Business Administration

The Business Administration area offers two main programs, the Master of Business Administration, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration.

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

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program is oriented toward preparing students for managerial positions in business and government. The program emphasizes the ability to comprehend internal and external social, legal, political, and economic forces as they affect the decision-making process within a business organization. The programs have been structured to serve both holders of baccalaureate degrees in business administration and those who hold degrees in other disciplines. The M.B.A. program is accredited by the AACSB International.

Learning Goals

In March 2020, the College considered input from faculty, students, and employers in adopting the following as the student learning goals for the M.B.A. programs:

1. Students will possess a mastery of the content knowledge in business administration and their specific area(s) of focus.
2. Students will have the critical thinking skills to competently analyze the circumstances, develop courses of action, and evaluate potential outcomes to business problems.
3. Students will possess a mastery of professional communication, sufficient for being professionals, team members, and leaders in a business context.
4. Students will possess a mastery in understanding global perspectives within business contexts.

Admission

Students must be admitted to the SIU Graduate School as well as the M.B.A. program. This process begins with the submission of the “Application Materials” (see below). Once admitted, students will be provided with an advisor to guide them through the program.

Applications to the M.B.A. program are accepted year-round for each of the three main semesters officially recognized by the University. In addition, applications for admission to enroll starting in the second half of a given term will also be accepted but may be subject to deferral to the following term if appropriate courses will not be available to the applicant.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary based on the student's academic history and citizenship status. In all cases, the deadline refers to when a complete application must be submitted. See the following section for all materials required for a complete application.

Domestic applicants whose latest academic work was with SIU Carbondale have a deadline of 10 business days prior to the start of the term in which they wish to begin.

All other domestic applicants have a deadline of 20 business days prior to the start of the intended entrance term.
For international applicants intending to study online from abroad the deadline is 30 business days prior to the start of the term.

For international applicants intending to complete their program of study from within the United States on a student visa, the deadline is at least 50 business days prior to the start of the term. However, the applicant should allot additional time based on the specific processes necessary to obtain their visa.

Late applications will be considered when deemed possible by the respective program administrator(s). Alternatively, late applicants may seek a deferral of their application subject to the limits imposed by the Graduate School.

See the University's academic calendar and course schedules for information on when each semester begins.

Application Materials

Applicants to the program must submit the following:

1. **Graduate School application.** Applicants may find the application portal on the Graduate School’s website. The portal may be found here: gradschool.siu.edu/apply.

2. **Transcripts.** Graduate School requires transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended other than SIU Carbondale. If official transcripts have already been submitted in the process of applying for another program (such as previously applying for a baccalaureate degree program), please contact our office to determine if those transcripts would need to be sent again.

3. **Resume or CV.** At a minimum, applicants should include all full-time professional experience they earned after being awarded a bachelor’s degree.

4. **Personal Statement.** Optional – see “Admissions Requirements” below.

5. International applicants:
   a. Additional requirements for international students are outlined elsewhere in this catalog as well as online at gradschool.siu.edu/apply/international.php.
   b. Note that financial disclosures and other materials that are only used for obtaining a student VISA are not required for those who will study from abroad. Please contact Graduate School (gradschl@siu.edu) for more information.

Admission Requirements

Admissions applications are given holistic consideration. The primary areas of consideration are academic performance (e.g., GPA, examination scores) and professional experience (e.g., length and breadth of experience, level of responsibility, significance of impact, references).

An applicant’s materials should demonstrate at least **one of the following three items** (a-c):

   a. **Professional Experience.** Resume must show three or more years of post-baccalaureate full-time professional work experience.
   b. **Academic Experience.** Transcripts must show an AACSB accredited business degree.
   c. **Personal Statement.** A personal statement must be provided which demonstrates the applicant’s fit with the program, and vice versa.

If the admissions committee recommends admission for an applicant despite academic deficiencies, the Graduate School will decide whether or not to directly admit that applicant. If Graduate School determines they are not qualified for direct admission, an applicant may instead seek non-declared graduate admissions until they establish a Graduate GPA of at least 3.0 across 9 credit hours. Upon completion, they may re-apply for admission to the program. Please note that non-declared students do not count as “Business” students for the purposes of applying policies such as those listed in the “Non-Business Graduate Students” section below.

Transfer Credit

Within limits imposed by the policies of the Graduate School, an incoming student may receive transfer credit for up to six credit hours of equivalent coursework if the courses were taken at an AACSB International accredited graduate school.
A graduate student who has six credit hours or less of coursework remaining in their program may petition the Master’s Programs Committee for permission to complete up to six credit hours of equivalent coursework at another AACSB International accredited graduate school. The determination of equivalency is to be made by the director of the Master of Business Administration degree programs. Coursework from other than AACSB International accredited graduate schools must be approved by the Master’s Programs Committee.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for the M.B.A. degree, students must satisfy the “Foundation Areas” as well as successfully complete the “Core M.B.A. Coursework” (21 credit hours) and at least one of the concentrations (12 credit hours) which can include up to one elective that can be selected from any concentration course list. This results in a total 33 credit hours required for the degree.

Students who satisfy the requirements of multiple concentrations will earn all concentrations completed. In the case of overlapping coursework between two or more concentrations, courses may apply to all relevant concentrations simultaneously.

Foundation Areas

As an accredited member of the AACSB, the College of Business and Analytics (CoBA) requires that students either currently have or swiftly obtain the requisite understanding of the common body of knowledge in business and administration. Current and prospective students can demonstrate their knowledge of these Foundation Areas through successful completion of the relevant Foundation Workshops offered by the College of Business and Analytics, proficiency examinations, or appropriate coursework at the level of C or higher. For a list of current SIU courses that fulfill these Foundation Areas, please contact the CoBA Graduate Programs Office.

Admitted or prospective students should provide course syllabi for other courses they wish to have evaluated as fulfilling the Foundation Area requirements. These should be provided no later than 2 weeks prior to their final advisement appointment before registering. The M.B.A. admissions coordinator may consider course catalogs from the relevant years at their discretion if syllabi are not available. All Foundation Courses must have been successfully completed at a grade of C or higher to be considered. Transcripts may not be substituted for syllabi/catalog descriptions.

