M.D./M.B.A. Handbook and Policies

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M.D./M.B.A. Handbook

The combined M.D./M.B.A. program is a four-year combined M.D. and M.B.A. program that prepares students to navigate today’s complex health care environment. Graduates will be prepared for leadership positions at hospitals, health care systems, and health and medical-related business opportunities.

1. **Who is eligible to apply to the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

Any student accepted into the four-year M.D. program is eligible to apply for the M.D./M.B.A. program. All students interested in applying for this program must successfully complete the Business of Medicine elective in the first half of their first year of medical school. Students who do not take and successfully complete this course are not eligible to apply for the M.D./M.B.A. program. Applications for the M.D./M.B.A. program will be completed in December of the students’ M1 year.

2. **How many students will be in the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

The ideal class size will be roughly 30 students per year.

3. **What academic standards must be met to remain in the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

Students must be in good academic standing within the M.D. program as previously defined in this handbook. In addition, all M.B.A. courses must be passed with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher as determined by the faculty of the Mike Ilitch School of Business. Please see the Academic Performance Guidelines below for more specific information.

Eligibility Guidelines for the M.D./M.B.A. Program

1. Must have been accepted and enrolled in the medical doctor (M.D.) program at the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

2. Candidates cannot be enrolled in other joint (e.g., M.D./Ph.D.) or accelerated (e.g., 3-year M.D.) degree programs through the school of medicine.

3. Must have an end of segment 1 percentage score of 84% or greater.

4. Must have a grade of satisfactory (S) in all segment 1 courses. Students that fail a course, regardless of re-examine status, are not eligible to participate in the program.

5. Must have passed all segment 1 Business of Medicine Elective courses.

6. Must have scored above the minimum competency category in all segment 1 longitudinal courses (e.g., Clinical Skills 1, P4-1, Service Learning 1).
Academic Performance Guidelines for the M.D./M.B.A. Program

I. Progression through the M.D./M.B.A. Program

To progress through the M.D./M.B.A. program, students should have strong academic performance among, but not limited, to the following:

• Achieve a passing grade in all the pre-clerkship courses (Segments 1 and 2). Students who fail two pre-clerkship courses will not be allowed to continue in the M.D./M.B.A. program.
• Pass any WSUSOM makeup exams on the first attempt.
• Maintain a 3.0-grade point average within the M.B.A. program.
• Students with a ranking below the 20th percentile in the M.D. program, based on the knowledge examinations for which you are graded during the pre-clerkship years, will be discussed by the Executive Committee bi-monthly. Students may be offered enhanced academic support and weak academic performance will prompt a discussion with the student and a representative of the Mike Ilitch School of Business regarding continuation within the M.D./M.B.A. program.
• Maintain strong academic performance during Segment 3 by achieving a grade of either Pass, High Pass, or Honors in all core clerkships, including passing the subject (“shelf”) examination on the first attempt with a maximum of one failure with a pass on the first retake. In addition, a grade of Pass, High Pass, or Honors is expected in the Segment 4 clerkships.
• Pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 on the first attempt.
• Progress throughout the curriculum with no lapses in professional behavior as described in the WSUSOM Student Handbook.

In addition to a strong academic performance, M.D./M.B.A. students may not take any leaves of absence that would delay their ultimate graduation from the M.D./M.B.A. program. Any leave of absence will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee to examine the leave’s effect on the student’s ability to complete the M.D./M.B.A. program on time.

Students who fail to achieve any of the above will transition out of the M.D./M.B.A. program. All provisions of the four-year M.D. program, outlined in the Student Handbook, will apply to this student.

In addition, at any point in time, an M.D./M.B.A. student can choose to transition out of the M.D./M.B.A. program. Students should not expect to have tuition refunded for courses already in-progress, unless due to exceptional circumstances.
II. **M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee**

This Executive Committee will be composed of the Vice Dean for Medical Education, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Career Development, the Senior Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs and Undergraduate Medical Education, the Associate Dean of Clinical Education, the M.D./M.B.A. Program Director from the WSUSOM, the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and the M.D./M.B.A. Faculty Director from the Mike Ilitch School of Business.

III. **Appeals of M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee Recommendations**

A student who objects to a recommendation from the M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee may petition the Dean of the WSUSOM for a review of its action. This appeal must be in writing, state the basis for the student's objection, and be received by the WSUSOM Dean within 10 business days of the date that the M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee notified the student of its recommendation. The basis for an appeal would be the discovery of new information that was not available to the M.D./M.B.A. Program Executive Committee at the time of its decision or evidence that the Academic Performance Guidelines for the M.D./M.B.A. Program were applied unfairly.

The appeal will be heard, within 10 business days, by an Appeals Board consisting of three senior faculty appointed by the WSUSOM Dean in conjunction with the Ilitch School Dean. There must be at least one representative on the Appeals Boards from the WSUSOM and one from the Ilitch School. The Appeals Board shall review the Executive Committee’s recommendations and, in so doing, it shall hear the student in person, if the student wishes to make a personal appearance before it; shall review such records as it deems pertinent, including a personal written statement submitted by the student; and shall, if it deems necessary, review any report by, or consult with, representatives of the Executive Committee. The Appeals Board shall submit a written report of its review, including a recommendation, to the WSUSOM Dean and the Ilitch School Dean. The Deans shall convey a written decision on the appeal to the student. The Deans’ decision will be final and binding.