

Widener University 
Delaware Law School

***COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
ONLINE NON-JD PROGRAMS
(MJ, LLM, Certificate)***

MJD 844: BUSINESS PRINCIPLES (3 credit hours)

This course introduces laws and government regulations which are essential to understanding business law. The concepts covered in this course include contracts, sales and leases, negotiable instruments, agency and employment, business organizations, credit and risk, and property.

MJD 748: ADVANCED COMPLIANCE ANALYSIS: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM (formerly MJD 728: CAPSTONE FOR CORPORATE: CERTIFICATE IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS & COMPLIANCE) (3 credit hours)

In this course, students will develop a Compliance Program and a fully annotated and professional recorded PowerPoint presentation, which could ultimately be used to present the Compliance Program to their Corporate leadership. Students will compile materials for use in a professional portfolio that can be used in employment interviews.

MJD 721: CORPORATE DEVIANCE (3 credit hours)

This course will provide students with a comprehensive examination of the deviant behavior of big business in contemporary society. The course exposes students to the forms and causes of this deviance and the legal and societal responses to such deviance through the use of recent cases brought by individuals, corporations, and the government in specific areas of the law. Each week the students will read, analyze and engage in a guided discussion of corporate deviance cases including cases regarding subprime lending, securities, anti-trust, healthcare, whistleblower, and products liability

MJD 747: COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS: A LEGAL & PRACTICAL SKILLS APPROACH (formerly MJD 725: CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS II) (3 credit hours)

This course will delve into specific regulations that impact corporate compliance programs in diverse industries. Students will be exposed to regulations that affect corporate compliance in varying degrees such as Sarbanes-Oxley, the whistle-blower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, anti-bribery/anti-corruption and other issues relating to government investigations. Students will discuss practical issues relating to the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs, with a focus on program assessment, employee engagement, how to prepare for a compliance crisis, and what to do when no one will listen. Ethical issues will be explored, such as privilege and confidentiality and the role of legal counsel versus the compliance officer.

MJD 509: CRITICAL LEGAL ANALYSIS & WRITING (3 credit hours)

This foundation course introduces basic legal analysis including rule-based reasoning, and case synthesis with opportunities for practical written application. Learning that occurred during Introduction to Law course is reinforced and expanded upon. Students are also introduced to independent legal research skills. Course projects include a series of short graded assignments highlighting aspects of legal and compliance writing. Students will review basic writing mechanics including grammar and punctuation. They will enhance their writing skills by editing passages, producing written assignments, and doing focused writing exercises. Students will also learn to develop sound arguments by practicing the art of logical flow. The goal is to help students to produce clear, well-organized, grammatically correct prose.

MJD () CYBER CRIME & COMPUTER LAW (3 credit hours)

This course introduces students to the many different types of cybercrime. Students learn how to identify cybercriminal activity and learn how companies and law enforcement agencies are responding to the dangers these crimes present. Hypothetical scenarios are offered for students to examine, and students review the proper legal responses for these scenarios. Classes like these teach students the federal and state laws regarding computer violations and the proper manner for prosecuting crimes of this nature in court.

MJD (743) ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE FUNDAMENTALS AND THE PROFESSION (formerly MJD 703: CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS I) (3 credit hours)

This course is intended to introduce the student to compliance and ethics in the work place and the careers within this specialty and in the fraud examiner/anti-money laundering specialist industry. Students will learn what compliance is, where it came from, the culture of ethics, how a compliance profession compares to a legal career, job opportunities, transferrable skills from other careers. Students will be introduced to the elements of a compliance program, the flow of compliance, hiring and policies, corporate social responsibility, and the intersection of risk and compliance, the application of management practices for the compliance professional, and the application of personal and business ethics in compliance.

MJD () FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD IN THE AGE OF CYBERSECURITY (3 credits)

This course will analyze the evolution of fraud and financial crimes, the cyber profile of fraud and financial crimes, examine fraud, cyber breaches, financial crimes, and how to bring together financial crimes, fraud and cyber operations in an institution

MJD () FINANCIAL CRIMES PENALTIES AND TAX (3 credits)

Investigations, definitions used by the IRS and other Federal Agencies along with the severe penalties involved in domestic and international financial crimes. This would include criminal tax, financial fraud, and money laundering investigations and prosecutions; civil tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service including audits, appeals, and collection matters; and tax litigation in the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and U.S. district courts. Also inclusive of international tax compliance issues, including foreign bank account reporting (FBAR), the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), and the IRS's voluntary disclosure programs for both domestic and offshore issues. Finally, compliance issues arising under the Bank Secrecy Act, the USA Patriot Act, FATCA, the anti-money laundering laws and regulations, and economic sanctions regimes.

MJD 800 FRAUD EXAMINATION (3 credits)

This course will provide a comprehensive examination of situations in which corporations have engaged in deviant behavior and means by which legal and compliance professionals can promote corporate responsibility. Topics include where white-collar crimes occur, as in by workers sales-oriented systems, crimes in the health care system, crimes by criminal justice professionals and politicians, crimes in the educational system, crimes in the economic and technological systems, crimes by employees in the housing industry, corporate crime, environmental crime, explanations of white-collar crime, the police and court responses to white-collar crime. This course provides the student with anti-fraud knowledge and training. Students will be introduced to the practical methods involved with fraud examination, such as performing internal investigations, how to spot internal fraud, detecting financial statement fraud, examining the inside of the fraudster's mind, determining asset misappropriation, performing a fraud examination, seeing the inside of a fraud trial, locating hidden assets during the punishment phase, and tips for an effective compliance policy to be in place for crime prevention and mitigation.

MJD () GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRIMES & ILLICIT FINANCE (3 credits)

This course will examine the transformation of the illicit economy and its various effects. Students will explore the definitions of illicit trade and illicit financial flows as well as their inter-relationship, the scale of these problems, their drivers, and the socio-economic impacts and other consequences of these phenomena. Students will also discuss ways in which to respond to and address these increasing challenges. Throughout the course, current and emerging issues and trends will be highlighted. Students will learn about the enablers and facilitators of these threats. Finally, some of the approaches and measures taken at both the national and international levels will be examined, including the policies and legislation needed to address it.

MJD 500: INTRODUCTION TO LAW (3 credit hours)

This course provides students with an introduction to the legal system of the United States, including federal and state court structures, sources of law (constitutional law, statutory law, administrative law, and case law) and an exploration of legislative, judicial, and administrative agency processes. Introductory legal research tasks will be performed. This course will also provide an overview of civil and criminal procedure.

MJD 742: RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDITING (3 credit hours)

This course examines the processes for auditing a company to ensure adherence with the company's compliance programs. During this course, students will learn practical skills in performing risk assessments and audits and the techniques to utilize internal and external auditing tools and resources. Students will be exposed to how to conduct effective audits in order to correct and improve organizational operations through follow-up, monitoring, process change and education. Students will demonstrate the importance of benchmarking and reporting to both internal and external parties, in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws. Students will also learn best practices to use when responding to external and/or government audits and investigations.

MJD () U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRIMES (3 credit hours)

The line between legitimate international financial activities and illicit conduct is increasingly blurred. Substantive legal and regulatory standards and enforcement and redress techniques have had to be developed for use against those involved in using private organizations and financial institutions for criminal activities. This course examines a range of criminal activities such as insider trading, market manipulation, money laundering, and government corruption and bribery. The primary focus will be U.S. laws and regulation but will include the international dimension of criminal activity and enforcement.