BUSINESS: REAL ESTATE AND URBAN LAND ECONOMICS, BBA

The undergraduate program in real estate (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/undergraduate-bba/academics/majors/#real-estate) provides concentrated coursework in all aspects of the real estate enterprise. The program is nationally renowned for its ability to develop real estate professionals with superb analytical skills. Many of the graduates of the program go on to work as managers of and advisors to pension funds, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts, and investment banks. Other graduates of the program go on to take public and private industry jobs in real estate development, appraisal, corporate real estate asset management, and real estate analysis.

RECOGNITION

Our real estate program is ranked 2nd in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report 2016.

RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Real Estate Club (http://www.realestateclub.org)
Wisconsin Real Estate Alumni Association (https://bus.wisc.edu/centers/james-a-graaskamp-center-for-real-estate/alumni-and-friends)

HOW TO GET IN

Students wishing to pursue this major must be admitted to the School of Business. Once admitted, students are able to pursue any business major they choose. To find out more about the school's admissions process for undergraduate students, please see Entering the School (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/business/#enteringtheschooltext).

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) section of the Guide.

General Education

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

The Wisconsin Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree program is based on a broad educational foundation combined with courses in business and economics. This curriculum is designed for those students who wish to prepare for careers in business. Students completing any School of Business major (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/business/#requirementstext) are required to satisfy a common set of Pre-Business Requirements, Liberal Studies Requirements, Business Preparatory Requirement, Business Core Requirement, Business Breadth Requirement, and Credits for BBA Degree.

REAL ESTATE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students should take REAL EST/A A E/ECON/URB R PL 306 The Real Estate Process as early as possible, as it is a prerequisite for many other real estate courses.

REAL EST 312 Real Estate Law should also be taken early, ideally the semester after REAL EST/A A E/ECON/URB R PL 306 The Real Estate Process.

Please note that the scheduling of REAL EST 312 Real Estate Law occasionally conflicts with that of REAL EST/ECON/URB R PL 420 Urban and Regional Economics in the spring semester.

It is strongly recommended that students take REAL EST 415 Valuation of Real Estate before REAL EST 410 Real Estate Finance, or that REAL EST 410 Real Estate Finance and REAL EST 415 Valuation of Real Estate be taken concurrently.

REAL EST 611 Residential Property Development should be taken after REAL EST 410 Real Estate Finance and REAL EST 415 Valuation of Real Estate.

Code Title Credits
REAL EST/A A E/ECON/URB R PL 306 The Real Estate Process 3
REAL EST 312 Real Estate Law 3
REAL EST 410 Real Estate Finance 3
REAL EST 415 Valuation of Real Estate 3
REAL EST/ECON/ URB R PL 420 Urban and Regional Economics 3
REAL EST 611 Residential Property Development 3
or REAL EST 611 Residential Property Development 3

Total Credits 18

ADDITIONAL COURSES
Undergraduate students are encouraged to take additional electives from among the following real estate and related courses within the School of Business. Electives are typically not offered every semester.

REAL ESTATE ELECTIVES

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<td>REAL EST 651</td>
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1 The real estate department regularly offers innovative and cutting-edge electives under REAL EST 365 Contemporary Topics. Students should check the Course Guide every semester.

RELATED COURSES

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<td>Facilities Location Models</td>
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<td>Economics of Transportation</td>
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RECOMMENDED NON-BUSINESS ELECTIVES
Electives may also be selected outside the business-economics core from among a number of courses elsewhere in the university, which will provide greater professional awareness and more specialized tools.

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<td>CIV ENGR 340</td>
<td>Structural Analysis I</td>
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<td>ART HIST 368</td>
<td>American Architecture: The 19th Century</td>
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<td>GEOG/CIV ENGR/ ENVIR ST 377</td>
<td>An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems</td>
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URB R PL/GEOG 305 Introduction to the City 3-4
URB R PL/ LAND ARC 463 Evolution of American Planning 3
URB R PL 601 Site Planning 3

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree
To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. “In residence” means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Gather, process and analyze market, linkage and macroeconomic data for the purpose of forecasting real estate trends and making prudent investment decisions.
2. Understand how to optimally source capital to execute on growth and development opportunities, prepare for and manage the crises and contingencies that pervade real estate ventures, and improve efficiencies in the operation of revenue generating properties.
3. Recognize, measure, and create value in real estate in the strict respect of all ethical and legal norms and with full awareness of their responsibility to the communities, investors and users they aspire to serve as real estate professionals.
4. Successfully communicate the merits of beneficial real estate projects to its various stakeholders.
5. Develop a deeper network with local, regional and international professionals to gather market data, perspectives, investment ideas and employment leads.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This is a sample four-year plan for students directly admitted into the School of Business from high school. We encourage all students to consult with their academic advisor to develop an individualized plan that meets their specific needs.

Freshman

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This page includes a table of academic courses with codes, titles, credits, and course details. It also outlines requirements for university degree, quality of work, and learning outcomes. Additionally, a four-year plan is provided for incoming students.
**Communications**

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**Ethnic Studies**

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**Science**

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Total Credits: 29-31

Direct Admits who wish to do an internship during their first summer will need to take ACCT I S 100 during their second semester.

**Sophomore**

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**Junior**

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Total Credits: 23-25

Students must choose one of the following courses: PHILOS 241, PHILOS 243, PHILOS 341, PHILOS 441.

**Senior**

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Total Credits: 24-27

3 REAL EST 611 or REAL EST 661 can also be taken in the fall semester of senior year.

**ADVISORY AND CAREERS**

**ADVISING**

Advising is an integral part of any student's educational journey in the School of Business BBA Program. Starting at Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR), we encourage all students to connect with academic advisors. BBA academic advisors have a wealth of knowledge about courses on campus, as well as policies and procedures.

BBA career advisors help students with career exploration, internships, resumes, job search, interviewing and more. We encourage students to connect with their career advisor once they arrive on campus.

BBA advisors want students to succeed. Students experiencing academic difficulty or personal struggles are encouraged to talk to their advisor about how their individual situation may affect their academic performance.

**ASSIGNED ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISORS**

For admitted BBA students, advisors are assigned by academic major. If you have more than one major, you may have more than one assigned advisor. You can find your assigned advisor by logging into your student center and looking on the right hand menu under “Program Advisor.”

For students not yet admitted to the School of Business, we have a team of pre-business advisors available to you.

**ACCESSING ADVISING**

If you have a quick question, no more than 15 minutes, please utilize our drop-in advising.

You may schedule a 30-minute appointment with an academic and career advisors. Advisors are trained, and have knowledge regarding all ten majors in the BBA, so if your assigned advisor is not available you can be confident to schedule an appointment with any of the BBA advisors.

Pre-business students may also schedule an appointment with a pre-business academic advisor.

If you have a quick yes/no question you may always send an email to your assigned advisor.

For more information on accessing academic advising, please see our academic advising page [here](https://bus.wisc.edu/current-student-resources/bba/academic-support-resources/academic-advising).

For more information on accessing career advising, please see our career advising page [here](https://bus.wisc.edu/current-student-resources/bba/careers-internships/career-advising).

**CAREERS**

Real estate as a career encompasses a wide range of activities—from development and construction to financing; from brokerage and leasing to property management; from appraisal and assessment to insurance and regulation; from research to urban planning, government affairs and more. Job responsibilities vary by function and can be office-based or in the field. Qualifications also vary from licensing and certification to advanced degrees.
Please visit our website (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/undergraduate-bba/academics/majors/#real-estate) to learn more about careers in real estate.

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