Any taken to complete the Foundation Areas, such as BA 506 or the collection(s) of undergraduate courses, may not be used to meet the credit hour degree requirements.

Accounting, Finance, and Economics Foundation Area (Required). Students should have a basic understanding of these three vital areas of business. A basic understanding of the concepts and functionality of financial accounting, finance, and macro- and micro- economics as they apply to a business setting is necessary to participate in the M.B.A. program competently and effectively at a graduate level.

Business Analytics I (Required). Globally, organizations have placed increasingly heavy emphasis on metrics and analytics in making sound business decisions. The M.B.A. program reflects this ever-increasing need throughout the coursework. Therefore, it is necessary that students understand basic statistics and analytics to participate in the program competently.

Business Analytics II (Optional). Those seeking a deeper understanding of business analytics through taking graduate courses in this topic area must begin with greater knowledge than the typical student must otherwise. To that end, this Foundation Area emphasizes knowledge in more advanced statistical techniques as well as their methods of application.

Core M.B.A. Coursework (21 Credit Hours)

The core courses in the M.B.A. program cover a broad range of areas relevant to virtually all businesses. All courses in the Core must be successfully completed by all students in order to graduate.

- BA 510: Managerial Accounting and Control Concepts (3 CH)
- BA 522: Operations & Supply Chain Management (3 CH)
- BA 530: Corporate Finance (3 CH)
- BA 540: Managerial and Organizational Behavior (3 CH)
• BA 550: Marketing Management (3 CH)
• BA 580: International Dimensions of Business and Management (3 CH)
• BA 598: Business Policies (3 CH)

Concentration Option – Analytics for Managers (4 of 7, 12 Credit Hours)

The concentration in Analytics for Managers will prepare students to take advantage of big data and data analytics in order to make effective strategic business decisions. Managers who know analytics are needed in virtually every business sector, including healthcare, marketing, manufacturing, engineering, logistics, retail, hospitality, and financial services to name a few. This concentration focuses on skills managers need to lead organizations using the most recent developments in analytics across a wide range of areas. Students will obtain this knowledge along with a solid M.B.A. foundation.

• BA 529A: Accounting Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 529B: Financial Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 529C: Marketing Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 529D: Management Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 529E: Supply Chain Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 560: Management of Information Systems (3 CH)
• Maximum one course from any “Concentration Option” list (3 CH)

Concentration Option – Finance (4 of 7, 12 Credit Hours)

• BA 529B: Financial Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 531: Advanced Corporate Finance (3 CH)
• BA 532: Financial Institutions and Markets (3 CH)
• BA 533: Investment Concepts (3 CH)
• BA 536: Financial Analysis and Security Valuation (3 CH)
• BA 582: International Finance (3 CH)
• Maximum one course from any “Concentration Option” list (3 CH)

Concentration Option – Marketing (4 of 7, 12 Credit Hours)

• BA 505: Brand Management (3 CH)
• BA 529C: Marketing Analytics (3 CH)
• BA 551: Product Strategy and Management (3 CH)
• BA 558: Promotional Strategy and Management (3 CH)
• BA 559: Digital Marketing (3 CH)
• BA 581: Global Marketing (3 CH)
• Maximum one course from any “Concentration Option” list (3 CH)

Concentration Option – General (12 Credit Hours)

A student will be eligible to graduate with the “General” concentration if they successfully complete the “Core M.B.A. Coursework” and at least 12 additional credit hours from the concentration options listed above but does not fulfill the requirements for at least one concentration.

Course Availability

Every effort will be made to ensure that a student will be able to graduate with all Core M.B.A. Coursework and any chosen concentration under any modality opened by the program at the time of their admission. However, the specific courses available to fulfill each concentration may vary based on modality and other factors. Under the supervision of the SIU Graduate School and/or CoBA’s Master Programs Committee (as appropriate), course alternatives may be offered by the program director if specific programs of study proposed to the student become unavailable due factors beyond the control of the student.
Course Substitutions

Course(s) which students may not join (e.g. BA 510, BA 530) due to prior education (e.g. accountancy or finance undergraduate majors) may be substituted with other 500-level course(s) subject to the approval of the director of the program. In all cases, the student must still achieve the credit hour requirements under “Degree Requirements” (above).

Core Courses. Substitutes taken to satisfy the Core M.B.A. Coursework may not also be used to satisfy the concentration area requirements.

For example, a student who has completed a finance undergraduate degree is not eligible to take BA 530 but may be approved to take a course in the Finance concentration to replace BA 530. If the student also wants to pursue a Finance concentration, they will need to take three additional classes (9 credit hours) in the Finance concentration beyond the substitute to meet those requirements.

Concentration Courses. Students may request approval to take up to six credit hours of graduate-level coursework related to the topic of their concentration outside of those listed in the concentration sections above. Substitutions must facilitate meeting the career goals of the student and provide graduate-level training unobtainable through the courses available within the program.

Such requests must be made in writing and include the requested course’s syllabus (if applicable), and expressly note the concentration to which the class is intended to apply. Courses taught at the 400-level are discouraged and may be subject to additional scrutiny. All requests should be directed to the Graduate Programs Office and are subject to the approval of the program director. Approval to take any substitute class must be granted prior to registration or the normal start of class (whichever is earlier).

Of the above six-hour maximum, up to three credit hours may be taken in (A) BA 591 – Independent Study or (B) BA 595 – Internship/Work Experience. The student must obtain permission from a qualified instructor willing to supervise the independent study or internship and include that information in the request for substitution. A qualifying instructor must (1) have graduate faculty status as designated by Graduate School, (2) be qualified to instruct at the master’s level as determined by the College’s faculty under AACSB, and (3) be qualified to instruct on the topic/work area. The third qualification may be evidenced by an ongoing appointment in the related concentration area covered by AACSB (e.g. Analytics, Finance, Marketing), or as otherwise determined by the program director. Interested students should contact their advisor for further information.

