BUSINESS: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE, BBA

The major in risk management and insurance (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/undergraduate-bba/academics/majors/#risk-management-and-insurance) prepares students to identify, analyze, and manage risks that are inherent in the operation of profit and not-for-profit institutions. Besides professional careers in risk management, the major cultivates skills required for challenging opportunities in organizations that accept these risks—private and governmental insurers, as well as brokerage/agency and consulting organizations.

The program of study may be structured to aid students seeking professional designations of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and Associate in Risk Management (ARM).

RECOGNITION
Our risk management and insurance undergraduate program is ranked 2nd in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report, 2019.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS
Risk Management and Insurance Society (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/rmis)

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/business/#requirementstext) 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.

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RISK MANAGEMENT & INSURANCE (R M I) MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
The risk management and insurance major consists of 12 required credits. R M I 300 should be completed prior to any other R M I coursework, as it is a prerequisite for all other courses.

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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.

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FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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ADVISORY AND CAREERS

ADVISORY

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 advisor. 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 (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 (https://bus.wisc.edu/current-student-resources/bba/careers-internships/career-advising).

CAREERS

Risk professionals identify, develop, and analyze solutions to manage risk (financial, credit, operational, etc.) at both the organizational and consumer level. Effective risk management encompasses all divisions of an organization, allowing the organization to grow safely and to be more resilient. Insurance is a key solution for managing risk and is deployed by risk professionals working as brokers, underwriters, claims adjusters, product developers, and a host of other potential insurance careers.

To learn more about careers in risk management and insurance, please visit the BBA RMI website (https://wsb.wisc.edu/programs-degrees/undergraduate-bba/academics/majors/#risk-management-and-insurance).

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