

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM (M.B.A.)

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree program is designed for individuals who find themselves at a point in their careers where continued professional development requires a refined understanding of management and working knowledge of the multiple functions and processes within organizations. Students complete Common Body of Knowledge and Breadth courses, and select courses from the following emphasis areas:

**Accounting** - Prepares individuals who might be heading toward controllership or precontrollership positions in industry.

**Decision Support Systems** - Teaches students how to use technology to support more effective decision making for themselves and for their organizations. It covers leading edge technology including data warehouses, expert systems, GUO design and development, and database design and processing.

**Finance** - Shows students how to raise capital and how to profitably invest it to prepare graduates for work in any type of firm.

**Health Care** - Provides students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities for upper-level management positions in health care institutions.

**Human Resource Management** - Provides advanced skills and perspectives relevant to a number of functional roles in the human resource area.

**International Business** - Examines issues relevant to international operations in preparing individuals to be corporate leaders in the global marketplace.

**IT Mangement** -Designed to further the career of information systems professionals with technical backgrounds by preparing them to effectively mange technology, systems projects and IT personnel.

**Management** - Refines expertise in motivation, leadership, organization, and planning—skills at the heart of any successful management career.

**Marketing** - Trains students in making effective decisions relevant to researching consumers, choosing which products to produce, what prices to charge, and what promotional tools and channels to employ.

**Operations and Supply Chain Management** - Focuses on the creation of the enterprise's products including activities such as setting operating strategy, designing processes, location selection, facility layout, forecasting, quality management, scheduling, inventory control, and job design.

**Technology & Training** - Addresses the ongoing need of having individuals who can train colleagues and clients in the effective use of business technology.

The MBA curriculum is designed around a case study approach where students learn how planning, policy, decision-making, and human behavior interact with external variables to influence organizational success. Students will develop skills in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data, as well as, conceptualizing, evaluating, and implementing solutions as are necessary in addressing complex unstructured business problems.

Individuals with baccalaureate degrees in arts, humanities, sciences, engineering, education, or business from accredited schools are encouraged to apply. The M.B.A. program is accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

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# **Additional Admission Requirements:**

- 1. Completion of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).
- 2. A composite score of at least 1000 based upon the formula: (GMAT score) + [200 x (overall undergraduate grade point average)], or a composite score of at least 1050 based upon the formula: (GMAT score) + [200 x (last half undergraduate grade point average)].
- 3. A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550 or the equivalent on another exam for students from countries where English is not the native language.
- 4. Exceptions to the admission requirements may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Due to increasing enrollments, admission may be limited despite fulfillment of the aforementioned entrance requirements.

## **Additional Program Policies:**

- 1. In order to enroll in 700 level graduate courses offered in the College of Business and Economics, a student must be enrolled in a graduate degree program. A student with a Guest status or with Post Master's status can take 700 level graduate course(s) on a space available basis.
- 2. Candidates must obtain approval from their adviser before enrolling in courses. Courses taken without the approval of the adviser may not apply toward completion of the program. Prior to entering the program or during the first four weeks of the semester, candidates shall prepare a program in consultation with their adviser. This program must then be submitted to the Program Coordinator for approval. Any changes (including add/drop) to the program must have the written approval of the Coordinator. All changes are initiated by students through their adviser.
- 3. Individual Studies (XXX-798) and/or Readings and Research (XXX-789) may not be used as electives but may be used to satisfy up to 3 credits in the Emphasis. A copy of the proposal must be on file in the Coordinator's Office prior to registration. The student should initiate these requests with the instructor.
- 4. Courses in the Common Body of Knowledge must be taken at the beginning of the program. Program and course prerequisites will be rigidly enforced. Failure to comply will result in the student being dropped from the course.
- 5. Students who are dropped from the program for academic reasons or who fail to meet the admission requirements are not eligible to pursue further graduate business courses in the M.B.A., M.P.A., M.S.-Accounting, or M.S.-Computer Information Systems Program in the College of Business and Economics.
- 6. The maximum course load is 15 graduate credits during fall and spring semesters and 12 credits during the summer term.
- 7. Business-related course work taken in an applicant's undergraduate program where the applicant has graduated more than five years prior to the date of admission to the Graduate School may not be considered as satisfactory in meeting Common Body of Knowledge requirements.
- 8. Candidates who have not enrolled in a graduate course at UW-Whitewater within two consectutive semesters must conform to any new requirements in the program at the time they are reactivated.
- 9. Within the confines of the Constitution of the Graduate Faculty and the policies and procedures adopted by the Graduate Council, the Graduate Studies Committee in the College of Business and Economics is the final governing authority on all policy and procedural matters in the Graduate Business Program.

