Overview


In this specialization, students not only learn the essentials of law, but also the common practices of music industry—essential skills for becoming a successful attorney in the music industry.

Through this joint program, students can complete both degrees in less time (3 to 4 years) while studying at a top law school and one of the best music schools in the country. And, as one of the four major music cities in the U.S. and as the music center for the Latin American Divisions of all major music companies, Miami offers exceptional internship and work opportunities.

Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the graduate studies for the Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Music Industry degree are:

- Applicants may apply before they begin the J.D. program OR they may apply during their first or second year of Law School. (Students must be accepted to the J.D. program before they are eligible for acceptance into the J.D./M.A. program.)
- Students should let Professor Serona Elton know that they are applying to the M.A. program.
- Students will find an application for the joint degree program under the list of graduate program applications: https://www.applyweb.com/miamigrd/index.ftl
- Only the LSAT exam is required.
- Students who apply to the joint degree program are giving permission for the M.A. program admissions staff and faculty to review their complete J.D. application.
- Students already enrolled in the M.A. program are not eligible to apply to the joint program.
- All the requirements of the J.D. and M.A. programs must be fulfilled.

Curriculum Requirements

- Students will complete the first-year law school curriculum in its entirety before taking any M.A. courses.
- All other J.D. requirements must be met. Six credits will be satisfied by two M.A. courses. These courses must be completed before the J.D. degree will be conferred.
- Twenty-one credits of M.A. courses are required and cover topics such as music copyright law, music industry agreement, music publishing and licensing, recorded music operations, marketing and promotion, and others. More information about courses in the M.A. curriculum can be found in the UM Academic Bulletin (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/music/music-media-industry/music-business-entertainment-industries-mm/).
- Nine School of Law credits will be applied to the M.A. degree in the areas of intellectual property, business, and tax law topics. The M.A. degree will not be conferred until these nine credits are completed.
- Student are encouraged to fashion a balanced upper-class law school curriculum which prepares them to provide legal services to clients in the business and entertainment industries including specific offering regarding arts and entertainment law, as well as more general offerings in domestic and international aspects of fields such as antitrust, business associations, commercial law, intellectual property, tax and torts.
- If a student in the joint program wants to take music elective course (e.g., Musicology, Psychology of Music, Audio for Producers, etc.) arrangements will be made to accommodate the request.
- Students are able to complete the joint degree program within three years if summer courses are taken. Students may also choose to complete the program within three and ½ years or four years.

JD/MA in Music Industry

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Please select from the following or others with approval:

| LAW 12 | Contracts |
LAW 100 Business Association
LAW 112 Copyright Law
LAW 206 Applied Topics in Advanced Music Copyright Law
LAW 341 International Copyright
LAW 147 Intellectual Prop
LAW 138 International Intellectual Property
LAW 19 Legal Communication and Research I
LAW 29 Legal Communication and Research II
LAW 743 Law and the Media
LAW 205 Labor Law

MA IN MUSIC INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS
MMI 673 Music Publishing 3
MMI 752 Music Licensing 3

Electives
Approved MMI Electives 6

Final Project
Choose from:

MMI 802 Music Industry Practicum 3
MMI Elective

Cumulative Exit Exam

MMI COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES
Please choose from the following or others with approval:

MMI 750 Music Industry Agreements 3
or MMI 738 Legal Aspects of the Live Entertainment Industry
MMI 774 Music Copyright Law 3

Total Credit Hours 103

* To fulfill joint degree requirements, credit must be earned with a grade of B or higher.

Sample Plan of Study

Year One
Fall
JD Courses 16

Spring
JD Courses 16

Summer
JD Courses 6

Year Two
Fall
JD Courses 10

MMI 673 Music Publishing 3
MMI 774 Music Copyright Law 3

Spring
JD Courses 13

MMI 750 Music Industry Agreements 3

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