Business: Management and Human Resources, MBA

Founded in 1900, the School of Business established one of the first five business programs in the nation. That entrepreneurial spirit remains strong.

As a student in the School of Business, you will find yourself inspired by peers, staff, alumni, business leaders, and world-renowned faculty who are focused, collaborative, and engaged in every aspect of the student experience. You will join a highly ranked program because of the comprehensive preparation this learning environment provides. Graduates possess highly sought-after general management and specialized expertise in business.

Joining collaborative, inspiring, trustworthy, and progressive Wisconsin School of Business alumni, Business Badgers graduate prepared to lead their organizations to success and transform the world of business. Together Forward!

Named Option in Strategic Human Resources Management

The Wisconsin MBA in Business: Management and Human Resources named option in Strategic Human Resource Management (SHRM) produces leaders who are equipped with the necessary skills to change tomorrow. The curriculum combines expertise in human resources with the knowledge required to be a strategic business partner. Many of the functional areas of HR and core competencies are covered through academic courses and program activities outside the classroom. The combination of core MBA learning, specialized courses, applied learning opportunities, and human resources internships sets the Wisconsin SHRM program apart from its competitors. See the program website (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/mba/full-time/career-specializations/strategic-human-resource-management/) for more information.

Admissions

Students apply to the MBA in Business: Management and Human Resources through its named option:


Funding

Graduate School Resources

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

Program Resources

Learn about costs and financial assistance on the program website (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/mba/full-time/admissions/tuition-costs-financial-aid-scholarships/).

Requirements

Minimum Graduate School Requirements

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

Major Requirements

Curricular Requirements

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<td>Minimum Credit</td>
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<td>Residence Credit</td>
<td>48 credits</td>
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<td>Graduate Coursework</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (27 credits out of 54 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA</td>
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<td>Other Grade Requirements</td>
<td>The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the first four weeks of the following semester. Students may be required to retake a course in which they receive a grade lower than a C.</td>
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Assessments and Examinations

No required assessments or examinations beyond course requirements.

Language

No language requirements.

Required Courses

Select a Named Option (p. 1) for courses required.

Named Options

A named option is a formally documented sub-major within an academic major program. Named options appear on the transcript with degree
Students pursuing the MBA in Business: Management and Human Resources must select one of the following named options:


**POLICIES**

Students should refer to the named options for policy information:


**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources ([https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/](https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/)) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Understand the connection between human resource management and overall business strategy.
2. Analyze organization compensation strategy to identify problems and develop solutions that support the organization’s strategy.
3. Discern which staffing techniques are poor, fair, and good predictors of employees’ future job performance.
4. Comprehend the various challenges currently facing the labor and employment relations system to be able to address these challenges.
5. Apply appropriate tactics in competitive and cooperative negotiations individually and as part of a negotiation team.
6. Design work systems and roles that allow employees to contribute to organization performance.

**PEOPLE**

For information about the faculty and their research interests, please visit the directory ([https://wsb.wisc.edu/faculty-research/academic-departments/management-human-resources/faculty/](https://wsb.wisc.edu/faculty-research/academic-departments/management-human-resources/faculty/)).

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