School of Business

Policies and Regulations

School of Business students as well as pre-business students are responsible for being familiar with the policies that affect them. School of Business policy is subject to change, so be sure to review this website for the most up-to-date information. Questions related to policy interpretation can be directed to your academic advisor for clarification. Please note that pre-business students are subject to the academic policies and procedures of their current school/college. In addition to the academic-related policies below, we strongly encourage prospective/pre-business applicants to review all admission policies listed on the Wisconsin BBA Admission Policies (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/undergraduate-bba/admissions/policies/) page.

Courses/Enrollment

Business Credit Limit

Undergraduate students may not take more than 75 credits of School of Business courses.

10-Semester Rule for Residential Students (Reentry and Transfer)

Students re-entering after an absence of 10 or more semesters:

A pre-business student seeking admission to the School of Business is responsible for completing all of the current School of Business admission and degree requirements that are in effect at the time of re-entry to UW-Madison.

A business student reentering UW-Madison is responsible for completing all the current School of Business degree requirements that are in effect at the time of reentry to UW-Madison and the School of Business. Students who left the institution as a business student do not need to reapply for admission to the School of Business when they return.

Transfer Students seeking admission to the School of Business:

A transfer student whose first college entry date is ten or more semesters prior to UW-Madison matriculation must complete all of the current School of Business admission requirements that are in effect at the time of UW-Madison matriculation.

A transfer student whose first college entry date is less than ten semesters prior to UW-Madison matriculation must complete all School of Business admission requirements that were in effect at the time of the student’s first college matriculation date.

Graduation

The School of Business will graduate a student at the end of the semester (spring, summer or fall) in which all university, BBA degree and business major requirements are complete. Students cannot graduate with a temporary grade (https://registrar.wisc.edu/grades-and-gpa/), such as I or NR, for any requirements. Speak with the course instructor or your advisor to resolve temporary grades. The date when the outstanding Incompletes (I) are resolved will determine the semester of graduation.

If a student is completing their final coursework while not in residence, the student must notify the WSB Undergraduate Program’s Advising Office when the official transcript has been evaluated by UW-Madison and appears on their record. This allows their DARS to be certified for graduation.

Graduation will not be postponed for any incomplete School of Business certificate(s), specialization(s), or honors program(s); or additional certificate(s) or major(s) outside the School of Business.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that graduation requirements have been met. All students should regularly consult their DARS (Degree Audit Reporting System) document in conjunction with their advisor to ensure that all graduation requirements have been met.

Student Responsibility for Enrollment

Each student is responsible for arranging a course list that will permit satisfactory progress toward degree requirements and a class schedule that (a) avoids class and final exam scheduling conflicts, (b) avoids an excessively demanding final exam schedule, and (c) verifies registration in chosen classes.

The Office of the Registrar publishes university deadlines for adding and dropping individual courses, withdrawing (from all courses), and selection options such as pass/fail and audit. Changing enrollment can have consequences for academic standing, tuition, progress toward degree, etc. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with an academic advisor prior to initial enrollment and before making any changes to enrollment.

No-Credit Courses

The School of Business does not award credit for the following:

- Failed courses (grade of “F”)
- Repeated courses (except where a repeat is allowed)
- Courses for which a student may not receive credit because of a previously completed course (as indicated in the Course Search & Enroll App)

Being enrolled in any of the above courses could impact your application to the School of Business. Before enrolling in and taking any of the above courses, please consult your academic advisor.

Part-Time Enrollment

To maintain full-time standing, students must be enrolled in 12–18 credits.

Undergraduate students who are considering dropping below full time (less than 12 credits) should make sure they know how it will affect their status. Students are responsible for knowing how part-time status will affect them. Below are some of the more common scenarios to explore before dropping credits:

International Students:

Dropping below full time as an international student can have serious consequences, up to and including deportation. Please be sure to check with the International Student Services Office before dropping below 12 credits.

Scholarships, Grants, and Other Awards:

Depending on the conditions of the scholarship, a student may be required to be full time in order to remain eligible for an award. Be sure to check the stipulations for any awards you have received.
Financial Aid:
Be sure to check with the Office of Student Financial Aid to find out if being part time will affect your financial aid package.

