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Overview of the Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The MBA program is designed to develop successful and ethical business leaders with a cross-functional understanding of the total business environment and the vision to see opportunities in the global marketplace.

Students will be immersed in a culture of innovation that will prepare them to embrace and formulate new ideas. They will apply classroom theories to workplace challenges, learn to collaborate and work effectively in teams across and within functional areas, enhance communication skills, sharpen critical and analytical thinking, deepen ethical-decision making in a business context, and pro-actively anticipate rapidly changing business challenges in a global economy. Students will have the opportunity to build a supportive network of fellow students from different professions, backgrounds and nationalities.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the MBA program can be found at the MBA Curriculum website and is the same for all delivery modes: Traditional Weekday Evening (Full Time or Part Time); Online; or Weekend.

- FOUNDATION: Five (5) classes provide a solid foundation in the mandatory concepts and skillsets required for the program. Some students may be eligible to have foundation coursework waived or be granted the opportunity to take a placement test based on their academic history.
  - MBA 5100; MBA 5200; MBA 5400: Students who have successfully completed equivalent undergraduate work within the last 7 years with a grade of “B” or better can request to be waived from these classes. A full syllabus in English must be provided so that equivalency can be determined.
  - MBA 5200; MBA 5300; MBA 5800: Students who wish to be waived from these classes must have previous credit in the field and pass a placement exam.

- MBA CORE: A collection of seven (7) classes focusing on each of the major areas of business.

- MBA CONCENTRATION: Each concentration is comprised of three (3) classes that highlight the skills and knowledge required for that specialty. Students can choose to complete more than one concentration if they wish.

- CAPSTONE CLASS: The capstone class (1) is designed as a project based class that incorporates the material of each of the previously studied courses and is intended to be completed in the last semester.
Profile of a successful MBA candidate

Successful candidates to the MBA program have the following academic qualifications:

- A 4-year bachelor degree (or equivalent) from an accredited institution in any discipline.
- A good academic foundation for graduate study as reflected in the applicants cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) on a scale out of 4:
  - GPA 3.00 to 4.00: Can be admitted with regular status to the program.
  - GPA 2.70 to 2.99: Can be admitted with conditional status to the program.
    Conditionally admitted students must achieve a 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average in the term in which they complete nine (9) or more semester hours. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be dismissed from the program.
  - 0.00 to 2.69: Not eligible for admission to the program.
    Applicants with grade point averages that fall slightly below our minimum criteria may be able to submit a petition for admission along with supporting documentation showing an aptitude for graduate study in the form of an acceptable GMAT or GRE score. For information on minimum petition criteria, contact the MBA Advisor.
- Applicants who have successfully completed an American graduate degree (or equivalent international graduate degree as determined by International Admissions), will be reviewed based on cumulative graduate GPA.

Program of study

The MBA program is flexible and the length of the program depends on numerous factors such as the total number of classes required (0-5 foundation classes + 11 MBA classes), how many classes the student wishes to take each semester, the sequence of study for the preferred concentration, if the student will be taking classes in the summer semester, and so on. Each student has up to five (5) years to complete the curriculum of the MBA program.

All students are required to meet with the MBA Advisor upon admission to the program and during that meeting the student will be able to discuss their goals, objectives, and constraints with the advisor. The MBA Advisor will help prepare a personalized path to success for each individual student based on this information. Advisors are available by appointment (in person or telephone) or email to help the student navigate the program and answer any questions or concerns that may arise.
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General information

- The MBA program has rolling admission. Qualified students can be admitted for any semester. Fall semester starts at the end of August. Spring semester starts in January. Summer semester starts in May.

- Applications and supporting documentation should be submitted online. All admission decisions are made by the Graduate School. The College of Business does not process admissions for the MBA program so please do not send any application materials to the College of Business.

- Tuition information for the program can be found on the MBA program website or the Bursar’s website. Tuition is charged each semester according to how many credit hours the student is enrolled in as either a per hour rate (1 to 10.5 credit hours) or as a flat rate (11 to 18 credit hours). Additionally, tuition is charged at an “Ohio Resident” rate, or a “Non-Resident” rate. For more information about these rates, please see the Bursar’s website.

- The length of the program depends on how many classes are required to complete the degree and how many classes the student takes each semester. A full time student may take 3 or 4 classes per semester and finish in 1-2 years. A part time student will usually take 1 or 2 classes per semester. Students have up to five (5) calendar years to complete the program.

- The MBA program is based on coursework. A thesis is not required.

- Qualified full time students are eligible for the Graduate Assistantships (GA) and Graduate Tuition Scholarships (GTS) offered by the College of Business. There are a limited number of each offered every academic year and the selection process is highly competitive. The award is for one academic year only (fall, spring, summer). Applications for the GA and GTS should be sent to the College of Business with all required documentation. In order to be eligible, applicants must be admitted to the MBA program and have a competitive GMAT (or GRE) score on file at the time the application is reviewed.
Applying to the MBA program

1. Complete an online application for graduate study at the Graduate School. While there is no official application deadline, it is recommended that applications are submitted no less than two (2) months before the start of the semester. While applications can be accepted later there is no guarantee that they will be processed in time, or that there will be seats available in any courses at the time of admission.

2. Pay the $40 nonrefundable application fee.

3. Have the required supporting documentation sent to the Graduate School:
   - Official undergraduate transcripts from all institutions attended.
     - The awarding of the bachelor degree must be indicated on the transcript from the degree granting institution.
   - If graduate coursework has been taken or a graduate degree has been conferred, have these transcripts submitted as well.
   - Note: all transcripts should be sent directly from the institution to Wright State University Graduate School. For the mailing address or e transcript address of the Graduate School, please see their website.

4. Notes:
   - Applicants must list three (3) references on their application, but reference letters are not required for admission to the program.
   - The following documents are not required for admission: resume; statement of goals/objectives; essay.
   - The GMAT (or GRE) is not required for admission to the MBA program, however:
     - a competitive GMAT or GRE score is required in order to be eligible for Graduate Assistantships or the Graduate Tuition Scholarship.
     - if the applicant has been denied admission due to insufficient cumulative GPA but meets the petition criteria and is submitting a petition for admission, an acceptable GMAT or GRE score must be on file before the petition will be reviewed.
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I applied... Now what?

1. Admission Notification
   Once an admission decision has been made the Graduate School will post the decision in the application portal and send a notification email. The official admission letter will be sent by mail and may include information on Graduate School Orientation. Please note that it may take up to 2 weeks after the receipt of all documentation to receive an admissions decision. If an applicant is denied admission due to insufficient cumulative undergraduate GPA but meets the petition criteria they may want to consider submitting an admission petition to the Graduate School. For more on petition criteria, please see an MBA Advisor.

2. College Welcome Letter
   Once admitted by the Graduate School, the student will also receive a welcome letter from the College outlining the next steps. This letter may also list additional events such as the MBA Program Orientation, the MBA Meet and Greet, and so on.

3. Initial Advising Appointment
   Students are not be able to register until they meet with the MBA Advisor for their Initial Advising Appointment. At that appointment the advisor will go over the course requirements for the MBA program, official program intake paperwork, evaluate potential foundation class waivers and/or eligible placement exams, map out an ideal course path, and answer any questions.

4. Follow up on funding
   If the student has applied for federal student funding they should follow up with the Financial Aid Office (Raider Connect). If they have applied for a Graduate Tuition Scholarship or a Graduate Assistantship they will hear directly from those programs.

Do not hesitate to call the Advising Office at (937) 775-2437 to set up an appointment with an advisor to answer any additional questions you may have about the program.

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