

# Business Administration

## Master of Business Administration (MBA)

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The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is a professional degree program designed to prepare you for general management responsibilities at the executive level. The MBA program is accredited by AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). The recipient of the degree must have demonstrated critical, analytical, and decision-making abilities in the broad area of management and also must have demonstrated an ability to study and write in one specialized area. The MBA program is designed for individuals who have an undergraduate background in a field other than business, as well as for those with undergraduate training in business. Also, the MBA program is available as part of a combined program resulting in both an undergraduate business degree plus an MBA degree in five years.

### Admission Requirements

1. A four-year bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.
2. Completion of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with a score that equals or exceeds an overall total score of 500. In certain circumstances, applicants may substitute the GRE or LSAT for the GMAT (with similar percentile scores expected to those noted above). This situation will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
3. An overall grade point average of at least 3.00 in the undergraduate degree program or of at least 3.25 for the last two years, or equivalent, of undergraduate work (based on 4.00 scale).
4. Command of the M.B.A. Prerequisite Curriculum (see description below), demonstrated through satisfactory completion of coursework or testing out of all of the courses found in the M.B.A. Prerequisite Curriculum. An individual may be provisionally admitted if all but nine credits of the M.B.A. Prerequisite Curriculum have been completed as of the date of application. All remaining M.B.A. Prerequisite Curriculum courses must be completed within one year of program admission. During this time, a provisional student will be allowed to take no more than nine credits of graduate coursework. It is critical that all course prerequisites are followed as the initial courses are taken in the program.
5. A minimum TOEFL Score of 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test, or for the Internet based TOEFL, a composite score of 79, with minimum scores of 21/30 (Speaking\*); 19/30 (Listening); 19/30 (Reading); and 17/30 (Writing) for applicants whose native language is not English. Applicants may also meet language requirements by presenting IELTS scores of 6.5. \*Applicants being considered for Graduate Teaching Assistantships must achieve these minimum TOEFL scores, but have a minimum score of 26/30 on the Speaking subtest.
6. Students who have received a bachelor's degree or higher from the United States or English-speaking Canada are not required to submit the TOEFL.

### Degree Requirements

Students seeking a Master's degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the Graduate School as well as particular requirements set forth by the Master of Business Administration Program. The M.B.A. degree program is an interdisciplinary program taught by the faculty in several departments within the College of Business and Public Administration. The M.B.A. Program Director is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the program. Business courses carrying graduate credit status from the Department of Accounting, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, Marketing, Management, and Political Science and Public Administration are described elsewhere in the Graduate Catalog. The M.B.A. degree program course requirements are:

1. A minimum of 32 semester credits of academic work. The program includes an M.B.A. curriculum of 26 semester credits, including the Independent Study (BADM 997 – 2 credits), and sufficient cognate electives to total 32 semester hours.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500- level-electives. A maximum of one-fourth (usually 8-9 semester credits) of the credit hours required may be transferred from another institution.
3. Cognate elective courses (6 or 9 credits).
4. The requirement of the final examinations for the M.B.A. degree is satisfied by the successful completion of Management 585, Advanced Strategic Management. Students must complete 12 credits of M.B.A. curriculum courses before enrolling in Management 585.
5. Approval of a written independent study.

Cognate elective courses (6 or 9 credits) may be chosen from those offered at the 300-, 400- and 500-level in the areas of Accounting, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, Marketing, Management, Political Science & Public Administration and related fields, e.g., Aviation Management. *All cognate elective courses must be approved by the M.B.A. Program Director prior to enrollment.* Students who already have completed courses similar to those in the M.B.A. curriculum may be required to choose substitutes from the graduate credit offerings listed in this catalog. Substitutions require the prior approval of the M.B.A. Director and the Graduate Dean.

**Final Examinations.** The requirement of the final examinations for the M.B.A. degree is satisfied by the successful completion of Management 585, Advanced Strategic Management.

## Faculty and Areas of Expertise

All graduate faculty members in the Departments of Accounting, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, Marketing, and Management are considered MBA faculty. A complete listing of faculty is found on the departmental website.

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