

**J.D. & M.B.A. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM
CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Summary

The Dual Degree Program allows students to earn a J.D. from California Western School of Law (CWSL) and an M.B.A. from San Diego State University (SDSU) in seven or eight semesters of study. Students spend their first two or three trimesters in the J.D. program at CWSL. Then they join either a Fall or Spring entering class at SDSU and spend two full time semesters at SDSU as part of an M.B.A. first-year class. For the remainder of the Dual Degree Program, students take classes at both SDSU and CWSL. Each school grants credit for twelve units taken at the other school.

Two Degrees in Four Years, Rather Than Five: Students must complete 45 credits at the College of Business to obtain an MBA (33 credits at SDSU and 12 transferred from CWSL) and 89 credits at CWSL to obtain the JD degree (77 at CWSL and 12 transferred from SDSU). This means that students can earn enough credits to graduate from both programs in eight semesters rather than ten semesters if the degrees were pursued separately.

Coordination of the Programs: The advisors and contact persons for the Dual Degree Program are Prof. Scott Ehrlich at CWSL (sbe@cwsl.edu) and Graduate Advisor Suleka Puswella at SDSU (spuswell@mail.sdsu.edu).

Admissions

Participants must apply separately to CWSL and SDSU. Most students first apply to CWSL first and begin the J.D. program. Following admission to CWSL, students apply to SDSU College of Business. Students should make sure they schedule the GMATS or GRE's at an appropriate time so they can have the results in time for their application to SDSU. The two schools may exchange transcripts and other information to facilitate the admissions process.

CWSL Admission: Applicants must take the LSAT, register for the LSDAS, complete an application, including a personal statement and letters of recommendation, and pay a fee. For the Fall entering class, the application deadline is April 1. For the Spring entering class, the deadline is November 1. For more information, see the CWSL website: www.cwsl.edu/admissions

SDSU Admission: Applicants must take the GMAT or GRE, complete the online application and pay the \$55 application fee. Please see the SDSU website for application details: <http://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/grad/admissions>

The sequence for the Dual Degree Program is for students to attend CWSL for two or three trimesters, before beginning matriculation at SDSU. Students must be admitted to CWSL before they apply to SDSU. Most students apply during their first or second semester at CWSL.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Students pay for six full time semesters at California Western and for two full time semesters at SDSU. During the first year of the Program students pay full tuition at California Western. During the second year, students pay SDSU directly for the tuition charges at SDSU.¹ Beginning in the third year and continuing through the end of the Program, students pay only full time tuition at CWSL. CWSL reimburses SDSU for up to three part time semesters of SDSU tuition.

Financial aid is coordinated through the CWSL Financial Aid Office except for the second year of the Program.² In the second year of the Program, financial aid is coordinated through the SDSU Financial Aid Office. Questions regarding financial obligations to SDSU should be directed to Melissa Zimmerman in the SDSU Cashier's office.

Partial Semesters: Because of the Trimester system at California Western, students may be tempted to take more than eight semesters of study to spread the workload. The tuition payments for the Dual Degree Program are based on six semesters of full time attendance at California Western and two semesters of full time attendance at SDSU. If courses are taken during more than eight semesters, there will be additional tuition charges. Please contact the California Western Business Office if you are considering this option.

J.D. Residency Requirements

JD Degree: Under American Bar Association accreditation requirements, you must satisfy the "residency" requirements at CWSL to earn your J.D. degree. This means you must be enrolled at CWSL as a full-time student: (i) for the first two of law school semesters; and, (ii) a minimum of 10 units of classes at the two institutions each semester of the third and fourth years of the program.

Class Registration

Scheduling Issue: Students who attend during the Fall and Spring semesters at either school should not encounter calendaring conflicts. However, the Spring semester at SDSU and the Summer trimester at CWSL overlap by a few weeks. Students who want to take courses at CWSL during the summer trimester need to be careful when planning their schedules if they will be completing a spring semester at SDSU at the same time. It is important to make sure that class times don't conflict and that there is sufficient time to travel between the two schools for the overlapping time period.

¹. CWSL does not distinguish between California residents and non-residents for tuition purposes. SDSU distinguishes between California & non-California residents in assessing tuition & fees. To be a California resident at SDSU, you must be a resident of the state of California for one year and one day prior to enrollment.

