

Business Administration, Undergraduate Admission, Credit Hour and GPA Requirements

Admission Requirements

Students entering UMSL may declare themselves as Business majors in the College of Business Administration (COBA). They are advised by Business and may take Business courses as long as they maintain “good standing” status (see General Degree Requirements listed below) and have satisfied the prerequisites for the courses they propose to take.

Credit Hour Requirements

Student must complete a minimum number of hours in the following areas:

- 120 credit hours for the baccalaureate degree
- ~~60 credit hours of coursework outside the College of Business~~
- 48 credit hours of coursework offered by the College of Business
- 36 credit hours of upper-division coursework offered by the College of Business

~~Students are limited to a maximum of hours in the following areas:~~

- ~~24 credit hours in any single business discipline beyond the core~~
- ~~78 credit hours in business and economics combined within 120 hours~~

Credit Hour Requirements for Transfer Students

- Students must complete a minimum of 60 hours from four-year, baccalaureate degree granting ~~colleges/universities~~ colleges or universities.
- A minimum of 50% of all business course work must be completed at UMSL.
- Students must complete a minimum of 21 graded hours in business courses.
- Students must complete their last 30 hours in residence at UMSL.

Credit for Lower Division Transfer Courses

Students seeking to use a lower division course to satisfy an upper division business requirement must validate the course being transferred. If successfully validated, the transfer course will waive the need to take the upper division equivalent course at UMSL, but the course transferred will be counted as lower division; it will not count toward the 36 upper division hours required in business.

GPA Requirements

Student must carry a minimum 2.3 GPA in the following areas in order to graduate. Grade modification may be used.

- Campus GPA
- College of Business Coursework GPA
- Major GPA
- Emphasis Area GPA

Grade Requirements

A minimum grade of C- is required for each course in the business core (except MGMT 4219); for each course which serves as a prerequisite for another course; and for each course in an emphasis area and/or major.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option

Majors may take no more than 9 satisfactory/unsatisfactory hours in the College. Unsatisfactory/Satisfactory grading is restricted to elective coursework.

Prerequisite Requirements

Business course prerequisites are enforced by the College of Business Administration and include a minimum campus grade point average of 2.0 as a condition for taking any upper division business course.

Good Standing

Students are allowed to take a maximum of 9 hours of upper-division Business classes before a "good standing" evaluation is applied to their academic records. In order to remain in good standing and continue to enroll in upper division Business courses, students must maintain a 2.3 campus and Business grade point average and must have completed the following cluster of courses (with a grade of C- or higher):

ACCTNG 2400	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting	3
ACCTNG 2410	Managerial Accounting	3
BUS AD 2900	Legal Environment of Business	3

ECON 1001	Principles of Microeconomics (MOTR ECON 102)	3
ECON 1002	Principles of Macroeconomics (MOTR ECON 101)	3
INFSYS 2800	Information Systems Concepts and Applications	3
MATH 1030	College Algebra (MOTR MATH 130)	3
MATH 1100	Basic Calculus	3
MATH 1105	Basic Probability and Statistics	3

Additional Emphasis Areas

Emphasis areas may be added for up to two years following degree completion. Each additional degree from the College of Business Administration requires 15 unique hours taken at UMSL subsequent to completion of the prior business degree.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

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Rationale

These changes bring the COBA credit hour requirements up to date to align with those of peer institutions while simultaneously eliminating outdated requirements originally put in place for AACSB accreditation requirements that no longer apply. These changes increase student flexibility.