# **Degree Requirements:**

1. A minimum of 36 graduate credits which may include a thesis of up to 6 credits.

- 2. An adequate preparation in the Common Body of Knowledge as defined by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. Additional graduate courses will be required of those individuals not having sufficient preparation. (Normally a program of study for those without prior business preparation would require two full years to complete.)
- 3. At least 30 credits from the breadth, elective, and emphasis areas must be numbered 730 or above and be beyond the Common Body of Knowledge.
- 4. A grade point average of at least 3.00 in emphasis courses, in courses prescribed for the program, and overall graduate work undertaken. Grades earned outside the program cannot be used to adjust the program grade point average.

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.) COMMON BODY OF KNOWLEDGE-0-15 CREDITS

(A MINIMUM OF 30 CREDITS MUST BE IN COURSES NUMBERED 730 OR ABOVE)

1. CONSULT ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CREDITS FROM:

ACCOUNT-701

**ACCOUNTING FOUNDATIONS** 

**ECON-703** 

STATISTICS FOUNDATIONS

**ECON-704** 

**ECONOMICS FOUNDATIONS** 

FNBSLW-718

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FNBSLW-721

THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS

MANGEMNT-719

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT** 

MARKETNG-716

**MARKETING** 

#### PART 1 - BREADTH REQUIREMENT - 0-12 CREDITS

1. MARKETNG-731

ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS

2. ACCOUNT-725

PROFIT PLANNING & CONTROL

3. BSECNA-740

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION** 

4. ECON-736

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS ANALYSIS OR** 

**ECON-737** 

MANGERIAL ECONOMICS

- 5. MANGEMNT-721 ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR OR MANGEMNT-745 BUILDING EFFECTIVE ORG.
- 6. MANGEMNT-759 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESS OR
- 7. MARKETNG 766 ETHICS IN THE MARKETPLACE

#### PART 2 - GLOBAL MANAGEMENT- 3-6 CREDITS

- 1. ECON-758 ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
- 2. FNBSLW-755 MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS FINANCE
- 3. MANGEMNT-763 GLOBAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT OR MANGEMNT-777 INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT
- 4. MARKETNG-761 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (MARKETING)

#### PART 3 - MANAGING TECHNOLOGY - 3-6 CREDITS

- 1. ACCOUNT-761 ACCOUNTING AND M.I.S.
- 2. BSECNA-772
  BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES OR
  BSECNA-775
  BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR
  BSECNA-778
  NETWORK ADMIN. FOR END USERS
- 3. MANGEMNT-734
  INTRO. TO COMPUTER BASED I.S. OR
  MANGEMNT-738
  MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY OR
  MANGEMNT-753
  TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OR
  MANGEMNT-769
  QUALITY ISSUES IN OPERATIONS
- 4. MARKETNG-745
  TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT OR
  MARKETNG-770
  PRODUCT INNOVATION AND PRICING OR
  MARKETNG 775
  DATABASE MARKETING OR

MARKETNG - 772 INTERNET MARKETING.

5. MCS 785 INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT

MUST COMPLETE NINE (9) CREDITS FROM THE GLOBAL MANAGEMENT & MANAGING TECHNOLOGY MODULES (SEE PARTS 2 & 3)

#### PART 4 - STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT - 8 CREDITS

1. MANGEMNT-788 STRATEGIC DECISION MAKING (2 CR)\*

SIX (6) CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING \*\*

2. FNBSLW-770

**CAPITAL BUDGETING** 

3. MARKETNG-774

CORPORATE MARKETING PLANNING

4. MANGEMNT-768

GLOBAL OPERATION STRATEGY OR

MANGEMNT-771

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OR

MANGEMNT-760

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5. MCS 740 INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY AND POLICY
- 6. MARKETNG-751

**BUYER BEHAVIOR OR** 

MARKETNG-765

ADVERTISING AND PORMOTION

MANAGEMENT OR

MARKETNG-774

STRATEGIC MARKET PLANNING

- \* MUST BE TAKEN IN THE LAST SEMESTER OF PROGRAM OR IN FINAL TWELVE (12) CREDITS
- \*\* SHOULD BE TAKEN AFTER COMMON BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND BREADTH REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

PART 5 - ELECTIVE AREA - 0-9 CREDITS

PART 6 - EMPHASIS - 9-12 CREDITS

COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EMPHASES:

A. ACCOUNTING EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

**COURSES:** 

ACCOUNT-751

GOVERNMENTAL AND NOT-FOR- PROFIT ACCOUNTING

ACCOUNT-752

ADVANCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

ACCOUNT-755

MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING &

**CONTROLLERSHIP** 

ACCOUNT-756

CORPORATE & SPECIAL ENTITIES TAXATION

ACCOUNT-761

ACCOUNT. & MANAG. INFO. SYSTEMS

ACCOUNT-765

**AUDITING** 

ACCOUNT-781

ADVANCED ACCOUNTING THEORY I

#### **B. DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS EMPHASIS**

1. MARKETNG-732

OPERATIONS RESEARCH

2. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

COURSES:

MANGEMNT-742

**DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS** 

MANGEMNT-743

DATA BASE MANAGEMENT

MANGEMNT-754

**EXPERT SYSTEMS IN BUSINESS** 

MANGEMNT-784

SIMULATION FOR MANAGERIAL DECISION-MAKING

#### C. FINANCE EMPHASIS

1. 1. FNBSLW-780

PORTFOLIO THEORY AND PRACTICE

2. SELECT 6 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

**COURSES:** 

FNBSLW-739

FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS

FNBSLW-750

REAL ESTATE FINANCE & INVESTMENT

FNBSLW-755

MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS FINANCE FNBSLW-760

FINANCIAL MARKETS FNBSLW-770 CAPITAL BUDGETING

#### D. HEALTH CARE EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

ECON-745

ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE

FNBSLW-745

LEGAL ASPECTS OF AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE

**ADMINISTRATION MANGEMNT-744** 

MANAGING HEALTH SERVICES

**ORGANIZATIONS** 

MARKETNG-776

MARKETING OF HEALTH CARE

**DELIVERY SYSTEMS** 

#### E. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

COURSES:

MANGEMNT-751

SEMINAR IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MANGEMNT-752

**CURRENT ISSUES IN COMPENSATION & BENEFITS** 

MANGEMNT-753

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

MANGEMNT-758

MANAGEMENT & LABOR RELATIONS MANGEMNT-760

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF

**HUMAN RESOURCES** 

#### F. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

ECON-758

ADV. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

FNBSLW-755

MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS FINANCE

MANGEMNT-777

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT MARKETNG-761 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (MARKETING)

#### G. MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

MANGEMNT-738

MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

MANGEMNT-770

ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN

MANGEMNT-771

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

MANGEMNT-777

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

#### H. MARKETING EMPHASIS

1. MARKETNG-733

SEMINAR IN METHODS OF BUSINESS RESEARCH

2. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

MARKETNG-745

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT

MARKETNG-751

**BUYER BEHAVIOR** 

MARKETNG-760

SEMINAR IN MARKETING THEORY

MARKETNG-761

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

(MARKETING)

MARKETNG-764

SALES PLANNING & MARKET ANALYSIS

MARKETNG-770

PRODUCT INNOVATION AND PRICING

MARKETNG-774

CORPORATE MARKETING PLANNING

MARKETNG - 776 MARKETING OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

MARKETNG-780

SEMINAR IN CURRENT MARKET TOPICS

MARKETNG - 789

READINGS AND RESEARCH IN MARKETING

#### I. OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

1. SELECT 9 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING

**COURSES:** 

MANGEMNT-761

SUPPLY CHAIN SYSTEMS

MANGEMNT-762

INTEGRATED RESOURCES AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**MANGEMNT-763** 

GLOBAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

MANGEMNT-768

GLOBAL OPERATIONS STRATEGY

MANGEMNT-769

**QUALITY ISSUES & OPERATIONS** 

#### J. TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING EMPHASIS

1. BSECNA-722

**BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES** 

2. MANGEMNT-753

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

3. SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

BSECNA-773

**HUMAN FACTORS IN BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY** 

BSECNA-775

**BUSINESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS** 

BSECNA-778

NETWORK ADMINISTRATION FOR THE END USER

MANGEMNT-742

**DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS** 

#### K. IT MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

1. MCS - 740

INFORMATION STRATEGY AND PLICY

2. MCS-785

INFOR SYSTEMS PROJECT MANAG

3. SELECT SIX(6) CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

MCS-725

e-BUS: TECH, APP & ISSUES OR

MCS-735

TELECOMM & NETWORKING OR

MCS-760

TOPICS IN FOR TECHNOLOGY

(Upon recommendation of the student's adviser and with

approval of the M.B.A. Coordinator, a thesis of up to 6 credits may be included in the 9 credit emphasis.)

Outreach Program:

Courses leading to the M.B.A. are offered off campus in the evening at the UW Center in Waukesha, as well as at the Whitewater campus. The program, known as Business Outreach, is designed to assist the working adult or those unable to attend classes on a full-time basis during the day. Admission and degree requirements are the same as those in the full-time program although special counseling is utilized. For further information contact Dr. Donald Zahn, Carlson 4033. Phone (262) 472-1945.