

## Interdisciplinary Programs Policy

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## **A. Joint J.D./M.B.A. Program**

### **1. Overview**

Southwestern Law School and [the Drucker School of Management](#), part of Claremont Graduate University (CGU), jointly offer a concurrent degree program to expand students' educational and career options. Students at Southwestern and CGU may concurrently earn J.D. and Masters of Business Administration degrees. This Policy sets forth the terms of the dual-degree J.D./M.B.A. program (Program). Subject to the provisions below, the Program is available to Southwestern students and graduates regardless of their J.D. program.

### **2. The CGU M.B.A. program**

The CGU Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree is a 48-credit degree offered by the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management at CGU. Eligible dual degree students may pursue the degree in various modalities (in-person, hybrid, online) including the Flex MBA program that requires 6 years of full-time professional work experience. The Online MBA is 50% asynchronous and 50% synchronous and does not require any on-campus residency.

### **3. Transfer of units**

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have credit from their CGU degree count toward the J.D. degree if the CGU credit was earned no more than three years before the student enrolled in a Southwestern J.D. program.

CGU and Southwestern will admit students to their degree programs based on the typical and regular entry requirements that each has established for that program.

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## **8. Tuition payments and financial aid**

Students must pay tuition and fees to each school according to the number of units taken and based on each school's tuition and fee schedule.

Scholarships awarded by one school will not be applied to courses or credits a student completes at the other school.

Students enrolled in classes only at Southwestern in a given financial aid award year will apply for and receive financial aid through Southwestern.

Students enrolled in classes only at CGU in a given financial aid award year will apply for and receive financial aid through CGU.

Students enrolled in classes at both schools in a given award year can apply for and receive financial aid through either school.

## **9. Students' education and other records**

For purposes of FERPA compliance and compliance under other privacy laws, CGU and Southwestern hold a "legitimate educational interest" as to the education and other records and information of Program students.

## **10. Students outside of California**

Southwestern and CGU each maintain information on their websites about the states and jurisdictions outside of California where they are authorized to do business. Southwestern's list can be found at <https://www.swlaw.edu/jd-llm-programs/online-jd/application-details>. CGU's list can be found at <https://www.cgu.edu/academics/cgu-online/state-authorization/>.

Before admitting any student into an online degree program, each school will determine whether the applicant lives in a jurisdiction where that degree program may be offered. If the student later moves into a jurisdiction where that degree program cannot be offered, the student must withdraw from the Program or take a leave of absence from the Program. Each school must approve the leave, which typically will not be extended beyond one calendar year.

Before a student matriculates into the Program with an online component, the schools will provide the student with information about the jurisdictions in which each school may offer courses and the consequences of a student switching jurisdictions during the Program.

## **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

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interested in bioscience industry dynamics could take courses at Southwestern in intellectual property law, patent and trademark law, and regulatory law as they apply to health care and the bioscience industry.

The certificate program is small and highly competitive, with approximately two to four students from each school participating each year. 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