Double Major Policy

Any graduate student wishing to pursue a single master’s degree with two majors that includes Business Administration must satisfy the following requirements in addition to any requirements elsewhere stated in the Graduate Catalog:

- The individual must already be admitted to a graduate degree program in one of the two majors.
- The individual must satisfy all admissions requirements of the M.B.A.
- The individual must satisfy all foundation requirements.
- The individual must complete all core courses, and elective course requirements.
- No more than six credit hours of coursework outside the College of Business and Analytics may be counted toward elective requirements.

Interested students should contact the program director for further details.

Academic Retention Policies

The following policies are in addition to the retention policies of the Graduate School.

Grade Policy

A student may earn no more than five credit hours of C or lower in graduate courses taken beyond the foundation requirements. Exceeding five credit hours will result in suspension from the program.
Incomplete Policy

A student who has three outstanding recorded grades of INC or DEF remaining on the grade record at the end of any semester or session, for any reason, will be deemed to be not making normal progress and will be placed on probationary status. If the student has three outstanding grades of INC or DEF remaining on record at the end of the next semester or session, the student will be suspended from the program. The definitions of INC and DEF may be found in the Graduate Catalog.

A student who is to receive a grade of INC in a course is to meet with the instructor to work out a time and conditions for completion of the course within policy guidelines. Typically, a Notification of Incomplete Grade Agreement form is completed and the student is provided with a copy.

Assistantship Policy

M.B.A. students holding graduate assistant positions supported by the College of Business and Analytics are required to maintain a 3.0 graduate grade point average or automatically lose their graduate assistant position.

Satisfactory Progress Policy

Upon admission to the M.B.A. program, students have 6 years to complete the degree, however this requires that students stay actively enrolled in classes, request a leave of absence, or register for 1 credit hour each semester for continuing enrollment to remain active in their program. In all three scenarios, the time counts towards the required 6 years to completion.

Students who request a leave of absence may do so for a period not to exceed one year. At the end of that year, students must return from leave and be actively registered in classes or request a continuation of the leave to be extended. Failure to do so will result in immediate dismissal from the program due to unsatisfactory progress. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of the policies and due dates of their program.

Concurrent Degree Programs

Programs of study which offer two degrees across two majors must be officially approved by the University before any students may begin pursuing them. The following sections detail the dual degree programs with the M.B.A. which are currently approved. Prospective students/applicants that are interested in one should reach out to both programs for further details.

M.B.A./B.A. Computer Science Concurrent Degrees (Residential). The College of Business and Analytics in conjunction with the College of Engineering, Computing, Technology, and Mathematics offers a five-year integrated M.B.A./B.A. (Computer Science) Program. Selected students will be admitted to this program directly after high school. These students should take the undergraduate foundation requirements for M.B.A. as their electives while completing their B.A. degree. Their admission to the M.B.A. is guaranteed as long as they maintain a 3.0 GPA in the B.A. in Computer Science. However, they will be required to take the GMAT test prior to admission to the M.B.A. program.

M.B.A./J.D. Concurrent Degrees (Residential). The College of Business and Analytics and the School of Law, together, offer the M.B.A./J.D. concurrent degree program. The J.D. degree alone requires completion of 90 credit hours of coursework and the M.B.A. degree alone requires completion of 33 credit hours of coursework; however, in the M.B.A./J.D. concurrent degree program, the School of Law accepts nine credit hours of business coursework toward meeting the J.D. credit hour requirement and the College of Business and Analytics accepts nine credit hours of law toward meeting the M.B.A. credit hour requirement. The end result is that the concurrent degree program actually entails completion of 81 credit hours of law courses and 24 credit hours of business courses, with an 18 credit hours savings over pursuing both degrees separately.

A student interested in enrolling in the M.B.A./J.D. concurrent degree program must apply both to the graduate program in law (which involves a law school application) and to the graduate program in business (which involves a Graduate School application and an M.B.A. program application) and be accepted by each program. The student may then request permission to pursue the concurrent degree program. This request must be made both to the College of Business and Analytics and the School of Law and should be made prior to commencing the second-year law curriculum.
During the first academic year, the student enrolls only in the first-year law curriculum. In any subsequent academic term, the student may enroll for courses either in the School of Law or in the Master of Business Administration program. A student registered for both law and graduate business courses in the same term must enroll for a minimum of 10 credit hours in law, and 12 credit hours in total, in order to meet A.B.A. residence requirements and the academic requirements of the School of Law.

**M.B.A. / M.S. Professional Media and Media Management Degrees (Residential).** The College of Business and Analytics and the College of Arts and Media (CAM) together offer a concurrent degree program leading to a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Professional Media and Media Management.

Separately, the M.B.A. in the College of Business and Analytics requires completion of 33 credit hours of coursework, and the CAM M.S. in Professional Media and Management requires 30 credit hours of coursework. The concurrent degree program entails completion of 21 credit hours of CAM-approved courses and 24 credit hours of CoBA-approved courses, for a total of 45 credit hours. CoBA accepts nine credit hours of CAM approved coursework and CAM accepts nine credit hours of CoBA approved coursework. This is a savings of 18 credit hours over pursuing both degrees separately. The 24 credit hours of required CoBA M.B.A. courses includes all seven core classes (BA 510, BA 522, BA 530, BA 540, BA 550, BA 598, and an International Requirement) and one BA elective course.

Students wishing to be admitted to the concurrent program must apply and be accepted into the M.B.A. program in the College of Business and Analytics, as well as apply and be accepted into the M.S. program in the College of Business and Analytics. This initiates the process to pursue the concurrent degrees. Applicants for the concurrent degree program must also earn a satisfactory score on the GMAT or GRE to be admitted to the M.B.A. program. Completion of the CoBA M.B.A. Foundation Areas is also required.

**M.B.A. / M.S. Agribusiness Economics Degrees (Residential).** The College of Business and Analytics and the School of Agricultural Sciences offer a concurrent degree program leading to both the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Science in Agribusiness Economics (ABE).

