Combined Degree Program for the MD and MBA degrees

I. Curricular Requirements

A student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may pursue the MD and the MBA degrees under a combined degree program that allows cross-credit for certain specified courses. The combined degree program offers a potential savings of time otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the combined degree program must complete all the requirements for the MD degree as specified by the College of Medicine, and all requirements for the MBA degree as specified by the College of Business. The combined degree program is subject to the following conditions:

A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the MBA program will receive credit in the MD program only if the student received credit for the course in the MBA program.

B. In order to receive cross-credit, students should consult with the College of Medicine and the College of Business in advance to determine the exact timing and appropriateness of courses with respect to each degree. Approval for cross-credit courses must be obtained in advance by the Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Business.

II. Administrative Policies and Procedures

A. The Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Business shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the combined degree program. They shall consider matters such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties.

B. A student enrolled in the combined degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the combined degree program.
C. A student must obtain admission separately to the MD program and the MBA program. Once admitted to both programs, a student enters the combined degree program by filing the attached Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.

D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the combined degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.

E. A student is not enrolled in the combined program until copies of the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees are filed with the Office of the Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and with the Office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Business.

F. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the combined degree program to complete the other degree.

G. After filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees, the student shall schedule a joint meeting with the Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and with the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Business. Times of enrollment in each program, preliminary course selection, and potential conflicts shall be discussed.

H. Students enrolled in the combined program must be prepared to follow the course scheduling to avoid concurrent enrollment in classes in both programs during the first, second, or third year of the full-time MD program. Any deviation from this schedule requires the written permission of the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Business.

I. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other program.

J. Each student enrolled in this combined degree program must comply with all degree requirements established for each program. For instance, the College of Medicine has a requirement that all degree requirements be completed not more than seven years after enrollment in the degree program. A student enrolled in the combined degree program must earn any credit hours toward the MD degree within the seven allowed years.

III. Sequence of Course Work in the Combined Program

A. Students enrolled in the combined degree program will be expected to complete the first, second and third years in the College of Medicine intact without interference from courses in the College of Business unless prior permission has been obtained as noted above.
B. Under normal circumstances, a student joining the combined degree program will gain acceptance to the College of Medicine and the College of Business, and then, after filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees, shall defer entry into the College of Medicine for one year while “Preconditions and Core” courses in the College of Business (listed below) are completed. Under these circumstances, a deferment for one year from the College of Medicine will be granted upon request. The student will then take the courses in the College of Business listed below under “Beyond the Core” in the summer before starting the first year in the College of Medicine, in the summer between the first year and second year of the College of Medicine, and a limited number in the senior year of the College of Medicine, depending on arrangement made in advance with both Colleges. During the student’s senior year in the College of Medicine, a certain number of courses offered by the College of Medicine and by the College of Business may be taken for dual credit and noted on the transcript of each College if approved in advance by both Colleges. Alternatively, some students may wish to take a leave of absence between the second and third year of medical school (after passing the USMLE Step 1 examination), or between the third and fourth year of medical school to complete requirements for the MBA degree.

It is possible that a student coming into this combined degree program will have already completed some or all of the “Preconditions and Core” for the College of Business, under which circumstances this year of deferral from the College of Medicine may be used to complete the courses listed under the heading “Preconditions and Core”, and then start some of the courses in the College of Business listed under the heading “Beyond the Core”, thus lightening the load the student will need to take in the College of Business as he/she progresses through the remainder of the program.

