

THE McAFEE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration

Available on the Jackson and Germantown
Campuses

Mission Statement

To provide a contemporary business education in a Christian context.

The M.B.A. Academic Program

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree provides advanced study for individuals interested in managing and leading organizations.

Program Emphasis

Courses

There are 12 courses and an orientation program in the Union M.B.A. curriculum. The orientation program, comprised of 3 class meetings for one hour of credit, serves as a review of background information needed in each of the business disciplines.

The remaining 12 courses are 3 semester hours of graduate credit each. Courses are scheduled in a manner that allows the student to continue a career and an already busy schedule. The courses meet from 6 to 10 p.m. one evening a week. Only one course is taken at a time, and each cohort of students progresses through the program together. Courses are 8 weeks in duration. The entire 37-semester hour M.B.A. program is completed in 24 months.

The course load is divided into three terms of twelve hours per term, with the exception of Term 1 which includes the one hour Orientation program.

Case Methodology

The intensive study of cases is the focus of the Union M.B.A. Case study provides concrete organizational experiences for students to analyze. These real-life situations reinforce classroom discussions and interactive activities.

Faculty

The strength of the Union M.B.A. is the qualified faculty that serve our student body. Union's business faculty combine practical work experience in management, consulting, and the professions with strong academic backgrounds. This dual emphasis on practicum and education provides a rich and relevant classroom experience for our M.B.A. students.

Faculty pursue innovative teaching concepts while continuing to conduct and publish business-related research.

Program Benefits

The program strives to develop the following knowledge and skills in each student:

1. Advanced knowledge in accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, and quantitative methods;
2. Application of strategic management concepts within the functions of organizations;
3. Effective leadership and communication skills;
4. The capacity to make decisions leading to achievement of organizational objectives;
5. An understanding of the importance of Christian ethics and its application to organizational decision-making.

Students also will benefit from the following:

1. Convenient, one night a week scheduling;
2. Lock-step courses taught one at a time;
3. A full-time program that allows students to continue their careers;
4. Friendships developed within the cohort that will last a lifetime; and,
5. Personal contact with a professor in each course, each night.

Admission Information

Regular Admission Requirements

1. Official transcript(s) showing all course work, completion of baccalaureate degree(s), and all graduate credit previously attempted.
2. Completed application for the M.B.A. program, including payment of a \$25 application fee.
3. Submission of a score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The minimum acceptable GMAT score is 400. An applicant will be accepted as an M.B.A. student if his/her combined credentials (undergraduate grade point average <UGPA> and performance on the GMAT) measure at least 1200 points according to the following formula:

$$(300 \times \text{UGPA}) + \text{GMAT Score}$$

4. Minimum two years' post-baccalaureate work experience. Students not meeting this requirement must have completed a group of undergraduate foundation courses. This list is available from the M.B.A. Director.
5. Immunization Record

Conditional Admission Requirements

Applicants who do not meet the regular admission requirements to the M.B.A. program may be admitted conditionally at the discretion of the M.B.A. Director and the Graduate Business Committee. Students who are conditionally admitted may obtain regular admission after 12 hours of graduate study have been completed with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, or when the specific cause for conditional admission is removed.

Conditional admission to the M.B.A. program will be granted based on the following criteria.

1. All admissions criteria are met with the exception of the submission of a GMAT score. A score must be submitted during the first term of enrollment in the M.B.A. program.
2. The student meets admission requirements but has a low grade point average from previous academic work.

Transfer of Credit

Graduate credit for courses earned at a regionally accredited college or university or at a recognized foreign college or university may be transferred to Union University if the courses are essentially the same courses as those required in the cohort program. Such transfer credit will not be allowed for courses used to satisfy another degree at another institution. The maximum number of semester hours that may be transferred to Union University and applied to the M.B.A. degree is nine.

No grade less than "B" may be transferred. Courses taken more than five years before beginning the M.B.A. program at Union University will be considered on an individual basis.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of the thirty-seven hours of required course work.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.