². To obtain your financial aid through CWSL in any semester, you must be taking: (i) at least six credits at CWSL, or (ii) six of your credits at SDSU must be transferable towards your CWSL degree, or (iii) six combined CWSL credits & transferable credits from SDSU.

Registration at SDSU: It is the student's responsibility to make sure he or she is cleared for registration prior to each student's SDSU RegLine access date. Otherwise, the student may not be able to register for classes in a timely fashion.

Academic Issues

Courses Accepted for Transfer Credit from SDSU to CWSL: Up to 12 credits of courses taken at SDSU will be transferred to CWSL and will count towards the number of credits required for graduation at CWSL. To qualify for transfer credit, the SDSU courses must be taken at the Graduate School of Business for credit in the M.B.A. program and designated with numbers in the 600 or 700. The grade in the SDSU course must be a B minus or better.

Courses Accepted for Transfer Credit from CWSL to SDSU: Up to 12 credits of courses taken at CWSL will be transferred to SDSU and will count towards the number of credits required for graduation at SDSU. To qualify for transfer credit, the CWSL courses must be listed on Appendix A or approved by SDSU. The grade in the CWSL course must be the equivalent of a C or above. Special Note: SDSU will only accept CWSL credits if the student has not graduated from CWSL. This means that you must complete your MBA requirements contemporaneously with (in the same semester), or prior to, completing your California Western graduation requirements.³

Academic Good Standing: Students in the dual degree program are expected to maintain good academic standing at both schools. Either school may dismiss a student from their degree program based on the academic policies at each school. A dismissal at one school does not affect the student's standing at the other institution. A student dismissed by one school (for example, SDSU) may continue in the other school (CWSL) if, independently, the student is in good standing at the other school (CWSL).

Culminating Experience at SDSU: MBA candidates must complete a "culminating experience" at SDSU. Students can elect one of three options in order to fulfill the culminating experience requirement: (i) the Thesis option (available to all SDSU graduate students); or, (i) BA 795- Business Consulting; or (ii) BA 796 - Integrative Business Analysis. These options will be discussed with the SDSU advisor. Should a student elect the Thesis option, an additional bound copy of the thesis must be submitted to SDSU for subsequent transmittal to CWSL.

³ . Example: Ann completes all of her CWSL graduation requirements in the Summer 2013 semester and enrolls for the Fall 2013 semester at SDSU, intending to complete all the MBA requirements and use 12 credits from CWSL towards her MBA degree. SDSU will not allow the CWSL credits to be posted towards Ann's MBA degree. Ann should either: (i) complete her SDSU requirements during the Summer 2013 semester, or (ii) postpone completing her CWSL requirements until the Fall, 2013 semester (contemporaneously with completing her MBA requirements).

Eligibility for Graduation

A student is eligible for graduation from CWSL when they have fulfilled all requirements applicable to the J.D. degree. Students should carefully assess whether or not they have taken all the required courses and met all other graduation requirements at CWSL.

A student is eligible for graduation from the SDSU when they have fulfilled all requirements applicable to the M.B.A. degree. Students should carefully assess whether or not they have taken all the required courses and met all other graduation requirements at SDSU.

APPENDIX A
CWSL Courses Appropriate for SDSU MBA Electives

All course are 3 credits except as indicated

Accounting for Lawyers (2)
Advanced Mediation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Antitrust Law
Bioethics Seminar
Biotechnology
Business Entity Finance
Business Organizations (4)
Business Planning
Commercial Real Estate Transactions
Comparative Law
Copyright
Cyberspace Law
Employee Benefit Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Entertainment Law
FDA Law
U.S. Environmental Law
International Environmental Law
Estate Planning
FDA Law
International Business Transactions
International Law
International Litigation & Arbitration (2 or 3)
Labor Law
Land Use Regulation
Licensing
Negotiation (Prac)
Patent Law
Products Liability
Real Property Finance
Representing Healthcare Organizations
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Sports Law (2 or 3)
Telecommunications Law (2)
Trademark Law
Transactional and Intellectual Property Law Clinical Practicum