of these focus areas or a more general curriculum. Other concentrations offered through The Drucker School include:

- **Strategy**
- **Finance**
- **Marketing**
- **Leadership**

“There seems to be a very nice alignment of values between our two institutions, and a genuine desire for our graduates to not only make a decent professional living but to make a positive difference in society.”

– Hideki Yamawaki
Ito Chair of International Business and Professor of Management, The Drucker School

*a unique accelerated full-time 3-year J.D./M.B.A. is also available in conjunction with Southwestern's 2-year SCALE J.D. program—see sidebar on page 3



“Both schools taught me to think deeply about a problem and defend a particular conclusion or course of action with well-reasoned analysis. Both skills are essential to effective lawyering and management. Both schools also have phenomenal faculties—the professors were always knowledgeable, accessible teachers who took a vested interest in their students’ successes. If you’re interested in the intersection of law and business, there’s no better formal educational curriculum than the J.D./M.B.A. program. Attending Southwestern and Drucker were two of the smartest decisions I’ve ever made”

– Shafiel Karim '13, SCALE J.D./M.B.A. Program
Attorney at Law and Vice President of Strategy,
NHK Laboratories, Inc.

J.D./M.B.A. Concentrations

Managing and Counseling in the Media, Entertainment and Other Creative Industries

Southwestern is listed in the top 10 of The Hollywood Reporter’s roster of America’s Top Entertainment Law Schools and offers the first concurrent J.D./M.B.A. degree program in the country to focus on media and entertainment.

60+ courses and seminars* such as:

- Copyright Law
- Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements
- Entertainment Marketing^D
- Financing and Distributing Independent Films
- Foundations of Business in the Creative Industries^D
- IP Licensing: Law and Practice
- Music Industry Contracts
- Patent Preparation and Prosecution
- Television Production Law
- Trademark Law

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

- 50+ externships in settings such as MGM Studios, PBS, and Warner Music Group
- Entertainment Law Firm Practicum
- Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic
- *Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law*
- Moot Court Honors Program teams fielded to entertainment, information technology and privacy, and telecommunications competitions
- Negotiation Honors Program teams fielded to entertainment law and sports law competitions
- Summer entertainment law programs in London and Los Angeles
- Student Organizations: Entertainment Law Society, Intellectual Property Law Society, Music Law Society, Media Law Forum
- Biederman (Entertainment Law) Blog
- Biederman Scholars mentoring program

Nonprofit Management and Public Interest Law

The curriculum focuses on management of the nonprofit enterprise, including legal issues, marketing, fundraising, financing and accounting. Students build skills in organizational, board and financial governance; legal and intellectual property issues; management and administration; leadership; and organizational development.

60+ courses and seminars* such as:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Arts and Cultural Policy^D
- Environmental Law
- Estate Planning and Drafting
- Finance and Accounting for Nonprofits^D
- International Protection of Human Rights
- The 21st Century Nonprofit Leader^D
- Law and Social Change

^D Part of the Drucker MBA curriculum

*Course titles and selection subject to change. Some courses are not offered every year, and seminar topics vary from year to year. Some courses are only offered through the January Intersession or Southwestern’s Summer Abroad programs.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

- On-campus clinics: Appellate Litigation, Children's Rights, Immigration Law, Street Law, Youth Offender Parole Hearing
- Practicums: Amicus Project, Immigration Appeals
- Externship placements such as Alliance for Children's Rights, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Disability Rights Legal Center, LA Center for Law and Justice
- Year-long Externship Programs with Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, and Central American Resource Center
- Public Interest Summer Law Grants
- Silbert Public Interest Law Fellowships
- Public Service Program and Awards
- Student organizations and activities: Drucker Net Impact, Drucker Philanthropy Club, Homelessness Prevention Law Project, Hoover Elementary Mock Trial, Immigration Law Students Association, OneJustice and Justice Bus™, Public Interest Law Committee, Tax Law Society's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, Teen Court

Transnational Corporate Governance

This concentration focuses on corporate governance issues at both the local and transnational levels, ranging from raising capital for companies around the world to human rights concerns related to global business.

45+ courses and seminars^a such as:

- Doing Business in Asia^D
- Global Economy^D
- Global Strategy^D
- Global Tort Litigation
- International Law in Practice
- International Litigation and Arbitration
- International Protection of Human Rights
- Law and International Development
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance
- Strategic Alliances

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

- Externship placements such as Central American Resource Center; Clinical Programmes Initiative of Rural Governance (India); U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Student exchange programs through the North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE) and with The Hague Law School in The Netherlands, and with Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina
- Summer study abroad programs and externships in Argentina, England and Mexico
- *Southwestern Journal of International Law*
- *Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law*
- Moot Court Honors Program teams fielded to three annual international law competitions
- Student organizations: Immigration Law Students Association, International Law Society

Degree Requirements

Southwestern students concurrently pursuing the J.D./M.B.A. degree can:

- apply 16 units earned at the law school to the 60 units required for the M.B.A.
- apply 16 units earned at Drucker to the 87 units required for the J.D.
- complete both degrees within 4 to 4½ years

Note: Southwestern also offers a 3-year JD/MBA program as part of its accelerated SCALE® program—see sidebar for details.