Tuition Refunds:
Depending on when the credits are dropped, you may be eligible for a tuition refund. Check the registrar’s website for information about refund deadlines.

Athletes:
Varsity athletes are governed by Big Ten and NCAA rules that do not allow them to drop below full time. Be sure to check with your coach and athletic advisor before dropping below 12 credits.

Degree Completion:
Taking fewer credits or courses than anticipated may delay your graduation. Be certain that if you drop a course, you will still be able to complete all required courses within your desired timeline. If you are not sure, please see your academic advisor.

PASS/FAIL
Undergraduate business students who are in good academic standing (i.e., not on probation) may take only one (1) course as pass/fail per semester including the summer session. A maximum of 16 total credits may be completed as pass/fail to count toward completion of the 120 degree credits required for the BBA.

The pass/fail privilege is for a non-business elective course. The following courses cannot be taken pass/fail:

• Any business courses including those designated as “meets with,” “cross-listed,” and those taken during study abroad programs
• Any requirement for the business major or degree, including, but not limited to, pre-business and liberal studies requirements

Note: It is the responsibility of the student to check requirements and policies for non-business majors and certificates prior to requesting the pass/fail privilege.

The pass/fail grade will not be included when computing your GPA, but the pass/fail credits with S (Satisfactory) grades will apply toward graduation. S is the grade for A to C; U (Unsatisfactory) is the grade for D and F.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 graded credits each semester in order to be eligible for the dean’s list.

In order to apply for the pass/fail privilege, students must submit an online request by following the directions below:

• Sign into My UW and enter Student Center.
• Click on the Manage Classes Tile.
• Under Course Change Request, select the desired term and click continue.
• Look for the desired class and check the Select checkbox. You will now see the various change options.
• Select the “Add Pass/Fail” box. Your request is now pending.
• Click the Save button on the top or bottom of the screen to save your request.
• Please disregard the message that says “Reminder - print this form and obtain appropriate signatures.” You do not need to do this.

• Your request is then sent directly to the WSB Undergraduate Program's Academic Advising Office. You will be notified by email whether or not your request has been approved.

Please complete the online pass/fail form by the deadline. See the Office of the Registrar website for deadline information.

Once the student has submitted the form, the course may not be changed from pass/fail back to a conventionally graded course after the established deadline. Once a pass/fail grade is recorded as S or U, it cannot be changed to a letter grade.

REPEATING A COURSE
Students thinking about repeating a course should talk with their advisor. Students must do all the work in the repeated course, including laboratory; attend regularly; participate in class discussions; and take examinations. Students will earn a final grade in the course. The transcript denotes repeated courses with a lowercase ‘x’ appearing immediately before the course description. Students should know that:

• the original grade still counts in GPA and remains on the transcript;
• credits in the repeated course do not count toward the degree, unless the course was failed the first time;
• grade points in the repeated course do count toward calculation of cumulative GPA;
• credits carried on courses being repeated count toward the maximum credits permitted in a semester.

Transfer students must be particularly careful to avoid taking courses on the UW–Madison campus that duplicate courses taken at another school. Credit will not be given twice for the same or similar courses, nor will credit be given for a lower-level course in a sequence if students have already received credit for a higher-level course in that sequence. Students should carefully check the Evaluation of Transfer Credits prepared by Credit Evaluation Services and should consult with their advisor. Duplicate courses may include transfer credits and credit by exam, such as Advanced Placement, coming in as course equivalents.

RESIDENCY FOR DEGREE
Students admitted to the Wisconsin School of Business Undergraduate Program, including students who transfer from another college or university, must complete a minimum of 30 credits in business courses in residence.

