

**Joint Degree Procedures**

**Step 1: Student must complete the following**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print legibly)

SUId: \_\_\_\_\_

Start term requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint degree program to which student is applying:

**JD/MBA**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDBA)**                      **JD/MAcc**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDAC)**

**JD/MDIV**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDDV) (2-MDV-DIVN)**    **JD/MATS**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDMT) (2-MAT-THES)**

**JD/MPH**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDPH)**                      **JD/MPA**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDPA)**

**JD/MSEM**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDEM) (2-MEM-ENVM)**    **JD/MS**    \_\_\_\_\_ **(1-JD-JDMS)**

By signing this form, the student affirms that he/she has read section 210 of Cumberland's Academic Standards which pertains to joint degree programs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

**Step 2: Student must take form to Law Student Records Office for GPA verification**

By signing this form, the Director of Law Student Records confirms that the student has met or exceeded the required law cumulative GPA of 2.5

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Law Student Records

**Step 3: Student must apply to the degree program checked above**

By signing this form, the Director of the Degree Program confirms that the student has applied to the degree program checked above

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Joint Degree Program at Participating School

**Step 4: Student must return this form to Law Student Records**

When the student is notified from the joint degree program of their acceptance, the student's program will be changed in Banner and the maximum allowed hours will be changed to 18. A joint degree student taking 18 hours in any regular semester may not register for more than 12 law hours in that semester.

**Academic Standard 210 (c): A student participating in a joint degree program will not be permitted to count the credit hours for courses taken in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements unless and until the other degree is awarded following completion of all applicable requirements.**

# Joint Degree Enrollment

Students enrolled at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law may apply to one of several joint degree programs approved by the Cumberland faculty. In order to apply to one of these programs, students must complete this form step by step and return it to the office of Law Student Records. Please read below section 210 of Cumberland's Academic Standards which pertains to joint degree programs.

## **210 JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS**

(a) General Policies: The law school participates in certain joint degree programs permitting J.D. students to earn an additional degree in concert with study for the J.D. degree. The details vary from program to program, but the typical joint degree program permits the participating student to count certain hours of credit in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements, and to count certain hours of credit in the J.D. program toward the other degree requirements. **Courses taken prior to matriculation in the law school's J.D. program may not be counted toward the J.D. degree requirements.**

(b) Eligibility: To be classified as a joint degree student in the law school, a student must have completed the first year of the J.D. degree program and **must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in the J. D. program at the end of the first year of law school** (or, if later, at the time of admission to the joint degree program).

(c) Time J.D. Degree Will Be Awarded: A student participating in a joint degree program will not be permitted to count the credit hours for courses taken in the other degree program toward the J.D. requirements unless and until the other degree is awarded following completion of all applicable requirements.

(d) Calculation of Grade Point Averages: In calculating a joint degree student's grade point average for all law school purposes (including class rank and honors granted by the law school), only courses taken in the law school shall be considered.

(e) Law Course Selection: Joint degree students may receive no more than ten (10) credit hours toward the J.D. degree for law courses (other than approved distance-learning courses) that do not have regularly scheduled class sessions. Courses to which this ten-hour limit apply include the following: Law 720 & 721 (Directed Research I & II), Law 908-917 (Externship Placements), Law 751 & 752 (Legal Research Teaching Assistant), Law 722 (Law Review Writing Seminar), Law 733 (Trial Journal Writing Seminar), Law 840 (National Trial Team), and Law 844 (National Moot Court Team).