

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Business Administration program 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 program is suited for qualified students from any academic discipline. The program provides the candidate with a basic managerial background through the core requirements while providing individualized adaptation through elective courses.

The MBA requires 30 graduate hours including 21 hours of core courses and 9 hours of electives.

Core and elective courses are available to complete our MBA program entirely online. Please see the current schedule of classes (<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/current-schedule-of-classes.html>) for the course offerings.

The MBA program may be completed in as few as three semesters; however, it is not recommended that students who are working attempt more than six hours in a semester. A more realistic timeline would be approximately two years.

Additional information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/graduate/business-administration/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Admission Process Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Business Administration program 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 2.75 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 15
- 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 2.75 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 program.**

- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 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.

Prerequisite Requirements for Non-Business Graduates

Prerequisite requirements can be completed through Peregrine Global Services - Business Administration Assessment. Contact the MBA program advisor for details.

The M.B.A. degree program requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate credit.

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Business Administration		
Specified Courses		
ACCT 5304	Accounting For Management	3
BANA 5368	Techniques Of Statistical Analysis	3
ECON 5357	Managerial Economics	3
FINC 5310	Financial Management	3
MGMT 5390	Seminar in Strategic Management and Policy ¹	3
MKTG 5330	Marketing Management	3
SCMG 5315	Seminar Operations Management	3
Prescribed COBA Electives OR Concentration		9
COBA Electives		
Select three General Electives (may choose from: All graduate courses in the College of Business Administration) ²		
Concentration		
Select from Concentration options below		
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.

² Excluding ACCT 5300, BANA 5300, ECON 5300, MGMT 5300, and FINC 5300.

MBA Concentrations

For those students that would like to concentrate on specific disciplinary areas, the COBA electives can target the following course options. Students wishing to add a second concentration would need to complete additional coursework beyond the minimum 30 hours required within the MBA program.

Concentration Options

Accounting

Code	Title	Hours
Accounting Concentration		
Select three from the following:		9
ACCT 5311	Advanced Financial Reporting I	
ACCT 5312	Advanced Financial Reporting II	
ACCT 5324	Information System Auditing & Assurance	
ACCT 5355	Personal Tax Planning	
ACCT 5360	Analytics in Accounting	

Economics

Code	Title	Hours
Economics Concentration		
Select three from the following:		9
ECON 5301	Mathematical Methods for Applied Economics	
ECON 5305	Microeconomics	

ECON 5307	Macroeconomics
ECON 5325	Econometrics
ECON 5340	International Economics
ECON 5348	Development Economics
ECON 5350	Health Economics
ECON 5351	Labor Economics
ECON 5352	Energy Economics
ECON 5360	Economic Analysis Of Strategy
ECON 5370	
ECON 5373	Urban Economics

Total Hours 9

Executive Communication & Collaboration

Code	Title	Hours
Executive Communication & Collaboration Concentration		
Select three from the following: 9		
BUAD 5310	Managerial Communication	
BUAD 5340	Ethics for Business Executive	
BUAD 5350	Tech-Enhanced Business Communication	
BUAD 5355	Managerial Law	
MGMT 5345	Seminar In Team Leadership	

Finance

Code	Title	Hours
Finance Concentration		
Select three from the following: 9		
FINC 5320	Commercial Bank Management	
FINC 5333	Financial Statement Analysis	
FINC 5338	Risk Management for Financial Institutions	
FINC 5340	International Finance	
FINC 5345	Investments	
FINC 5370	Administrative Problems in Finance	
FINC 5395	Commercial Bank Lending	

Total Hours 9

Human Resource Management

Code	Title	Hours
Human Resource Management Concentration		
MGMT 5355	Seminar in Human Resource Management	3
MGMT 5360	Staffing Organizations	3
MGMT 5365	Seminar In Compensation Management	3

Total Hours 9

Management

Code	Title	Hours
Management Concentration		
Select three from the following: 9		
MGMT 5345	Seminar In Team Leadership	
MGMT 5350		
MGMT 5355	Seminar in Human Resource Management	
MGMT 5360	Staffing Organizations	

MGMT 5365	Seminar In Compensation Management	
SCMG 5316	Supply Chain Management	
SCMG 5318	Quality Management	
SCMG 5320	Management of Innovation and Technology	
SCMG 5323	Tools of Project Management	
SCMG 5325	Project Management	
SCMG 5330	Operations Planning & Control	
Total Hours		9

Project Management

Code	Title	Hours
Project Management Concentration		
SCMG 5325	Project Management	3
SCMG 5327	Agile Project Management	3
Plus, select one from the following:		3
SCMG 5318	Quality Management	
SCMG 5323	Tools of Project Management	
SCMG 5330	Operations Planning & Control	
Total Hours		9

Real Estate

Code	Title	Hours
Real Estate Concentration		
REAL 5350	Real Estate Debt	3
REAL 5351	Real Estate Equity	3
REAL 5352	Real Estate Market and Development Feasibility Analysis	3
Total Hours		9

Supply Chain Management

Code	Title	Hours
Supply Chain Management Concentration		
SCMG 5316	Supply Chain Management	3
Plus, select two from the following:		6
MGIS 5360	Project Management for Business Systems Development	
SCMG 5318	Quality Management	
SCMG 5330	Operations Planning & Control	
SCMG 5375		
Total Hours		9

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 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.