WITHDRAWAL
Withdrawal indicates that a student intends to stop attending all classes for the current term/semester. If a student wishes to drop all of their classes for a particular semester/term after the first day of classes, a student needs to formally withdraw from the semester by submitting the online withdrawal request in the MyUW Student Center. Failure to do so may result in a recording of Failure for all courses and a “may not continue” action. Any student may withdraw with permission and without grades being recorded at any time up to the last three weeks of a fall or spring semester. Students should refer to the enrollment dates and deadlines (https://registrar.wisc.edu/dates/) provided by the Office of the Registrar if they are enrolled in summer term and wish to withdraw. The Office of the Registrar provides additional information regarding withdrawal (https://registrar.wisc.edu/withdraw/), including impacts of withdrawal.
Medical Withdrawal: For information on medical withdrawals, students should refer to the Medical Withdrawal (https://registrar.wisc.edu/medical-withdrawal/) page provided by the Office of the Registrar.

In addition to entering a request for medical withdrawal in the MyUW Student Center, Business students will need to submit the Petition for Special Consideration form. (https://buswisc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a4CkoBq7BQhXr?ga=2.152083449.1715547210.1624291160-630380142.1620053901) A staff member from the Academic Dean's Office will be in contact with you following the submission. Medical withdrawals are approved on a case-by-case basis, and medical documentation will be required.

COURSES SCHEDULED FOR FEWER THAN 15 WEEKS
Deadlines for sessions and modular courses (https://registrar.wisc.edu/modular/) are listed on the Office of the Registrar’s website.

CREDIT OVERLOAD
To obtain special permission for a credit overload, students need to submit a petition for special consideration (https://buswisc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a4CkoBq7BQhXr?ga=2.5642675.1034170563.1614009576-1842162041.1564425520) and demonstrate that special circumstances are involved.

Students who wish to take more than 18 credits during the fall or spring semester must have earned a minimum of 3.000 cumulative GPA on the UW-Madison campus. Students will not be permitted to carry more than 20 total credits during the fall or spring semester.

Students can take a maximum of 12 credits during the summer session. Please note that there are credit limits by session as well. Students may enroll for one credit per week of instruction (e.g.: a student can earn 3 credits during a 3-week session, but needs approval to earn 4 credits in a 3-week session). Students who are seeking a credit overload for the summer session must have earned a minimum of 3.000 cumulative GPA on the UW-Madison campus. Students will not be permitted to carry more than 13 total credits during the summer session.

Credit overloads will incur additional tuition costs. Visit Tuition & Fees (https://bursar.wisc.edu/tuition-and-fees/) for more information.

FIRST-YEAR REQUIREMENTS (FRESHMAN DIRECT ADMIT STUDENTS ONLY)
ACADEMIC PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES
To progress in the Wisconsin School of Business Undergraduate Program after direct admission, students must complete the following requirements by the end of their first year at UW-Madison:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 24 degree credits in residence.
2. Students must complete the following requirements through successful completion of a course, placement test, transfer credit or test credit:
   3. Communication Part A (complete one):
      - ENGL 100 Introduction to College Composition (3 cr)
      - COM ARTS 100 Introduction to Speech Composition (3 cr)
      - ESL 118 Academic Writing II (3 cr), non-native English speakers only
   4. Calculus (complete one):
      - MATH 211 Calculus (5 cr)
      - MATH 217 Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry II (5 cr) (must complete MATH 171 first)
      - MATH 221 Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1 (5 cr)

5. Economics (complete one):
   - ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics (4 cr)
   - ECON 111 Principles of Economics-Accelerated Treatment (4 cr, Honors course)

6. Psychology
   - PSYCH 202 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr)

7. Business course for first-year students
   - GEN BUS 110 Personal and Professional Foundations in Business (1 cr)

Monitoring and communication after fall semester
First-year progression progress will be monitored after the fall semester. Students will receive an email notification after the fall term informing them whether or not they are on track to meet the progression requirements by the end of their first year.

Action for students who did not meet the First-Year Progression Requirements
Students who do not meet progression requirements after the first year will receive an enrollment hold. To remove the enrollment hold, students must meet with their academic advisor in the Undergraduate Program.

EXAMS
FINALS
General Info/Schedule:
Final exam times are automatically assigned for both fall and spring semesters. Final exam times can be found in MyUW.