The Cohort Approach

The Union M.B.A. provides a delivery system for graduate education that is unique. Groups of 15 to 30 students pursue each course together, meeting one night a week for eight weeks per course. This model emphasizes teamwork, cooperation, and the sharing of knowledge between students. Each cohort group is further subdivided into study groups of 4 to 6 students. Every attempt is made to structure study groups so that students' past experiences and business strengths are complementary. Lifelong friendships are developed under this format, and the learning that takes place in the classroom is supplemented in team exercises and projects. Study group meetings outside of class are at the discretion of group members.

Financial Information

There are four methods of payment for the program.

1. One-hundred percent of tuition expense for the entire program before the first night of class.
2. The payment of tuition for each term before the first night of class for that term.
3. The payment of one-third of the tuition at the beginning of the term and two equal payments at one-third intervals during the term. Interest will be assessed on the unpaid balance at the rate of 1.5% per month.
4. Tuition Reimbursement

Tuition is \$300 per semester credit hour, or \$11,100 for the program:

Term One	\$3900
Term Two	3600
Term Three	3600
Total	\$11,100

The following are non-refundable fees:

Application Fee: \$25

Graduation Fee: \$100; Student keeps masters hood

Financial Aid

Students enrolled in the M.B.A. Program may apply for the Federal Stafford Loan. A Union University Application for Financial Assistance and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form must be completed by each applicant. A Master Promissory Note must also be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

Union University is approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Academic Center as soon as possible upon registration.

Course Descriptions

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

Term One (13 hours)

601 MBA Orientation (1)

An orientation to the activities and experiences of graduate study in business at Union University, including adjustment to academic development and spiritual growth. This course, which provides an overview of basic undergraduate business concepts, is required of all entering MBA students.

610 Managerial Economics (3)

This course will build on a traditional basis of microeconomic theory through the case method and research projects. Case application will bring microeconomic analysis into the realm of managerial decision making.

620 Ethical Management (3)

Ethical Management makes intensive use of the case method to probe ethical issues facing the modern business world. An ethical audit of the student's firm also provides an opportunity to give practical relevance to the issues presented in class.

648 Human Behavior in Organizations (3)

Behavioral sciences applied to interpersonal relationships in organizations; concepts of human aspects of businesses as distinguished from economic and technical aspects. Focus is on the process of managing people.

653 Production & Operations Management (3)

Planning and control of operations in manufacturing and service organizations; examination of decision theory applications; emphasis on developing skills and techniques through case studies.

Term Two (12 hours)

612 Analytical Managerial Accounting (3)

Managerial accounting which focuses on historical and standard cost systems and cost analysis using various quantitative techniques.

625 Managerial Finance (3)

Analysis of the capital structure, dividend policy, and working capital policy of the firm. Additional topics include: risk measurement, valuation, cost of capital, and analytical tools used for the acquisition and allocation of funds.

630 Management Information Systems (3)

This course is designed to provide an understanding of the field of information systems. Broad-based instruction in distributed databases, network architectures, telecommunications options, and hardware/software platforms. Applied knowledge to ensure that MIS goals and expenditures are consistent with and in support of the mission of the organization. Case studies are used extensively to learn about the current issues facing information management.

635 Business Research Methods (3)

This course will develop business analytical tools using mathematics, statistics and computer technology. These tools will then be applied to a variety of business problems emphasizing planning, collection and interpretation of data, and presentation of results.

Term Three (12 hours)

615 Organizational Theory (3)

An examination of the impact of external environmental forces on the structure of an organization, the importance of organizational structure to the achievement of strategic and operational plans of management, and the various configurations available.

621 Business & The Legal Environment (3)

Tort law, contract law, agency, business organizations, negotiable instruments, property, business regulations, and industrial law. Case analysis of court decisions.

628 Strategic Marketing (3)

An analysis of the marketing of goods and services and the role of marketing in the economy. Marketing strategy explored through case studies and recent literature.

642 Business Policy & Strategic Management (3)

Coverage of strategic management concepts and integration of material learned in the functional areas of business; use of case studies and field projects to provide a top management view of the business enterprise.