MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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What “Becoming Extraordinary” means to us

Inspired for more than 150 years by the Franciscan values of individual dignity, community inclusiveness, and service, St. Bonaventure University cultivates graduates who are confident and creative communicators; collaborative leaders and team members; and innovative problem solvers who are respectful of themselves, others, and the diverse world around them.

That’s why we say our students are becoming extraordinary.

Elite accreditation for the School of Business

Our School of Business is accredited at both the undergraduate and graduate levels by AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only 5 percent of business schools worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

Two locations for Graduate Studies

The MBA program is offered in Olean and at SBU’S Buffalo Center at Hilbert College in Hamburg. Classes are offered on weeknights in Olean and on weekends in Hamburg, and MBA students can take classes at both locations. The MBA can be completed in as little as 12 months in Olean, and 16 months in Hamburg. Fall, spring and summer MBA program starts are possible.

MBA Admission Requirements

- A competitive score on the GMAT or GRE*
- At least two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts of all previous college work
- Bachelor’s degree by the time MBA study begins

* The GMAT/GRE requirement may be waived with a CPA or other graduate degree. Click here for more details.
To learn more about Dr. Carl Case and all of our talented and experienced MBA faculty members, click here.

MBA program requirements

The MBA program is open to eligible students from all undergraduate majors. It is a 51-credit (17-course) program consisting of Foundation Courses (18 credits), the Business Core (18 credits), the Graduate Electives (12 credits) and Business Policy (3 credits). The minimum number of credits required for the MBA degree is 30 (excluding Foundation Courses).

To see full descriptions of all of the courses listed below, click here.

Foundation Courses are designed to ensure that all students have a common background as well as some breadth in the concepts and tools used in upper-level courses and in business. Students who have completed equivalent courses at the undergraduate level within the last seven years with a grade of “C” or better may not be required to complete some or all of these courses. Foundation Courses include (bold-face indicates courses are offered ONLY online):

- MATH 500 Mathematics for Management
- MBA 601 Accounting Foundations
- MBA 603 Economic Analysis
- MBA 604 Financial Foundations
- MBA 605 Management Information Systems
- MBA 608 Statistics

The Business Core is designed to ensure that all students have an advanced conceptual framework for analyzing and solving business problems. The Business Core includes:

- MBA 610 Financial Management
- MBA 611 Legal Environment of Business
- MBA 612 Marketing Management
- MBA 613 Organizational Behavior
- MBA 614 Management Science
- MBA 616 Accounting Practices and Analysis

While the MBA does not offer official concentrations, electives allow students to pursue studies in more specific subject areas: accounting/finance, international business or management/marketing. MBA students may, with adviser approval, choose up to two electives from the Integrated Marketing Communications curriculum (click here to see those). The MBA electives are:

- MBA 622 Federal Taxation
- MBA 623 Advanced Cost Accounting
- MBA 624 Production Management
- MBA 626 Investments
- MBA 627 Derivative Securities and Financial Engineering
- MBA 628 Applied Economics
- MBA 629 Auditing Applications and Cases
- MBA 632 Human Resource Management
- MBA 633 Federal Tax Policy
- MBA 635 Accounting Theory and Research
- MBA 636 Marketing Research
- MBA 638 Consumer Behavior
- MBA 641 International Accounting
- MBA 642 International Finance
- MBA 643 International Legal Environment
- MBA 644 International Marketing
- MBA 645 International Management
- MBA 696 Special Topics in Accounting and Finance
- MBA 697 Independent Study in Accounting and Finance
- MBA 698 Special Topics in Management and Marketing
- MBA 699 Independent Study in Management and Marketing

Business Policy (MBA 649) is the capstone course of the program and fulfills the School of Graduate Studies requirement of a written comprehensive exam.
FAQs

Q: How much are tuition and fees?
A: Graduate tuition for the 2013-2014 academic year is $690 per credit hour. However, other than a $5 fee for transcripts and a $100 fee for graduation, there are no additional required costs besides books and supplies. Graduate students have the option to purchase health insurance and SBU recreation center access. Housing and meal plans on the main campus are also available.

Q: Do I need to fill out the FAFSA?
A: Yes, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid — the same process you may have experienced for undergraduate financial aid — to receive the Graduate Stafford Loan. Since you will be a graduate student, you will fill out the FAFSA as an independent student. To learn more about filing the FAFSA, click here.

Q: I finish my bachelor's in December and start my graduate studies in January. I already have a FAFSA filed as a dependent student for this year. What should I do?
A: Your filing status will need to be adjusted for your graduate study. Please contact the SBU financial aid office about this at 716-375-2528.

Q: Are other forms of aid available?
A: Yes. Grants, scholarships and other loan or aid programs are available to help offset the cost of graduate school. For more information, click here.

Q: What campus and academic resources are available to MBA students?
A: From experienced advisers to full access to Friedsam Memorial Library, St. Bonaventure has a range of resources available to graduate students. The SBU and Hilbert bookstores carry all required textbooks, and our Technology Services department will assist students in setting up email accounts and access for online course offerings.