

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (057)

Program Coordinator

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The Master of Business Administration (MBA) prepares graduates for successful business and organizational leadership careers. To earn the degree, students must complete the MBA core and select at least one of the following concentrations: Contemporary Business Leadership, Supply Chain Management, Business Data Analytics, Cybersecurity Data Analytics, Marketing and Sales, or Dietetic Practice.

Concentrations

- Contemporary Business Leadership (CBLE)
- Supply Chain Management (SCMA)
- Business Data Analytics (BUDA)
- Cybersecurity Data Analytics (CYSA)
- Marketing and Sales (MKTS)
- Dietetic Practice (DIET)

Program Admission

Applicant materials are reviewed on a rolling basis. Students accepted into the MBA program will receive written notification and additional orientation materials. Students not admitted will be notified in writing and may be encouraged to reapply during the next regular admissions cycle.

The admission process for the MBA program at Western Kentucky University involves the following steps and requirements¹:

1. Completion of Graduate Studies admission application and a current resume with two references listed.
2. Applicants seeking admission must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - a. Minimum undergraduate overall grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale and at least 3 years of professional experience, OR
 - b. An undergraduate degree in a business discipline from an AACSB-accredited program with a minimum GPA of 3.25.

Applicants who earned an undergraduate degree in a business discipline from an AACSB-accredited program with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and have some work experience (including internships) but who do not meet the full work experience requirement may apply for conditional admission. Conditionally admitted students must achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their first 12 credit hours to gain full admission. Those who fail to meet this GPA requirement will be dismissed from the program.

¹ These minimum requirements establish eligibility for admission, but do not guarantee acceptance.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (30 hours)

Students must complete 30 hours to earn the MBA.

Students must complete the 21-hour MBA and choose at least one concentration.

The courses in the MBA core also comprise the Business Fundamentals graduate certificate, which students may earn while completing their MBA degree.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| Required Courses | | |
| MGT 510 | Advanced Organizational Behavior | 3 |
| ECON 511 | Applied Managerial Economics | 3 |
| BA 513 | Contemporary Business Analytics ¹ | 3 |
| ACCT 515 | Managerial Accounting | 3 |
| MKT 517 | Advanced Marketing | 3 |
| FIN 519 | Advanced Managerial Finance | 3 |
| MGT 590 | Strategic Business Concepts and Applications | 3 |
| BA 597 | MBA Portfolio | 0 |
| BA 596C | GFCB Graduate Certificate Assessment - Advanced Business Fundamentals (Must be taken if completing Business Fundamentals graduate certificate) | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 21 |

¹ These courses may count toward the Business Fundamentals graduate certificate.

Contemporary Business Leadership

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Select three courses | | |
| MGT 520 | Critical Thinking and Business Ethics | |
| MGT 546 | Sustainable Business Operations Management | |
| MGT 555 | Strategic Leadership | |
| MGT 560 | Contemporary Human Resources Management | |
| BA 596B | GFCB Graduate Certificate Assessment - Contemporary Business Leadership (Must be taken if completing Contemporary Business Leadership graduate certificate) | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

Supply Chain Management Concentration

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------|-------------------------|-------|
| MGT 576 | Supply Chain Management | 3 |
| MGT 583 | Procurement Management | 3 |
| MGT 584 | Supply Chain Analytics | 3 |

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| BA 596A | GFCB Graduate Certificate Assessment - Supply Chain Management (Required if completing a graduate certificate in Supply Chain Management) | 0 |
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Total Hours 9

Business Data Analytics Concentration

May not be combined with the Cybersecurity Analytics concentration.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|-----------|---|-------|
| BDAN 515 | Data Management | 3 |
| BDAN 517 | Predictive Analytics | 3 |
| BDAN 519 | Visualization and Decision Making | 3 |
| BDAN 596A | GFCB Grad Certificate Assessment - Business Data Analytics (Required if completing graduate certificate in Business Data Analytics) | 0 |

Total Hours 9

Cybersecurity Management Concentration

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| CYSA 520 | Principles of Cybersecurity for Data Analytics | 3 |
| CYSA 522 | Cybersecurity Risk and Compliance | 3 |
| CYSA 524 | Cybersecurity Orchestration Using Data Analytics | 3 |
| CYSA 596A | GFCB Graduate Certificate Assessment - Cybersecurity Data Analytics (Required if completing a graduate certificate in Cybersecurity Data Analytics) | 0 |

Total Hours 9

Marketing and Sales Concentration

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| MKT 518 | Contemporary Issues in Sales | 3 |
| MKT 521 | Market Research and Consumer Insights | 3 |
| Any 4XXG or 5XX-level ACCT, BA, BDAN, CYSA, ECON, FIN, MGT, or MGT course not already used in the program | | 3 |
| MKT 596A | GFCB Graduate Certificate Assessment - Marketing and Sales (Required if completing a graduate certificate in Marketing and Sales) | 0 |

Total Hours 9

Dietetic Practice Concentration

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------|--|-------|
| HMD 583 | Foodservice Systems Management | 3 |
| HMD 584 | Community Nutrition Program Management | 3 |
| HMD 587 | Seminar in Concepts and Methods of Dietetic Practice | 3 |

Total Hours 9