Make-Up Final Exams:
Make-up exams may not consist of more than 10% of the total number of students enrolled. If an instructor needs to give a make-up to more than 10% of students enrolled, they must obtain the dean’s written approval.

Student Conflicts:
Students should attempt to avoid having more than two exams within 24 hours. If a student has more than two exams in 24 hours, the instructor may—but is not required to—offer a make-up final exam or allowable alternative. However, if a student has two exams at the same time and date, one instructor must offer a make-up final exam or allowable alternative.

MIDTERMS
The department chairs have approved this midterm policy.

The School of Business discourages giving exams outside of regularly scheduled class periods. Exams given outside class—for example, in the evenings—inevitably create conflicts for students who are taking other classes at that time. This problem with conflicts is getting more common as departments are using all available times—especially late in the afternoon and evenings—for scheduling classes.

Exams must be scheduled for either 5:30-7 p.m. or 7:15-9:15 p.m. This allows students with classes that end at 5:15 to make the exam. Any exam longer than 90 minutes should be given in the 7:15-9:15 p.m. time period to conform to university policy. This policy is consistent with the out-of-class exam policy passed by the faculty senate on May 10, 1982.
Any student that has another class that meets at the time the out-of-class exam is scheduled must be given the opportunity to take a make-up at a time convenient for the student.

Instructors of daytime courses who plan to give evening mid-term exams must footnote such intentions in the Schedule of Classes so students will be aware of potential conflicts with evening courses or other commitments. If the possibility of evening exams is not mentioned in the Schedule of Classes, it is usually not a good idea to try to schedule one unless every student agrees. If any conflicts arise, instructors who schedule evening exams should accommodate students with unavoidable conflicts. Whenever possible, times and/or days of evening exams should also be footnoted.

**Student Conflicts:**
Students should attempt to avoid having more than two exams within 24 hours. If a student has more than two exams in 24 hours, the instructor may—but is not required to—offer a make-up exam or allowable alternative. However, if a student has two exams at the same time and date, one instructor must offer a make-up exam or allowable alternative.

**GRADES**

**ACADEMIC PROBATION**

Students admitted to the School of Business must maintain all of the following GPA minimums:

- 2.00 cumulative GPA on all UW–Madison coursework
- 2.00 semester GPA for each semester

Failure to meet either of these standards will result in probationary status.

A student will be cleared of probationary status at the end of the semester or summer session when all of the above conditions are met and the student's record contains no grade of incomplete.

Students continuing on probation for a second, consecutive semester will be placed on strict probation. Students who are not removed from strict probation after one semester will be dropped from enrollment in the School of Business (and UW–Madison) for one semester. Students whose GPA places them in dropped status may reapply on probationary status (after a one-semester hiatus) if they can demonstrate the ability and desire to devote sufficient energy to scholastic work. To reapply, students may complete a reentry application through the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

GPA deficiencies causing probationary status cannot be removed through coursework at another university or through correspondence study.

**DEAN’S LIST**

Business students who achieve a grade point average of 3.75 for any semester in which they complete 12 graded degree credits will have their names on the dean’s list. A permanent record of this achievement is entered on the student’s transcript. Students with I, P, or U on their grade report will automatically be ineligible for the dean’s list. Subsequent academic action may change eligibility.

**GRADING POLICY**

The mean grade should be no higher than 3.0 in the following undergraduate classes:

- ACCT I S 100 Introductory Financial Accounting
- GEN BUS 301 Business Law
- ACCT I S 211 Introductory Managerial Accounting
- FINANCE/ECON 300 Introduction to Finance
- MARKETING 300 Marketing
- MANAGEMENT, M H R 300 Managing Organizations
- OTM 300 Operations Management
- R M I 300 Principles of Risk Management

For all other undergraduate courses with class numbers below 600 and 15 or more students enrolled, the mean grade should be no higher than 3.3 and the maximum percentage of As is 30%.

**GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION**

The Office of the Registrar compiles a preliminary list of business students eligible for distinction. These students are eligible to wear an honors stole with their commencement attire. The WSB Undergraduate Program will notify eligible students via email 2-3 weeks before the commencement ceremony.