The M.B.A. degree requires completion of 33 credit hours of coursework; the M.S. ABE requires the completion of 30 credit hours of coursework. In the concurrent M.B.A./M.S. degree program, the College of Business and Analytics accepts six credit hours of ABE approved coursework, and ABE accepts six credit hours of College of Business and Analytics approved coursework. The end result is that the concurrent degree program entails completion of 27 credit hours of College of Business and Analytics approved courses and 24 credit hours of ABE approved courses, for a total of 51 credit hours. This is a savings of 12 credit hours over pursuing both degrees separately outside of the M.B.A./M.S. concurrent degree program.

Students interested in enrolling in the M.B.A./M.S. concurrent degree program must apply to both the graduate program in the College of Business and Analytics and the graduate program in ABE. The student must be accepted by both programs. This initiates the process to pursue the concurrent degrees. Students enrolled only in the M.B.A. in the College of Business and Analytics or the M.S. ABE may request admission into the other program and approval to pursue the concurrent degree program. Admission to the concurrent degree program must be done at least one semester before the last semester of registration at SIU.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration**

The Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration program is designed to prepare individuals for faculty research and teaching positions in academic institutions and for high-level administrative or staff positions in business, government, and other organizations. Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree must demonstrate in-depth knowledge of business and administration and high potential to undertake significant research.

Students in the program must select a broad area of interest from Accountancy, Finance, Management, and Marketing. The selected area's faculty will guide students through their academic career.

**Learning Goals**

In March 2020, the College considered input from faculty, students, and employers in adopting the following as the student learning goals for the doctoral program in business administration:
1. Students will have sufficient mastery of the content knowledge to act as a Subject Matter Expert of, and contribute to, their specific area’s body of knowledge.
2. Students will possess strong teaching skills to facilitate student learning in their area(s) of knowledge.
3. Students will possess a mastery of research skills to contribute to the body of knowledge in their area of expertise.
4. Students will be participants in contributing their time to the service of their academic community at the College, University, national, or global levels.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission, students must have completed a master’s degree or its equivalent. A grade point average in all graduate level work of 3.5 (A = 4.0) is preferred, but not less than 3.0 is permitted for admission.

In certain instances, admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program directly from the baccalaureate degree is permitted. To be considered for this admission route, students must have demonstrated promise of success in the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program through outstanding achievement at the undergraduate level (minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale) and superior performance in both the verbal and quantitative components of the Graduate Management Admission Test (minimum GMAT score of 600).

Applicants with exceptional research potential or outstanding academic preparation may have the option to enter the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program after at least one semester as an M.B.A./M.Acc. student at SIU.

To apply to the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program, each applicant is required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (of the Educational Testing Service) and have an official report of these scores sent to SIU. The applicant needs to complete and submit a Graduate School application and a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program application. Applicants must also identify their area of interest (accountancy, finance, management, or marketing) within the application. An applicant interested in applying to more than one area of interest must complete a separate application for each area chosen. The application process is entirely online and is located at gradschool.siu.edu/apply. Official transcripts can be sent to: Graduate Programs, College of Business and Analytics, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4625. Email: gradprograms@business.siu.edu.

This program requires a nonrefundable $65 application fee that must be paid electronically with the online application for Admission to Graduate Study in the Doctor of Philosophy program in Business and Administration.

Degree Requirements

Students in the program must complete course work in certain foundation areas. A student who has successfully completed the requirements for the M.B.A. degree from an AACSB International accredited graduate business program will have met the foundation requirements. A student with a M.Acc. degree from an AACSB International accredited program will be expected to take some courses outside the accounting area, to be determined by the student’s advisory committee. All other students will either complete the following courses or demonstrate proficiency based on prior academic work:

- BA 410: Financial Accounting Concepts (3 CH)
- BA 426: Managerial Economics (3 CH)
- MATH 140: Short Course in Calculus (4 CH)
- QUAN 506: Inferential Statistics (4 CH) - AND -
- Five courses from any 3 of the following 4 areas:
  - BA 430, BA 510, BA 530
  - BA 450, BA 550, BA 598
  - BA 540, BA 598
  - BA 560

In addition, the student must demonstrate proficiency in computer programming.
The student must complete a prescribed program of doctoral coursework beyond the foundation work. A minimum of 60 credit hours is required: 12–18 credit hours in the major field; 6–12 credit hours in a support field; 6–12 credit hours of research tools; and 24 credit hours of dissertation credit. Additional credit hours may be required as prescribed by the student’s program advisory committee (PAC). Students on CoBA assistantships must teach at least three-six credit hours during their program with the appropriate student/teacher evaluations. The assistantship student’s PAC determines whether sufficient proficiency has been attained before being admitted to candidacy, and an evaluation listing must be inserted into the student’s permanent file and signed by the Ph.D. Director.

It is expected that all doctoral coursework will be completed at SIU. In exceptional cases, the PAC may consider petitions to accept credit, not to exceed six credit hours, for doctoral coursework done at other institutions.

In addition to the retention policy of the Graduate School, for the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program five credit hours of C or three credits of D or F in any graduate level course will result in automatic dismissal from the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program without any rights of appeal.

**Advisement**

For each student, a program advisory committee (PAC) is constituted and approved according to procedures described in the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program policies and procedures document of the College of Business and Analytics. The PAC is responsible for developing and approving a program of study for the student which meets all requirements of the Graduate School and the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program. The specific program is designed in terms of the individual student’s career objectives.

**Comprehensive Examinations**

The comprehensive examination is designed to determine the breadth and depth of the student’s knowledge within the discipline. A minimum of two years of study (48 credit hours) beyond the baccalaureate must be completed before the student is permitted to sit for the comprehensive examination, and the student must be in the last semester of all scheduled coursework.

The comprehensive examination has a written and oral portion. After successful completion of the written segment, the student will sit for the oral portion of the comprehensive examination. Students who pass the oral portion will be recommended for candidacy when the residency and research tool requirements have been met. Students who fail the comprehensive examination, or any part thereof, may petition to retake the examination or any part thereof.

Specific conditions may be stipulated before the student can sit for the examination a second time. Those who fail the comprehensive examination a second time will be dismissed from the program.

