
undecided

Posted by Remo412 - 2009/11/24 21:55

I am currently a sophomore in college and i am studying criminal justice. I am considering business school or law school. So far my GPA is 3.42 with a full load. Its not top 10% but its the top 40%. My fear with the LSAT is that i am horrible at standardized tests. What are your thoughts.

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Re:undecided

Posted by tuvok - 2009/12/01 20:29

An ivy league business school will provide you with great skills and education for a finance career. I take objection with the statement that a law degree forces you to only practice law. I have many friends that stopped practicing law and work for investment banking firms and started their own business. So, its really up to you to determine what you want to do and which degree will provide you with the most options. Personally, either is a good choice. For me, a law degree means more. Good luck.

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Re:undecided

Posted by abr41 - 2009/12/02 16:49

Consider a joint MBA/JD program

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Re:undecided

Posted by laurie - 2009/12/07 21:25

Harvard and Northwestern have great JD/MBA programs. Its also really difficult to complete within 3 yrs. So, just plan on 1 extra year of tuition. I think you also need to submit a GMAT score along with your LSAT.

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Re:undecided

Posted by Pezollmm - 2009/12/10 20:41

There has been a lot of threads on this similar topic, either combo-ing a law degree with an MBA or deciding not to practice law. Seems like a law degree is becoming as basic as an undergraduate degree.

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Re:undecided

Posted by Targus - 2010/04/07 20:30

I think an MBA from a top 10 ivy league school is more valuable than a JD from a t-100 law school. There are just too many attorney chasing too few paying clients.

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Re:undecided

Posted by nic - 2010/04/12 15:30

Just apply for a joint JD/MBA. Northwestern University has a great dual degree program for students to study business and the law. Northwestern consolidated their law school applications for the joint degree to one and reduced the program to a jam-packed three years instead of four.

Some schools like the University of Virginia now offers a specialized program in business and the law by offering first year students basic accounting and finance courses.

A joint degree in business and the law is the best of both worlds.

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Re:undecided

Posted by shalitique - 2010/04/13 20:39

I think the first question to ask is In that case, why bother getting a JD if you never want to work as a lawyer? The common denominator between the two options is the MBA degree, so let's set that aside for the moment. So, the question is now, what career options are available for someone with a JD who does not wish to practice law after graduating?

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Re:undecided

Posted by nic - 2010/04/14 21:23

I dont think that a prerequisite to law school is the intent to practicing law. Many people start off practicing law and then change careers. My father practiced law for about 11 years and then starting a home health care company and has ben doing that every since.

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Re:undecided

Posted by D.Vanicora - 2010/04/15 20:48

I agree with nic. Many people start out as attorneys and switch paths as they evolve. Its interesting, you never hear about someone with a law degree that does another trade and then switches back to the law.

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Re:undecided

Posted by nic - 2010/04/19 21:33

In fact i hear more and more about people entering corporate america with a law degree than going to traditional law firms.

I think more and more law grads will seek employment outside the practice of law. In order for a law firm to be an attractive place to work, the billable requirements and the work/life balance need to be more favorable.

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Re:undecided

Posted by tuvok - 2010/04/21 21:54

On average, a JD makes more than an MBA, but that' mostly due to the fact that there are lots and lots of mediocre no-name MBA programs out there (including the online programs). There are also mediocre no-name JD programs out there too, but I doubt that there are as many as there are MBA programs. Hence, the average MBA salaries get dragged down by all the mediocre MBA's.

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