Distinction is awarded to graduated business students who meet the following criteria:

- At least sixty (60) credits earned (in residence) at UW–Madison
- A cumulative UW–Madison GPA in the top twenty percent (20%) of the graduating business class

Please note that students on the preliminary list for distinction may or may not receive distinction. The distinction designation is subject to change and is dependent upon official graduation date (semester), number of students graduating, and final grade calculations, including last semester and in-progress courses. Students who graduate with distinction are eligible to wear a cardinal stole with their commencement attire. The stoles can be obtained from the University Bookstore with a deposit and do not need to be ordered in advance. More information on graduation attire can be found on the site of the Secretary of the Faculty.

“Graduated with Distinction” is notated on official transcripts only.

**INCOMPLETE POLICY**

An incomplete may be reported for a student who has carried a subject with a passing grade until near the end of the semester and then, because of illness or other unusual and substantiated cause beyond his/her control, has been unable to take or complete the final examination or to complete some limited amount of term work. An incomplete is not given to a student who stays away from a final examination unless the student proves to the instructor that he or she was prevented from attending as indicated above. In the absence of such proof, the grade shall be F, even with such proof, if his/her work has convinced the instructor that he/she cannot pass, the grade shall be F.

If an admitted business student earns an incomplete, the work for that course must be completed by the end of the student’s next semester in residence (exclusive of summer sessions). Incompletes incurred in the last semester of residence may not be removed after five years of absence from the university without special advance permission of the associate dean. Such incompletes must remain on the record with grades of PI and do not lapse into failures.

See the Office of the Registrar’s website ([http://registrar.wisc.edu/incompletes.htm](http://registrar.wisc.edu/incompletes.htm)) for the full incomplete policy, including the policy for students in other schools/colleges.

**MAJOR DECLARATION**

**ADDITIONAL MAJOR OUTSIDE OF BUSINESS**

Residential business students may declare one additional major outside the School of Business in the College of Letters & Science (any major).
or in the School of Education (Educational Policy Studies or Theater & Drama). Students who gain approval to complete an additional major in the College of Letters & Science or the School of Education must complete major requirements prior to, or concurrently with, their business degree. Students who have fulfilled the degree requirements for the BBA will be graduated, even if the additional major outside the School of Business had not been completed.

Online BBA students will not be permitted to pursue additional majors or certificates.

To declare a second major:
Meet with the advisor for their additional major and complete the major declaration form (https://kb.wisc.edu/images/group86/24550/LSMAJORDECFORM.pdf) or other document students use to declare a major in the department. The form or document must have the additional major's academic advisor's signature, and it must be filled out completely. Deliver the completed form to the WSB Undergraduate Program's Advising Center (3150 Grainger Hall) or wibbaadvising@wsb.wisc.edu. Incomplete or inaccurate forms will not be processed. You will be notified via email if the form is incomplete or if your request has been approved.

Meet regularly with your School of Business academic advisor and additional major advisor regarding major and/or degree requirements.

To cancel a second major:
Students interested in cancelling their additional major must go to the department to undeclare their additional major. Usually students must fill out a Major Declaration/Cancellation Form provided by the department advisor. The form must be signed and dated by both the student and a representative of the major department. The form must include the name, phone, and email address of the departmental faculty or staff advisor associated with the major. Turn the original form in to the WSB Undergraduate Program's Advising Center (3150 Grainger Hall) or wibbaadvising@wsb.wisc.edu.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MAJOR
All residential students admitted to the School of Business are required to declare a major before or upon the completion of 86 credits (including credits from transfer, AP test, study abroad, or retroactive credits). Business students may declare or cancel any of the 11 majors offered by completing the major declaration form.

Students interested in declaring a certificate offered through the School of Business should follow the procedures outlined on the Certificates page for the appropriate program.

Please note that first-year students will not receive an enrollment hold in their first two semesters on the UW–Madison campus for major declaration. First-semester transfer students will also not receive an enrollment hold.

Students in the online programs will only be permitted to declare the designated major and option they had been admitted to.