**Dissertation**

Upon admission to candidacy, a dissertation committee is constituted and approved according to procedures described in the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree program policies and procedures document of the college. The student will prepare a written proposal and submit it to the dissertation committee and make an oral presentation of the dissertation proposal. On acceptance of the written and oral presentation of the dissertation proposal by the dissertation committee, the student will proceed with further work on the dissertation topic. The dissertation committee will monitor the student’s progress in completing the dissertation. A final oral examination will be administered by the dissertation committee and will cover the subject of the dissertation and other matters related to the discipline. Upon successful completion of the final oral examination, the candidate will be recommended for the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration degree.
Other Graduate Programs from the College of Business and Analytics

The College of Business and Analytics also offers the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics, the Master of Accountancy (M.Acc.), the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Economics, the Master of Science (M.S.) in Business Analytics, the Master of Science (M.S.) in Economics, the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), and the post-baccalaureate (graduate) certificates in Accountancy Analytics, Accountancy Foundation, Accountancy Taxation, and Analytics for Managers. The reader is referred to the relevant sections of this catalog for details. For additional information on the M.Acc. degree, please contact the School of Accountancy. For all other programs, please contact the College's Graduate Programs office (details below).

Tuition and Fees

Differential Tuition

The College of Business and Analytics has a differential tuition surcharge of 15 percent of applicable tuition for graduate College of Business and Analytics majors.

Non- Business Graduate Students

- Non-business graduate students will be limited to six credit hours of 500-level BA prefix courses. These courses require the consent of the instructor and the program, and all course prerequisites must be met.
- Non-business graduate students who are put on academic probation will NOT be allowed to continue in 500-level BA prefix courses.
- Non-business graduate students will be allowed to register for BA level foundation courses (i.e., BA 410, BA 426, BA 430, and BA 450).

For more information about the programs, please contact:

Graduate Programs Office
College of Business and Analytics
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1025 Lincoln Drive
Carbondale, Illinois 62901
Telephone: 618-453-3030
gradprograms@business.siu.edu

Business Administration Courses

BA410 - Financial Accounting Concepts Basic concepts, principles, and techniques used in the generation of accounting data for financial statement preparation and interpretation. Asset, liability, equity valuations and income determination is stressed. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA430 - Business Finance An introductory course combining both a description of the structure of business financing and an analysis of functional finance from a managerial viewpoint. Prerequisites: Business Analytics I and ACCT 220, or equivalents. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA450 - Introduction to Marketing Concepts An overview of the role of marketing within an economic system and of the major marketing activities and decisions within an organization. Emphasis is on
developing an understanding of the marketing process. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA470 - Legal and Social Environment An overview of the legal, social, and ethical dimensions which influence business with particular attention to the role of law as a control factor of society in the business world. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA505 - Brand Management This course will focus on important issues facing brand managers who are managing existing brands. The focus will be at the level of the brand and the discussions will pertain to issues involved in the development and implementation of brand strategies. The course will provide students with a conceptual framework to examine brand equity and use it as the basis for managing categories of brands, brand extensions, and dealing with the threats of generic brands. There will be an emphasis on bringing together the different elements of a brand strategy. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA506 - Fundamentals of Business & Communication for M.B.A. Professionals This course will prepare M.B.A. Professionals for the demands of the program. The course is divided into four parts to provide students the necessary foundational skills and knowledge. (1) Introduces students to the program and helps them re-familiarize with academic communication styles. (2) Introduces students to data analytics, and satisfies the Business Analytics I foundation requirement. (3) Covers the fundamental accounting and finance topics, and satisfies the Accounting/Finance/Economics foundation requirement. (4) Introduces students to topics in their preselected concentration and satisfies the particular workshop required for that concentration. Restricted to enrollment in a College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of School. Credit Hours: 2

BA509 - Advanced Seminar in Leadership Development This course focuses on leadership processes. In particular, this course will emphasize self-development and the skills necessary to lead. This course will also build upon the conceptual foundations provided from leadership topics covered in previous courses, structuring opportunities for finding practical application of theoretical concepts. Restricted to enrollment in an Online MBA program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 2

BA510 - Managerial Accounting and Control Concepts Basic cost concepts, measures, methods and systems of internal accounting useful for managerial planning, implementation, control and performance evaluation. Includes cost analysis relevant for non-routine decision-making. Prerequisites: Accounting, Finance, and Economics Foundation Area, or ACCT 220, or equivalent. Not available to students who were undergraduate accounting majors. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA511 - Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice This course is designed to provide master's students with an introduction to entrepreneurship, its theory, and practical applications. During this course, students will be exposed to a number of activities related to starting and operating a business. The goal of this course is to provide students with the basic tools for business creation. The culmination of the course will be the completion of a business plan. Restricted to enrollment in an Online MBA program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 2

BA514 - Ethics of Business (Same as ACCT 514) Philosophical implications of contemporary issues in business ethics. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA522 - Operations and Supply Chain Management The study of the development of competitive strategy for the operations and supply chain function, frameworks and tools used to implement operations and supply chain strategy, and how the operations and supply chain function contributes to an organization's competitive capabilities in the global marketplace. Prerequisite: Business Analytics I Foundation Area or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in the College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA523 - Strategic Data Mining Concepts and techniques for strategic knowledge discovery in structured and unstructured data from pre-processing and transformation to model validation and post-processing. Real-world examples and cases to put data mining in context and to illustrate how the application of data
mining can lead to better strategic data-based decision making. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of the department. Credit Hours: 3

BA524 - Foundations of Analytics for Managers This course provides an introduction of data science and analytics from a real-world perspective through interviews with technical staff, managers, and executives. In addition, the course teaches the statistical foundations needed for data science and analytics. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of the department. Credit Hours: 3

BA525 - Data Science and Analytics for Managers Provides a broad overview of basic concepts, principles, and recent innovations in Data Science. Data Science is the study of the extraction of knowledge from data. Data Science includes good domain knowledge, data modeling, database, statistics, and AI to produce effective solutions, predictions, and insights. This course will give a practical introduction to business analytics using databases, data warehouses, structured, and unstructured data from a cross-section of industries. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of the department. Credit Hours: 3

