

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (INTERCOLLEGE)

Degree Requirements

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The online M.B.A. degree requires a minimum of 48 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MBADM 810	Team Performance	3
MBADM 811	Financial Accounting ¹	3
MBADM 812	Economics for Business Strategy ¹	3
MBADM 813	Data Analysis for Decision Making ¹	3
MBADM 814	Leadership Communications and Change Management	3
MBADM 815	Ethical and Responsible Business Leadership	3
MBADM 816	Managing and Leading People in Organizations	3
MBADM 820	Financial Management	3
MBADM 821	Marketing in a Global Environment	3
MBADM 822	Managing Supply Chains in Global Markets	3
MBADM 850	Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship	3
MBADM 830	Managing in the Digital Economy	3
Electives		
Select 9 elective credits		9
Culminating Experience		
MBADM 571	Global Strategic Management ²	3
Total Credits		48

¹ For students with exceptional credentials, MBADM 811, MBADM 812, and MBADM 813 may be waived. Students must petition the head of the graduate program to obtain a waiver for these courses, and students' credentials will be reviewed to assess their eligibility for a waiver. Obtaining a waiver for MBADM 811, MBADM 812, and MBADM 813 will not reduce the minimum 48 credits required for the degree. Alternate courses may be substituted for the courses waived.

² The culminating experience for the Online MBA is MBADM 571. As the course title implies, MBADM 571 gives students a view of the whole firm and helps them understand how finance, marketing, and operations collectively support the strategy and mission of the firm. Students in this course will typically analyze their own firm to give them a comprehensive understanding of how the firm intends to achieve its goals.

OMBA Program Orientation

The Online MBA Orientation, hosted by the Faculty Chair, Managing Director and program staff, serves as the essential onboarding experience for incoming students, designed to set them up for success from day one. During this comprehensive introduction, students are welcomed by key program staff and initial faculty members who will guide them throughout their MBA journey.

The orientation creates valuable networking opportunities, allowing new students to connect with their peers and begin building the collaborative relationships that are central to the program's community. Students gain a thorough understanding of the program's structure, including detailed information about course sequencing, degree requirements, and academic milestones.

A major focus is placed on familiarizing students with available support resources, from academic advising to technical assistance, ensuring they know where to turn for help when needed. The session also clearly outlines program expectations, including academic standards, participation requirements, and professional conduct guidelines.

Central to the orientation is an introduction to the OMBA Navigator, the program's hub for community engagement, course information, and student resources. Through the Navigator, students learn how to access course materials, connect with classmates, and stay informed about program activities, helping them integrate seamlessly into the Online MBA community from the start.

Other Relevant Information

The online MBA is an online graduate degree program delivered via World Campus (<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/>). Students must be computer literate and have immediate, ready, and reliable access to a computer and the Internet. Although not all aspects of the course are delivered via electronic media, Internet access is required to successfully complete the course of instruction, as well as participate in online discussion groups. See World Campus Technical Requirements (<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/general-technical-requirements>) for the most current technical requirements.

Students may spread out their studies over a longer period of time to accommodate their professional and personal commitments, but it is strongly recommended they complete the degree in five years or less.