

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:

Fall: July 1
Spring: November 1
Summer: No Admit

International:

Fall: February 1
Spring: July 1
Summer: No Admit

Minimum Total Hours: 37
Program Level: Masters
CIP Code: 52.0101
Dept Code: DEA
Program (Major/College): BUS BA

Application Tracks/Areas of Study:

Building Sustainable Enterprise
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Advanced Financial Management
Advanced International Business
International Business
Management
Advanced Management
Management Information Systems
Advanced Management Information Systems
Marketing Strategy
Advanced Marketing

Also offered as:

Executive M.B.A.

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Business

Contact Information: www.grad.usf.edu

Other Resources: www.usf4you

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) is a professional degree designed to prepare graduates for managerial roles in business and not-for-profit organizations. Graduates will develop the necessary skills and problem-solving techniques that will permit them to make an early contribution to management and eventually to move into broad, general management responsibilities at the executive level. The program is designed to meet the needs of qualified men and women with undergraduate degrees from accredited universities.. The work experience requirement provides meaningful background that will enhance the student's understanding and learning experience.

Accreditation:

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS); AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Major Research Areas:

Contact Coordinator for department

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements

- Upper-level GPA 3.0 or higher
- minimum of 500 on GMAT
- International applicants from non English-speaking countries must also have a TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the written version, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based test or a 79 on the internet-based test.
- Two years of significant, professional work experience prior to enrollment.
- Resume, statement of purpose, and recommendations.
- The USF MBA program will consider the strength of each applicant based on the entire completed application. Outstanding qualities in one area may compensate for a weakness in another. The Admission Committee will consider: prior college-level academic performance (bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institution required), GMAT (preferred) or GRE scores, professional work experience, recommendation letters, a statement of purpose, community or volunteer service, and any other information that might help convince the committee that the applicant is a good fit for this program.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The M.B.A. degree is a 37-48 hour program. All M.B.A. candidates must complete all degree requirements within five years of beginning the program. The full-time student without course waivers generally will need 6 semesters to complete the program. Part-time students can complete all work within a reasonable time--approximately three years without course waivers. Part-time students are encouraged to take two courses per semester and must complete 12 hours per calendar year to remain on active status as a degree-seeking student. Students who have completed undergraduate or graduate courses in business and economics from an AACSB accredited school may receive course waivers and reduce their course loads from the maximum requirement. Courses are scheduled to accommodate both full-time and part-time students. All courses are at the graduate level. Students entering the program are expected to have sufficient competency in mathematics (College Algebra), communication skills (written and verbal), basic computer skills, high-speed internet access, and two years of relevant work experience.. The curriculum consists of:

The Common Body of Knowledge

Common Body of Knowledge: (CBK) courses, also known as the "TOOL" Area courses, are designed to provide basic background in the several functional areas in order to prepare for more advanced studies. The courses assume little or no prior knowledge in the field. Students having undergraduate degrees in Business Administration may be eligible for

waivers, subject to standards set by the faculty. The conditions for waivers are explained more fully below. Students who waive the tool courses are required to take a Business Skills Review course (non-credit) in the first semester of enrollment.

Application Areas (tracks):

The application areas encourage the development of market driven competencies and provide students with distinctive sets of knowledge and skills. Each grouping of courses allows students to position themselves in the marketplace by choosing applications that match their career goals. Students will select 2-3 areas of competency, each with 9 credit hours (advanced tracks are 6 credit hours). Students who do not waive the tool courses are required to take only two specialization tracks (18 hours). Students who waive the tool courses are required to take 3 specialization tracks (27 credit hours).

Certificate of Achievement:

Students will receive a certificate of achievement for the successful completion of each application sequence. Application area courses also include the opportunity to sharpen skills in writing, presentation, teamwork, technology applications, global applications, and communication.

Integrated Business Applications:

Integrated Business Applications is a six credit, two consecutive semester course sequence which emphasizes the integration and utilization of techniques and methods taught in the Tool and Application areas. The sequence involves working in both group and individual projects, with "live" as well as published cases. It utilizes a variety of computer applications, and includes the development of detailed business plans

M.B.A. Course Structure

Core Requirements

Common Body of Knowledge, "Tool" courses		20 credits
ACG 6025	Financial Accounting for Managers	2
ACG 6075	Management Accounting & Control	2
MAN 6055	Human Behavior and Organization	2
ECP 6702	Managerial Economics	2
QMB 6305	Managerial Decision Analysis	2
ECO 6708	Global Econ. Environment of Bus.	2
MAR 6815	Marketing Management	2
FIN 6406	Financial Management	2
ISM 6021	Management Information Systems	2
QMB 6603	Operations Management & Quality Enhancement	2

Application Areas (Required Electives)	18 credits
Application Track #1	9
Application Track #2	9
Application Track #3	9

Note: Some Application Tracks may not be offered each year. Additional applications tracks may be developed based on students interests and needs.

Required Courses	10 credits	
GEB 6445	Social, Ethical, Legal Systems	2
MAN 6147	Leadership Concepts	2
GEB 6895	Integrated Business Applications I	3
GEB 6896	Integrated Business Applications II	3

Total Semester Credits Required **37-48**

Constraints

1. The maximum credits required is forty-eight (48).
2. Students with an undergraduate degree in Business who are eligible to waive the tool area courses must complete an advanced course in four of the ten areas of recognized business disciplines. Students do not need an advanced course in their area of undergraduate major. Students who waive the tool courses are required to take Business Skills Review exams (non-credit) in the first semester of enrollment.

3. Students who are required to take the tool courses are required to take only two specialization tracks (18 hours).
Students who waive the tool courses are required to take 3 specialization tracks (27 credit hours).
- ~~3-4.~~ [“REE” and “ENT courses are valid toward the breadth requirements for MBA students](#)

Note: Tool/core courses may not be counted as electives.

Thesis

Students may elect a 6 hour thesis in any of the areas of concentration of the college, subject to departmental approval.

COURSES

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>