BA526 - Advanced Analytics and Artificial Intelligence for Managers The goal of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is to have a machine that can perform the cognitive functions of the human mind such as learning and thinking. This course is an introduction to artificial intelligence and how it can be combined with data analytics to create a powerful tool for better decision making. Prerequisite: BA 525 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA527 - Advanced Analytics and Visualization for Managers This course will introduce students to the field of data visualization. Data visualization is the science of stripping data down to its most important structures and then using the best techniques to take advantage of human perception for effective communication, decision making, and persuasion. Students will learn how to present data in the most efficient, effective, and aesthetic for decision making. Prerequisite: BA 525 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA528 - Analytics Capstone This is the capstone course in data analytics. Students will apply techniques learned in analytics, data science, artificial intelligence, and visualization in a variety of real world scenarios. Emphasis is on creative, abstract, and integrative thinking in executing a program in data analytics and managing the data analytics function. Prerequisite: BA 525, BA 526, and BA 527 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA529A - Accounting Analytics Use of analytics and accounting concepts and techniques. How structured and unstructured accounting data are obtained, validated, processed, and used in making descriptive and predictive models. The use of accounting analytics for better data-based accounting decision making. Prerequisite: BA 510, or baccalaureate accounting degree, or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA529B - Financial Analytics Use of analytics and finance concepts and techniques. How structured and unstructured financial data are obtained, validated, processed, and used in making descriptive and predictive models. The use of financial analytics for better data-based financial decision making. Prerequisite: BA 530, or FIN 361, or baccalaureate finance degree, or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA529C - Marketing Analytics Use of analytics and marketing concepts and techniques. How structured and unstructured marketing data are obtained, validated, processed, and used in making descriptive and predictive models. The use of marketing analytics for better data-based marketing decision making. Prerequisite: BA 550, or baccalaureate marketing degree, or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA529D - Management Analytics Use of analytics and management concepts and techniques. How structured and unstructured management data are obtained, validated, processes, and used in making descriptive and predictive models. The use of management analytics for better data-based managerial
BA529E - Supply Chain Analytics Use of analytics and supply chain concepts and techniques. How structured and unstructured supply chain data are obtained, validated, processed, and used in making descriptive and predictive models. The use of supply chain analytics for better data-based operations decision making. Prerequisite: BA 522, or baccalaureate business degree with supply chain management specialization, or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA530 - Corporate Finance Provide a broad overview of basic concepts, principles, and recent innovations in financial management. Topics covered will include risk and return, valuation, capital budgeting, capital structure and cost of capital, dividend policy, financial planning, international financial management and corporate restructuring. Prerequisite: Accounting, Finance, and Economics Foundation Area or equivalent. Not available for students who have credit for FIN 361 or were undergraduate finance majors. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of the department. Credit Hours: 3

BA531 - Advanced Corporate Finance An evaluation of selected financial policies connected with the acquisition and disposition of funds by the firm. An emphasis is placed on quantitative solutions to these problems. Prerequisite: BA 530, or FIN 361, or SIU undergraduate Finance major. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA532 - Financial Institutions and Markets The principal financial institutions and markets will be studied in relation to their contribution to the efficient operation of the individual enterprise and the total company. Prerequisite: BA 530 or FIN 361 with a C or better. Not available to students with credit for FIN 449 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA533 - Investment Concepts A study of fixed return and variable return securities, investment services, industry and issue analysis, empirical studies of groups and individual stock price movements. Prerequisite: BA 530 or FIN 361 with a C or better. Not available for students with credit for FIN 433 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA536 - Financial Analysis and Security Valuation Study of financial problems facing corporations, their causes and solutions. Emphasis given to the impact of these financial problems on how the market values securities. Topics include liquidity and leverage analysis, analysis of profitability, and other financial analysis tools. Not available for students with credit for FIN 469. Prerequisite: BA 530 or FIN 361. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of school. Credit Hours: 3

BA537 - Intellectual Property and Commercialization (Same as ENGR 522, LAW 633) Course teaches substance & practice of commercializing products of scientific & technical research. Provides a basic understanding of intellectual property laws in commercialization context & how those laws are applied in various fields of technology. Will learn how to value intangible assets, taking into account their commercial potential & legal status. Course will consider the legal & business issues surrounding marketing of products of research. Will prepare & negotiate license agreements. Will analyze legal & business issues surrounding whether & how to enforce intellectual property rights. Content & methods of course delivery & evaluation has been approved for provision by distance education. Credit Hours: 3