The SCALE 3-Year J.D./M.B.A. Option

Through Southwestern's accelerated two-year SCALE® Program, students can earn both the J.D. and M.B.A. degrees in just three years. Students in this program spend their first year at Southwestern, their second at Drucker and their third taking courses at both schools. The course requirements of the two degrees are satisfied by units that are cross-applied and by specially designed externships and joint courses that incorporate classroom instruction in law and management with hands-on skills training. During the summers, students can choose to acquire practical experience by working for compensation and taking evening or weekend elective courses, or participating in an externship or study abroad program.

admissions.swlaw.edu/scalejdmba

Students with extensive management experience can choose the 48-unit **Executive J.D./M.B.A.** (E.M.B.A.) track and can:

- apply 10 units earned at Southwestern toward the E.M.B.A.
- apply 10 units earned at Drucker toward the J.D.

Program	Unit Transfer*	Required Units (Southwestern)	Required Units (Drucker)	Duration (years)**	Status
JD/MBA	16	71	44	4 - 4.5	Full-time
JD/EMBA	10	77	38	varies	Part-time

*Number of transferable units that can be applied to each degree

**Approximate duration for each program; EMBA duration varies based on scheduling

Note: Degree requirements and course offerings are subject to change.

Application Process

Candidates can apply using Southwestern's J.D./M.B.A. application form, found at www.swlaw.edu/applyonline (complete details available at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants). Additional requirements include:

- Official GMAT Test Score(s) (GMAT not required for applicants who score at least 155 on the LSAT or for EMBA students)
- At least one letter of recommendation explicitly addressing the candidate's suitability for the JD/MBA program
- Personal statement that should address why the applicant is seeking a concurrent degree
- Two additional essay questions (written and visual) in response to specific prompts see www.swlaw.edu/student-services/jdadmin/applicants.
- A personal interview

Application Deadlines

Southwestern reviews applications on a rolling basis. The application deadline is **April 1**, but the concurrent-degree program's priority deadline is **February 15**.

Students who submit their applications by this date will receive priority consideration for financial aid.

Note: Offers of admission from The Drucker School of Business are contingent upon successful completion (3.0 or higher GPA) of the first year at Southwestern. Those concurrent-degree students who fall below 3.0 after the first year may be subject to additional application requirements or revocation of their admissions offer from The Drucker School.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees based on the units they take at each school. These costs are charged by the schools respectively; current tuition rates and fees can be found on each school's website www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/tuition and www.cgu.edu/pages/1389.asp.

Financial aid is available to students in the form of loans, work study and institutional scholarships, and students admitted to the concurrent-degree program are eligible for merit-based scholarships. Detailed information can be found at www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/typesofaid/grants.



"It's been helpful to have my business background, especially when dealing with clients who are big companies, where it is vital to have a good understanding of their structures. If you want a broader perspective, or you're interested in being in-house counsel for a company, I think having the business background is imperative. Or if you want to start your own law firm, the business background is extremely helpful as well. Law firms are all about managing people. They're a business, too, and I think so much of what we learn in business school is essential for the practice of law."

– Sarah Braun '12, J.D./M.B.A. Program
Attorney at Law, Ruttenberg
IP Law



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

- Peter F. Drucker

The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management

The Drucker School is one of the nation’s premier management schools. Named for management guru Peter F. Drucker and international retailing giant Masatoshi Ito, the Drucker curriculum integrates perspectives from the social and behavioral sciences, philosophy, the humanities, history, technology, religion and mathematics. Part of Claremont Graduate University (CGU), Drucker has an enrollment of 400 students, allowing for a personalized and practical learning experience. The school is often cited for its leadership in advancing ethical values and social responsibility. The campus is part of the Claremont University Consortium (which includes CGU, the Keck Graduate Institute and Claremont McKenna, Pitzer, Pomona, Scripps and Harvey Mudd Colleges). Known as “the Oxford of America,” the consortium is located in Claremont, California, about an hour east of Southwestern and in close proximity to the MetroLink train station.

Frequently Asked Questions About the J.D./M.B.A. Program

Q: What is the course of study for the concurrent-degree program?

A: Students entering Southwestern or Drucker will spend the first year at Southwestern, taking the 1L coursework. During the second year in the program, students will generally attend Drucker full-time (16 or more units), taking the core M.B.A. coursework. The curriculum in the third and subsequent years will include the remaining required courses and electives for both degrees as necessary. As part of the M.B.A. coursework, students may use their elective options to pursue a concentration or simply choose electives as their interests dictate.

