



Master of Business Administration

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Accreditation

The St. Bonaventure School of Business is accredited at both the undergraduate and graduate levels by AACSB International — the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Convenient Format

The School of Business offers the MBA program in convenient formats — part time, full time, and fully online — to fit the schedules of busy adults.

Locations/Availability

The MBA program is offered fully online (asynchronous format) or weeknights on campus in Olean. The MBA can be completed in as little as 15 months in Olean and 12 to 24 months online.

Admission Requirements*

Admission to this degree program is based on:

1. Official transcripts of all prior college work
2. GMAT or GRE score (waived with a 3.3 undergraduate GPA, or a 3.0 GPA and two years of upper-level leadership)
3. Current résumé

Degree Requirements (42 credits)

The MBA program is open to eligible students from all undergraduate majors. It is a 42-credit (14-course) program consisting of foundation courses (9 credits), the Business Core (12 credits), graduate electives (12-18 credits) and Business Policy (3 credits). Business Policy (MBA 649) is the capstone course of the program and fulfills the School of Graduate Studies requirement of a written comprehensive exam.

The minimum number of credits required for the MBA degree is 30. A specific plan of study is developed for each student by the program director.

Coursework

Foundation courses ensure that students have a common background as well as some breadth in the concepts and tools used in upper-level courses and in business. Students who have completed equivalent courses as undergraduates within the last seven years with a grade of “C” or better may not be required to complete some or all of the foundation courses. Foundation courses include:

MBA 515F Intro to Business Analytics
MBA 516F Accounting & Financial Foundations
MBA 517F Economic Foundations

Business Core courses ensure that all students have an advanced conceptual framework for analyzing and solving business problems. The Business Core includes:

MBA 610 Financial Management
MBA 612 Marketing Management
MBA 613 Organizational Behavior
MBA 616 Accounting Practices and Analysis

Online MBA students may opt to pursue a particular concentration in accounting (this concentration does not prepare the student for CPA licensure), business analytics, marketing or finance. While the Olean campus MBA doesn't offer official concentrations, electives allow students to pursue studies in more specific subject areas: accounting, business analytics, finance, international business, management and marketing. A sample list of MBA electives includes:

MBA 621 Data Visualization
MBA 624 Production Management
MBA 632 Human Resource Management
MBA 639 Behavioral Finance
MBA 644 International Marketing
MBA 646 China Studies*

*MBA 646 involves cultural and international business preparation and group travel to China in late May.

For course descriptions, go to www.sbu.edu/graduate and click on the Graduate Catalog link.