BA539A - Doctoral Seminar in Theoretical and Empirical Corporate Finance-I A series of doctoral seminars on theoretical and empirical issues in finance. Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. BA 539A covers a subset of topics on Theoretical and Empirical Corporate Finance, including methodology used in corporate finance research. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA539B - Doctoral Seminar in Theoretical and Empirical Corporate Finance-II A series of doctoral seminars on theoretical and empirical issues in finance. Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. BA 539B covers the remaining set of topics on Theoretical and Empirical Corporate Finance, including
methodology used in corporate finance research. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA539C - Doctoral Seminar in Theoretical and Empirical Asset Pricing and Investment I A series of doctoral seminars on theoretical and empirical issues in finance. Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. BA 539C covers a subset of topics on Theoretical and Empirical Asset Pricing and Investment, including methodology used in asset pricing and investment research. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA539D - Doctoral Seminar in Theoretical and Empirical Asset Pricing and Investment II A series of doctoral seminars on theoretical and empirical issues in finance. Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. BA 539D covers the remaining set of topics on Theoretical and Empirical Asset Pricing and Investment, including methodology used in asset pricing and investment research. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA540 - Managerial and Organizational Behavior Case analyses of human problems in the business organization. Application of findings of behavioral science research to organization problems. Development of direction and leadership skills. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545A - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Foundations in Organization Studies. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545B - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Advances in Organizational Behavior. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545C - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Advances in Organization Theory. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545D - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Advances in Strategic Management. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545E - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Special Topics in Organizational Behavior. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545F - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Special Topics in Organization Theory. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA545G - Seminar in Organization Studies A series of advanced seminars in organization studies. Sections (A)-(G) can be taken only once. Special Topics in Strategic Management. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA547A - Seminar in Production/Operations Management-Foundations in Production/Operations Management Series of advanced seminars in Production/Operations Management. Sections (A) through (C) may be taken only once. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA547B - Seminar in Production/Operations Management Series of advanced seminars in Production/Operations Management. Sections (A) through (C) may be taken only once. Service Operations Management. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3
BA547C - Seminar in Production/Operations Management  Series of advanced seminars in Production/Operations Management. Sections (A) through (C) may be taken only once. Production/Operations Management and Information Systems. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA547D - Seminar in Production/Operations Management  Series of advanced seminars in Production/Operations Management. Special Topics in Production/Operations Management. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA548A - Seminar in Management Information Systems  A series of advanced seminars on Management Information Systems (MIS). Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. Advances in Management Information Systems. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA548B - Seminar in Management Information Systems  A series of advanced seminars on Management Information Systems (MIS). Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. Decision Support and Information Systems. Prerequisite: (A). Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA548C - Seminar in Management Information Systems  A series of advanced seminars on Management Information Systems (MIS). Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. Section (E) may be repeated as topics vary. Quantitative and Computer Methods for Decision Support and Information Systems. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA548D - Seminar in Management Information Systems  A series of advanced seminars on Management Information Systems (MIS). Sections (A) through (D) may be taken only once. Section (E) may be repeated as topics vary. Strategic Management of Information. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA548E - Project Management  Organizations have become increasingly complex and their success is generally dependent on how well individuals can function as a group. It is important that you understand the activities that are necessary to participate in or manage a successful project; these topics include project selection, project scheduling, project budgeting, project monitoring and controlling a project, and closing a project. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA550 - Marketing Management  A managerial approach to the study of marketing. Emphasis is on the nature and scope of the marketing manager's responsibilities and on marketing decision-making. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA551 - Product Strategy and Management  Designed to treat product management and its relationships with business policies and procedures; the development of multiproduct strategies, means of developing such strategies and the problems and methods of commercialization. Prerequisite: BA 550 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA552 - Research Methodology for Marketing  The study of theory, method and procedure for quantitative and qualitative analysis of primary and secondary marketing data. Emphasis is placed on application of specific research tools to the process of formulating and testing research hypotheses. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA555 - Seminar in Consumer Behavior  Emphasis on the theories and research relating behavioral science to the discipline of marketing. Development of sophisticated comprehension of the consumption process is undertaken. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3
BA556 - Seminar in Marketing Strategy  Long run market opportunities are identified and evaluated. Methods of implementation and execution affecting the relationship of strategic marketing planning to the allocation decisions of top management are emphasized. The orientation is toward theoretical development to provide a base for continuing research in the field. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA557 - Seminar in Marketing Theory  The philosophical bases underlying the development of theory in marketing. The process of development of marketing ideations through research is emphasized. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA558 - Promotional Strategy and Management  The study of the elements of the promotional mix including advertising, personal selling, sales promotion and publicity and how they apply in the profit and not-for-profit sectors of the market place. Prerequisite: BA 550 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA559 - Digital Marketing  This course focuses on the development of competitive strategy for the digital marketing function of organizations, how that strategy relates to organizational strategy, and how the digital marketing function can contribute to an organization’s competitive capabilities in the global marketplace. This course will introduce digital marketing and marketing on the internet, including email marketing, social networks, search engine advertising and optimization, blogging, virtual communities, viral and affiliate marketing, mobile marketing, and online B2B communications. The focus will be on how firms can use these new mediums to communicate with target audiences, deepen their relationships with online customers, and promote their products/services. Prerequisite: BA 550 with a C- or better, or baccalaureate marketing degree, or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in the College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA560 - Management of Information Systems  A survey of information system design, analysis and operations. Topics include systems concepts, systems analysis and design, database management, software and hardware concepts, decision support systems, expert systems, distributed processing and telecommunications and information systems planning. Applications of information technology will be emphasized. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA561 - Database Design and Applications  Database planning, design and implementation; application of data modeling techniques-entity-relationship diagrams, hierarchical, network, relational and object-oriented data modeling; physical design and data administration; Distributed and Expert Database Systems. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA574 - Advanced Research Methods in Business Administration  A capstone research course in business that exposes the student to a full range of research experiences. Emphasis is on integrating learning and creative thinking in the execution of the research process. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA574B - Advanced Research Methods II  This course is a practicum in advanced research methods. It will focus on analysis of data, interpretation of results and synthesis of conclusions based on a clear understanding of the objectives of research, the characteristics of data and techniques for manipulating data. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA575 - Seminar in Multivariate Statistics  This seminar in multivariate statistics will give doctoral students in Business a theoretical and practical knowledge of multivariate methods such as cluster analysis, multiple regression, discriminant analysis, canonical analysis, etc., for the purpose of equipping them for dissertation work, and subsequent research for publication in the top academic business journals. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

BA580 - International Dimensions of Business and Management  International business and activities are examined in the international environment. The course will focus on concepts and issues of international business and will analyze the marketing, financial, accounting, managerial, logistical and
production functions of international operations. Emphasis is on integrating, learning and creative thinking through lecture and case analysis. Foundational M.B.A. coursework should be completed. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 2-3

**BA581 - Global Marketing** The basic elements of marketing management are identified in the setting of a global business environment. Emphasis is given to variables in the international markets that affect strategic business planning such as cultural, ethical, political and economic influences. The course focuses on current trends in the marketing practices of organization. Prerequisite: BA 550 or equivalent. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

**BA582 - International Finance** Discussion of international monetary system, parity conditions, foreign exchange markets and financial markets. Special focus on financial management of the multinational firm, including risk assessment, hedging, capital budgeting, and performance evaluation and control. Not available for students with credit for FIN 464. Prerequisite: BA 530 or FIN 361. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program, or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

**BA588A - Study Abroad-Business** Provides graduate credit for study abroad at accredited and approved foreign institutions. To be taken as first study abroad program. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

**BA588B - Study Abroad-Business** Provides graduate credit for study abroad at accredited and approved foreign institutions. To be taken as second study abroad program. Prerequisite: All Foundation Area degree requirements. Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 1-3

