

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: ACCELERATED TRACK

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The Master of Business Administration: Accelerated Track at Sam Houston State University is designed to develop candidates for positions of leadership in modern organizations. Managerial procedures and practices are continually changing. Therefore, the program emphasizes the integration and synthesis of various disciplines to develop a student's ability to function in a dynamic environment and make sound administrative decisions that maximize the value and contributions of an organization. The MBA: Accelerated Track is suited for highly motivated and qualified students from any academic discipline. The program provides the candidate with a basic managerial background through the core requirements and additional courses.

The MBA: Accelerated Track requires 30 graduate hours including 24 hours of core courses and 6 hours of additional courses.

Please see the current schedule of classes (<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/current-schedule-of-classes.html>) for the course offerings.

The MBA: Accelerated Track may be completed in as few as three semesters.

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Admission Process Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Business Administration: Accelerated Track must:

1. Complete the online graduate application form (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>).
2. Pay the application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>).

Additionally, applicants must submit the following material directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

1. Official transcript(s) from all previous college work (except SHSU graduates).
2. **Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.**

International Students must submit all of the above information plus:

1. Official TOEFL score of at least 79, IELTS score of at least 6.5, or Duolingo EPT score of at least 105.
2. English translations and evaluation of official transcripts.

Graduate Application Deadlines

U.S. Citizens

- Fall - August 1
- Spring - December 1
- Summer - May 15

International Students

- Fall - June 25
- Spring - November 12
- Summer - April 9

Admission Criteria

Degree from a U.S. university

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Degree from a non-U.S. university

- **Students who earned a baccalaureate degree from a university located outside of the United States must satisfy all of the following to be considered for admission into SHSU's MBA: Accelerated Track.**

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher as determined by independent evaluations of official transcripts.
- TOEFL score of at least 79, IELTS score of at least 6.5, or Duolingo EPT score of at least 105.
- English translations and evaluations of official transcripts.

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Prerequisite Coursework Requirements for Non-Business and Non-Accounting Graduates

Prerequisite courses for graduate business courses are **required** for students who did not take the equivalent courses as part of their baccalaureate program or for students with a baccalaureate degree from a non-U.S. university. The graduate prerequisite courses (courses listed as 5300) **do not** apply to the 30-hour graduate credit hour requirement of the MBA: Accelerated Track degree. (Prerequisite courses can be completed through Peregrine Global Services - Business Administration Assessment. Contact advisor for details.)

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Course Requirements		
ACCT 5300	Analysis of Accounting Information	3
BANA 5300	Quantitative Tools For Business	3
ECON 5300	Economic Principles And Policy	3
FINC 5300	Business Finance Environment	3
MGMT 5300	Foundations Of Strategic Management	3
Total Hours		15

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The MBA: Accelerated Track degree program requires a minimum of thirty hours of graduate credit.

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Business Administration: Accelerated Track		
Specified Courses		
ACCT 5304	Accounting For Management	3
BANA 5368	Techniques Of Statistical Analysis	3
BUAD 5310	Managerial Communication	3
FINC 5310	Financial Management	3
MGMT 5315	Seminar Operations Management	3
MGMT 5345	Seminar In Team Leadership	3
MGMT 5390	Seminar in Strategic Management and Policy ¹	3
MKTG 5330	Marketing Management	3
Additional Courses		
BUAD 5085	Special Topic	3
ECON 5357	Seminar in Managerial Economics	3
Total Hours		30

¹ This is a capstone course that satisfies the comprehensive exam requirement. A grade of "B" or better is required for graduation.

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The MBA: Accelerated Track is designed to prepare business professionals for leadership roles within the business, governmental, or non-profit sectors. Specific marketable skills include:

- **Effective communication:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate language and content that suits the intended audience and organize content in a logical sequence.
- **Effective critical thinking:** Graduates will be able to distinguish relevant and non-relevant information regarding a business problem and develop a valid argument in support of a conclusion.

- **Effective strategic decision making:** Graduates will be able to consider different strategic options using available evidence through the lens of organizational goals and generate applicable solutions for business problems.