Q: How far apart are the campuses?

A: Depending on where a student lives, he or she could choose to commute from either campus. Drucker is about an hour from Southwestern by freeway or by train. The Drucker campus is walking distance from the Claremont Metrolink train station (www.metrolinktrains.com) and the Southwestern campus is walking distance from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line stop (www.metro.net). Some Drucker courses are periodically offered at Southwestern.

Q: Can third- and fourth-year law students take courses at both schools concurrently?

A: Yes, depending on their course schedule.

Q: Can concurrent-degree students participate in Southwestern’s honors programs?

A: Yes, although students may have to defer participation in these cocurricular activities (*Law Review*, *Law Journal* and the Moot Court, Negotiation or Trial Advocacy honors programs) until the third and fourth years in the program, after taking Drucker’s required courses.

Q: Is there an honors program at Drucker?

A: Yes. Students entering The Drucker School may be accepted as Drucker Fellows or as Doris Drucker Women in Leadership Fellows. For more information, visit www.cgu.edu/fellowships. Graduating students who are in the top 20% of their class are invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma, a business honor society that recognizes the most outstanding students of business at institutions accredited by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

Q: Will I be able to participate in externships/internships as part of these programs?

A: Yes, students may participate in Southwestern’s Externship Program, most likely during their third and fourth years in the concurrent-degree program. Students will also be able to take advantage of the Drucker Career Center and Alumni Office, each of which has programs to help students find internships that will expose them to the real-world skills they will need when they leave school.

Q: If I complete the program successfully, will I receive one diploma or two?

A: You will receive two diplomas—the J.D. from Southwestern and the M.B.A. or E.M.B.A. from Drucker.

Q: Will I have access to both schools’ career planning offices throughout my course of study?

A: Yes.

Q: May I complete the program at one school and then commence the other program sequentially?

A: Yes.

Q: Are students in all Southwestern and Drucker programs eligible for the concurrent-degree program?

A: Yes. Prospective as well as current students in Southwestern's Day, Evening, PLEAS and SCALE® programs may apply along with current and prospective Drucker students and recent alumni (five years out or less).

Q: Can students who have already started law school or business school still apply to the concurrent-degree program?

A: Yes. Students may apply for admission to the concurrent-degree program at any point during law school or business school, but the length of time necessary to complete the two degrees may vary depending upon when the student applies. Students applying for admission to both Southwestern and Drucker who are admitted will be allowed to enroll at Drucker only upon satisfactory completion of their first year at Southwestern.

Q: Why do you require an interview?

A: In order to maximize the likelihood that students accepted into the program will successfully complete both degrees, interviews provide another opportunity to assess an applicant's ability and motivation to pursue this rigorous course of study. Therefore, applicants should schedule an interview with Southwestern in addition to completing the other application requirements for the concurrent-degree program. Drucker students and alumni should contact the Director of Admissions at The Drucker School.

Q: If I am a current Drucker student, do I have to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)?

A: Yes. The LSAT is offered four times per year. The test is administered by the Law School Admission Council and more information can be found at www.lsac.org. Southwestern is an LSAT test site.

Q: Do you accept the LSAT in place of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)?

A: Yes, The Drucker School will accept the LSAT in lieu of the GMAT for current Southwestern students applying for the M.B.A. program who are in the top half of their class. The Drucker School will also waive the GMAT for alumni within five years of graduation who were ranked in the top half of their class and for students entering Southwestern in the Fall 2013 term or later who score 155 and above on the LSAT. All M.B.A. applicants who do not meet these requirements must take the GMAT. E.M.B.A. students are not required to take the GMAT.

Note: See a more extensive list of FAQ and additional details at www.swlaw.edu/academics/drucker/faq.



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Southwestern Law School

One of the most diverse law schools in the country, Southwestern has an enrollment of 1,000 students in full-time and part-time J.D. degree courses of study, including the longest-running two-year J.D. program at an American law school. Masters of Laws (LL.M.) programs for law graduates are also offered in entertainment law or general studies. The school's 12,000 alumni are members of the legal profession in virtually every state and more than a dozen foreign countries and include members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, governors, the longest serving mayor of Los Angeles, over 400 judicial officers, founders of prominent law firms, and general counsel of multinational corporations. Southwestern has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for curricular innovation and its focus on professionalism and practical lawyering skills. The law school's campus is a vibrant, student-centered environment that includes the internationally acclaimed art deco Bullocks Wilshire landmark. Taking advantage of its location in the center of Los Angeles, Southwestern offers one of the most extensive externship programs in the country and is the home of the Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute. Founded in 1911, Southwestern is a nonprofit, nonsectarian independent law school approved by the American Bar Association and a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

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