COURSES AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS
COMMON GUIDANCE FOR OFF-CAMPUS COURSEWORK
WSB Undergraduate students are advised to take no more than two courses in their major (or per major if pursuing multiple majors) off-campus. This guidance includes courses taken for transfer credit at another accredited institution as well as courses taken on a School of Business or UW–Madison-sponsored study abroad program. Due to the international emphasis of the major, there is no limit on the number of courses taken towards the International Business major while on a School of Business or UW–Madison-sponsored study abroad program. The academic departments of the School of Business strongly recommend that all BBA students complete the core or initial course in their major(s) on campus.

While WSB Undergraduate students are able to take courses off-campus, the WSB Undergraduate Program reminds students that they should plan to complete all prerequisites for any off-campus course, regardless of its place in the BBA curriculum, prior to taking the course off-campus. Attention to these prerequisites is crucial to ensuring WSB Undergraduate students are prepared for their coursework whether it is taken on or off campus. Advance academic planning is an integral part of a student's success and ability to remain on track to graduate. Students are strongly encouraged to share with their advisor if they plan to enroll in course work off-campus at any time once they are a UW-Madison student. Advisors assist students in making decisions regarding enrollment in off-campus course work and share resources with students to ensure that courses will transfer to UW-Madison for degree credit and satisfy the requirement(s) they expect. While students are always encouraged to share this information with their advisor, students are required to gain permission to take courses off-campus in certain circumstances.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
School of Business students are not allowed to enroll concurrently at other accredited post-secondary institutions during any term in which they are enrolled at UW–Madison (fall, spring). This includes enrollment in online, distance education, and physical attendance classes (exceptions may be made for UW–Extension/Independent Learning—see below).

Students are permitted to enroll in more than one university during the summer session. However, please be aware that if you are taking a course at another university that begins in the summer and coincides with the fall and/or spring semester, it will fall into this category of concurrent enrollment, regardless of when the course will be completed.

If students are taking a course at another institution of higher learning over UW-Madison's winter break, they do not need to seek permission for concurrent enrollment if the course does not overlap UW-Madison's spring term or if the overlap is two weeks or less.

If it is discovered that a student violated the above policy, this credit will be removed from the student's record. It is the responsibility of the student to verify with their academic advisor that they are not in violation of this policy.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING
UW Independent Learning (UW IL) is a branch of UW Extension that offers online and print-based courses. Courses taken through UW Independent Learning are considered concurrent enrollment and require special permission to enroll in the fall, spring or summer.

Students interested in taking a course through UW IL should meet with an academic advisor. If the advisor and student agree this is a good option the student should follow these steps to request permission for concurrent enrollment and request a tuition waiver (if applicable). Forms should be returned to 3150 Grainger.

- Fill out a Petition/Special Consideration Request requesting permission for concurrent enrollment with UW Independent Learning. Be sure to include which class you intend to take.
• Students with full time status at UW–Madison may request a tuition waiver for UW Extension Independent Learning Courses provided that the following conditions are met:
  • The student requests the waiver and enrolls in the course by the UW–Madison add deadline (second Friday of the semester).
  • The course is taken during the regular academic session.
  • The course is completed during the term for which the tuition waiver is requested.
  • The student does not exceed 18 credits total between the two campuses.

Students are responsible for the $75 administrative fee for enrolling in a UW IL course.

The minimum length of time to complete an IL course is typically three months. Foreign language courses often require more time. Students should take this into consideration as they are planning the completion of their degree.

TRANSFER CREDITS

UW–Madison students may choose to take courses off campus during the summer or winter session and potentially transfer credit to UW–Madison. The UW–Madison Office of the Registrar handles transfer course equivalencies. Please note that UW–Madison students may not take courses at another institution during the fall or spring semester if they are concurrently taking courses at UW–Madison (see concurrent enrollment policy). Students may take no more than one course off-campus during winter recess. Students interested in earning transfer credit for a non-UW study abroad program must work with UW–Madison’s International Academic Programs well in advance.