**BA590 - Marketing Research and Data Analysis** The purpose of this course is to teach you the skills needed to execute marketing research projects or use marketing research information to make better marketing decisions. To do this, the course covers techniques such as, determining if marketing research is needed, problem definition, research designs, survey design, sampling issues, data collection, and data analysis. The course also covers interpretation of results as well as recommendations for marketing managers/take-aways from the research. In this class, both quantitative and qualitative methods are used to collect primary data. The deliverable for the course is a full marketing research report for a live (real) client. Prerequisites: MATH 139; ACCT/FIN/MGMT 208 and BA 550 with a grade of C or higher. Restrictions: Graduate students, program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

**BA591 - Independent Study** Directed independent study in selected areas of business administration. May be repeated as topics vary. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program. Departmental approval required. Credit Hours: 1-15

**BA595 - Internship/Work Experience** Current practical experience in a business or other work directly related to course work in a College of Business and Analytics program and to the student's educational objectives might be used as a basis for granting credit to the college. Credit is given when specific program credit cannot be granted and is usable for elective credit only. Credit is sought by petition and must be approved by the CoBA dean before registration. Graded S/U or DEF only. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 1-6

**BA598 - Business Policies** Study of the development and evaluation of business strategies and policies as they relate to the overall performance of the firm within its environment. Knowledge of the functional areas of administration, available business data and analytical tools will be utilized in solving comprehensive business cases and simulation games. Restricted to enrollment in College of Business and Analytics graduate program or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

**BA599 - Thesis** Restricted to enrollment in M.B.A. program or consent of department, consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3-6
BA600 - Dissertation Minimum of 24 hours to be earned for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Business Administration. Restricted to advancement to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Business Administration. Credit Hours: 1-24

BA601 - Continuing Enrollment For those graduate students in business who have not finished their degree programs and who have one or more INCs or DEFs on their records and/or are in the process of completing their degree requirements. The student must have previously enrolled in a minimum of 36 hours of course work that meets M.B.A. program core and elective requirement or have completed a minimum of 24 hours of BA 600 before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only. Credit Hours: 1

BA699 - Postdoctoral Research Must be a Postdoctoral Fellow. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Credit Hours: 1

FIN432 - Options and Futures Markets Study of modern concepts and issues in financial options and futures markets. Emphasis on risk management in financial institutions, and applications in corporate finance and funds management. Prerequisite: FIN 331 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

FIN462 - Working Capital Management Liquidity analysis and management with a focus on managing cash, marketable securities, accounts receivable, inventory, banking relationships and short-term financing. Prerequisite: FIN 361 with a grade of C or better or concurrent enrollment. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

FIN463 - Forecasting and Capital Budgeting Long-term forecasting techniques used in business; alternative approaches to capital structure decisions, cost of capital measurement; and performance measurement for investment decisions including mergers and leasing; explicit consideration of certainty, risk, and uncertainty in investment analysis; theory and applications in private and public sectors. Prerequisite: FIN 361 with a grade of C or better or concurrent enrollment. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or departmental approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG405 - Brand Management This course is about branding, and the ways brands acquire and maintain economic and non-economic value. During our time together, we will explore the origins, power, theory, meaning, relevance and practice of brands, brand development, brand metrics and brand management. Prerequisite: MKTG 304 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG435 - International Marketing Analysis of international operations and markets. Emphasis on the factors influencing marketing to and within foreign countries and the alternative methods of operations open to international firms including e-commerce. Prerequisite: MKTG 304 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG438 - Sales Management Analysis of the sales effort within the marketing system. Philosophies, concepts and judgment criteria of the sales function in relation to the total marketing program. Emphasis on the integration of computer- and Internet-based technologies in the strategic development and operations of the sales force. Prerequisite: MKTG 304, MKTG 380, and MGMT 304 with grades of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG463 - Advertising Management Deals with advertising from the viewpoint of business management. Discussion of integrated marketing communication and problems of integrating advertising strategy into the firm's total marketing program. Course discusses the role of advertising in different business environments such as technology driven markets and electronic commerce. Prerequisite: MKTG 304 and MKTG 363 with grades of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3
MKTG480 - Marketing Research and Analysis The purpose of this course is to teach you the skills needed to execute marketing research projects or use marketing research information to make better marketing decisions. To do this, the course covers the techniques such as, determining if marketing research is needed, problem definition, research designs, survey design, sampling issues, data collection, and data analysis. The course also covers interpretation of results as well as recommendations for marketing managers/take-aways from the research. The deliverable for this course is a full marketing research report. Prerequisites: MATH 139; ACCT/ECON/FIN/MGMT 208 and MKTG 304 with a grade of C or higher. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors, junior standing; program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG489 - Services Marketing An exploration of the special challenges of services marketing, including analyzing and developing solutions for new service design and innovation; branding and selling services; service quality and customer satisfaction; infusion of services into manufacturing industries; service delivery and distribution including through intermediaries and electronic channels; self-service technology and smart services; pricing and ROI of services; and service failure and recovery. Prerequisite: MKTG 304 with a grade of C or better. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG494 - Data Analysis in Marketing This course is designed to equip marketing and other business students with the ability to translate data into actionable managerial decisions. Students learn how to manage and analyze data, which is available to organizations more than ever before, through a systematic process which includes data management (preparing data for analysis) and applied quantitative analysis, including statistical models. The focus will be on decisions that marketing managers have to make on a daily basis including marketing mix decisions. Prerequisite: MKTG 480 with a C or better. Credit Hours: 3

MKTG496 - Field Seminar in International Business Coursework and field study related to international business issues. Students will complete coursework on campus and then travel to international locations (e.g., Europe, Asia, or South America) for scheduled business visits with companies operating in those locations (both international and domestic businesses). Students will also complete additional report writing upon return from their international trip. Fees: package cost for air transportation, land travel in and between countries, lodging, and some meals, in addition to tuition and on-campus costs. Prerequisite: MKTG 304. Restrictions: College of Business and Analytics majors or minors, junior standing or higher; or program approval required. Credit Hours: 3

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