C. Because students will have varying backgrounds in science and in business upon entering this combined degree program, it is possible that a student may not complete all requirements for the MBA degree or the MD degree by the end of his/her senior year in the College of Medicine and may have to complete the degree by taking extra time (up to the time allowed in each College) to complete the respective degree(s). It is possible that this situation could delay the student’s entry into their post-graduate training in Medicine. The chances of this will be lessened by close communication with both Colleges throughout the enrollment period but no guarantees of graduation in the time frame noted above are made by either College.
Courses required by the College of Business for the MBA degree:

Preconditions (3 credit hours):

ECON 7320 Quantitative Analysis
Or ECON 2110 Business Statistics AND ECON 2312 Quantitative Method

Core (18 credit hours):

ACCT 7302 Accounting Methods and Reports
Or ACCT 2310 Principles of Accounting I AND ACCT 2330 Principles of Accounting II

ECON 7300 Economic Principles
Or ECON 2321 Principles of Macroeconomics AND ECON 2322 Principles of Microeconomics

MKTG 7300 Marketing Analysis, Planning, and Control
Or MKTG 3350 Principles of Marketing AND MKTG 2380 Legal Environment of Business

FINC 7310 Financial Management (prerequisite ACCT 7302, ECON 7300, ECON 7320)
Or FINC 3310 Business Finance AND MGMT 4380 Business Strategy and Policy

MGMT 7370 Operations Management (Prerequisite ECON 7320)
Or MGMT 3304 Production/Operations Management (prerequisite ECON 2312) AND MGMT 3305 Management Information Systems

MGMT 7300 Management and Organizational Behavior
Or MGMT 3300 Organizational Behavior and Mgmt AND MGMT 3380 Business Communication or RHET 3316 Writing for the Workplace

Beyond the Core (30 credit hours):

MGMT 7310 Organizational Behavior
MGMT 7350 Information Systems Management
ACCT 7304 Accounting for Decision Making
   (prerequisite ACCT 7302 or equivalent)
ECON 7313 Managerial Economics
(prerequisite ECON 7300 or equivalent)
FINC 7311 Corporate Financial Planning
(prerequisite FINC 7310 or equivalent)
MKTG 7311 Marketing Strategy
(prerequisite MKTG 7300 or equivalent)
Three Electives selected from a single area and which must be Beyond the Core courses.
MGMT 7380 Corporate Strategy (Prerequisite FINC 7311) – this course must be taken in the last nine hours of the program

Courses required by the College of Medicine for the MD degree:

First Year:
Gross Anatomy
Biochemistry
Neuroscience
Microanatomy
Physiology
Cell Biology
Introduction to Clinical Medicine I

Second Year
Behavioral Science
Medical Ethics
Pathology
Pharmacology
Genetics
Microbiology
Introduction to Clinical Medicine II

Third Year
Family Medicine (4 weeks)
Geriatrics (4 weeks)
Medicine (8 weeks)
Ob/Gyn (6 weeks)
Pediatrics (8 weeks)
Psychiatry (6 weeks)
Specialties (4 weeks)
Surgery (8 weeks)
Fourth Year
Specialties (4 weeks)
10th Block Course (4 weeks)
Primary Care Selective (4 weeks)
Required Acting Internship (4 weeks)
Electives (20 hours)

The College of Medicine and the College of Business reserve the right to make changes in this combined degree program as well as in their individual offerings, policies, or requirements at any time without notice. When a change is made, it goes into effect for all students in the program at the time they are notified.
Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees

Copies of this Declaration of Intent to pursue Combined Degrees must be filed with the Registrar of the College of Medicine and with the Registrar of the College of Business. You are not enrolled in the combined degree program until this form has been completed and filed in both offices. By signing and filing this Declaration, you (i) acknowledge receipt of the curricular requirement and policies and procedures of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine MD and University of Arkansas at Little Rock College of Business MBA Combined Degree Program and (ii) understand that it is your responsibility to make sure you satisfy all requirements for the combined degree program as described. Failure to meet the combined degree program requirements can result in failure to meet the requirements for either degree individually.

1. Name:___________________________________

2. Student Identification Number or SS#___________________________

3. Will you first enroll in the MD or MBA program?________________

4. Date of enrollment in the first program:________________________

5. Anticipated date of enrollment in the second program:_____________

   Signature:________________________________

   Date:____________________________________

APPROVED BY:

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Executive Associate Dean for      Associate Dean for Graduate
Academic Affairs College       Studies College of Business
of Medicine

Date:_______________________            Date:________________________