It is highly recommended that students do not take a course unless they know in advance that it will transfer to UW–Madison for credit. The Office of the Registrar provides information regarding how to determine course equivalencies (https://registrar.wisc.edu/transfer-your-credit-to-uw-madison/).

Transfer Credit Process

• Review your DARS report and consult your academic advisor to see what you still need to take and whether the course(s) would be a good option to take at another institution over the summer or winter session. It is not advised to take your business major courses off campus.
• Research course options at the institution where you plan on taking the course(s).
• Apply as a “special” or “guest” student at the institution you plan on attending.
• Enroll in the course and pay tuition directly to the institution you are attending.
• After the course is complete, have the institution send an official transcript to the UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment at 702 West Johnson Street, Suite 1101, Madison, WI 53715-1007 or etranscripts@admissions.wisc.edu.

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

The following are additional policies that apply to students pursuing one of the School of Business online degree programs:

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

When students enter a School of Business online degree program, they are held to the degree requirements described in the most recent Guide. The term of admittance to the online program results in a catalog and alternate catalog year that reflects the most recent BBA requirements for the online program.

MODALITY

The modality for School of Business online degree program courses are online only. Students in an online program who are enrolled in a class section which is not "Online Only" will be dropped from that class section.

A change of program that requires change of modality of instruction is not permitted. Should there be compelling extenuating circumstances that justify a change in learning modality option for an individual student, the student may request of change of modality via the Petition for Special Consideration (https://buswisc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a4CkoBq7BQhXRr/?_ga=2.207081875.10347170563.1614009576-1842162041.1564425520).

ADDITIONAL MAJOR

Students in a School of Business online degree program will only be permitted to declare the designated degree/major/option they have been admitted to and will not be permitted to be concurrently enrolled in more than one academic program (degree/major/option or certificate).

MAJOR CHANGE

Students enrolled in a School of Business online degree program may apply for change of degree/major/option to another UW-Madison online degree program. This is according to the change of degree/major/option requirements of the school/college for the online degree program for which they seek transfer and with the approval of the designated academic dean in both schools/colleges.

APPEAL

ACADEMIC POLICY OR REQUIREMENT APPEAL.

If an undergraduate business student wishes to request an exception to a School of Business academic policy or regulation, or a degree or major requirement, they should start by consulting with their academic advisor. They then will need to formally submit their request using the Petition for Special Consideration (https://buswisc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a4CkoBq7BQhXRr/?_ga=2.2520624.1034170563.1614009576-1842162041.1564425520) form. Exception requests could include dropping a course or withdrawing after the deadline, enrolling in a credit overload, concurrent enrollment, or meeting a requirement with a substitution.

Exceptions to established policies, regulations, and/or program requirements should be rare and will be considered on an individual case by case basis. They will be reviewed by the School of Business Undergraduate Program’s Academic Advising Office. School of Business Department Chairs will be consulted on major requirement exceptions. Substantial consultation time with faculty, staff, and/or deans may be required, so students should not expect to receive an immediate response.
GRADE APPEAL

If a student is dissatisfied with a grade received in a School of Business course, the following procedure must be followed should the student wish to appeal the grade.

The student will first discuss the grade appeal with the instructor of the course.

If the student and instructor cannot come to an agreement, the student will provide a formal written request for grade appeal to the associate dean in charge of the relevant program. The written request must include the class, instructor, grade received, date and conclusion of meeting with instructor, and the specific reason(s) for appealing the grade.

The associate dean will forward the appeal request to the chair of the department which houses the course in question. The department chair will perform the due diligence necessary (including, but limited to, meeting with the instructor and student) to assess the merits of the appeal request and will provide a decision in writing to the associate dean.

The associate dean will communicate the decision to both the student and instructor.

Should the student wish to appeal the decision further, the associate dean will perform the due diligence necessary (including, but limited to, meeting with the chair, instructor, and student) to assess the merits of the appeal request. The associate dean has the discretion to review not only the process that was undertaken in the first review, but also the earlier decision. The associate dean will provide a decision in writing to the chair, instructor, and student.

The instructor will take action if needed.