

Business Administration

Business Administration Major

The Business Administration major is designed to provide students with a broad background in all of the aspects of business. Business Administration might be an appropriate major for students who will work in smaller organizations or own their businesses which will require a broader understanding of business. Also, some organizations may seek generalists rather than specialists because they may be more adaptable in rapidly changing business environments. This major might also be appropriate for students intending to go on to graduate studies that would benefit from a broad understanding of business, e.g., law school.

Business Administration Minor

Majors outside the College of Business often select a minor in Business Administration. A minor in Business Administration requires a minimum of 24 credits. At least 12 credits in 300-400 level BUSN, FIN, MGMT, and MRKT courses must be completed at NDSU in the College of Business. Prior departmental approval is required for any 300-400 level course not completed at NDSU but used to satisfy the minor requirements.

Students must earn a 2.50 grade point average that is based on the courses used for the Business Administration minor. A minor approval form is required and can be found at www.ndsu.edu/business. This minor is not available to students with majors in the College of Business.

Major Requirements

Major: Business Administration

Degree Type: B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 126

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

BUSN 189	Skills for Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take BUSN 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I *	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II *	3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking *	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R):

STAT 330	Introductory Statistics *	3
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Science & Technology (S):

CSCI 116	Business Use of Computers *	4
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A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list

Humanities & Fine Arts (A):

PHIL 216	Business Ethics *	3
Select from current general education list		3

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B):

ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics *	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics *	3

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list

Global Perspectives (G):

ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics *	3
or ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	

Total Credits 40

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements 40

Pre-College of Business Requirements

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I *	3
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ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II *	3
MATH 103	College Algebra *	3
This is waived for students who place into MATH 105 or higher.		
STAT 331	Regression Analysis *	2
Pre-Business Administration Requirements		
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business *	4
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology *	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology *	3
Business Administration Major Requirements **		
BUSN 301	Organizational Citizen	0
FIN 320	Principles of Finance ¹	3
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management ¹	3
MGMT 330	Foundations of Organizational Behavior	3
MGMT 360	Operations Management	3
MRKT 320	Foundations of Marketing ¹	3
BUSN 430	Legal and Social Environment of Business ¹	3
BUSN 487	Managerial Economics	4
BUSN 489	Strategic Management ¹	4
MIS 320	Management Information Systems ¹	3
ECON 324	Money and Banking	3
300-400 Level Courses **		18

Of the 18 credits, at least one 300-400 level course must be completed in each of the following 4 areas (includes courses cross-listed with CoB courses):

1) FIN

2) MGMT

3) MRKT

4) Environment of Business: Select at least one from the following:

BUSN 318 Taxation in Management Decisions

BUSN 340 International Business

BUSN 341 Global Business Environment

BUSN 347 Principles of Real Estate

BUSN 383 Organizational Communication I

BUSN 431 Business Law I-Contracts, Property and Torts

BUSN 432 Business Law II-Business Organization and Commercial Transactions

BUSN 440 International Business Law

BUSN 474 Cooperatives

300-400 College of Business Electives **		6
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Any courses from the College of Business with the prefixes of ACCT, BUSN, FIN, LEAD, MGMT, MIS, or MRKT; includes courses cross-listed with CoB courses; excludes ATHL credits

Degree Electives: Potential of 9 credits to reach 126.		9
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Total Credits		126
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* Pre-college and pre-business administration major courses. A grade of 'C' or better for pre-college and pre-business administration major courses is required for admission into the Business Administration major.

** Students must earn a 'C' or better and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in ALL courses included in the professional program (i.e., all required courses, elective requirements, and additional 300-400 level CoB electives or breadth electives). The only exception is BUSN 301, which is a P/F course.

¹ Denotes Common Body of Knowledge (CBK) course.

Degree Requirements and Notes

- Students must include one of the following international courses in their plan of study:

BUSN 340	International Business	3
BUSN 341	Global Business Environment	3

FIN 440	International Finance	3
MGMT 440	International Management	3
MRKT 440	International Marketing	3

- Students follow the published curricula for the business administration program of study from the semester/year of entrance in the College of Business to graduation, provided enrollment at NDSU has not been discontinued for more than one year. Students who change their major are subject to meeting the curricular requirements in effect at the time the new major is declared.
- Business courses from programs that do not hold AACSB International accreditation cannot be used for major or minor requirements in the College of Business (CoB); such courses may be eligible for use as free electives.
- The CoB accepts a maximum of nine credits of non-NDSU 300-400 level business courses from AACSB programs with approval of the department.
- Admission into the Business Administration Major: Students must earn a 'C' or better in the pre-college and pre-business administration major courses that are indicated with an asterisk (*), achieve junior standing (60 credits), and earn a 2.50 institutional cumulative grade point average. Students must submit an online application to the CoB.
- Admission to the business administration major is required to enroll in advanced 300 or 400 level CoB courses.
- A grade of 'C' or better is required in transfer courses accepted for ACCT 200 Elements of Accounting I and ACCT 201 Elements of Accounting II and all 300-400 level accounting, business administration, finance, management, management information systems, and marketing courses.
- A letter grade must be earned in any course that fulfills a major requirement. The only exception is BUSN 301, which is a P/F course.
- A 2.50 cumulative grade point average is required to enroll in 300-400 level CoB courses.
- Students must earn a 2.50 institutional GPA to graduate.
- Of the credits completed in residence at least 30 credits must be in 300-400 level CoB courses.
- Students must be accepted to the Business Administration major prior to the completion of the last 30 credits in 300 and 400 level CoB courses.
- For multiple majors within CoB, at least 15 unique credits of 300-400 level CoB courses must exist between the majors.
- Internship and cooperative education credits may be applied toward the total credits required for graduation as non-major electives.
- Students should refer to www.ndsu.edu/business for current and complete listing of the major requirements.

Minor Requirements

Business Administration Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 24

Students should refer to College of Business (<https://www.ndsu.edu/business>) for information on declaring this minor.

Requirements

Select one of the following:		3-6
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	
ACCT 200 & ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting I and Elements of Accounting II	
Select one of the following:		3-6
ECON 105	Elements of Economics	
ECON 201 & ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics	
Select two of the following:		6
FIN 320	Principles of Finance	
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management	
MRKT 320	Foundations of Marketing	
Elective Courses		12
An additional 12 credits of 300-400 level business administration (BUSN), Finance (FIN), Management (MGMT), or Marketing (MRKT) courses; may include MIS 320, ENTR 366, ENTR 385, LEAD 305, LEAD 325, but excludes BUSN 413 and BUSN 415; may also include courses cross-listed with CoB courses		

Total Credits

24

Minor Requirements and Notes

- To be accepted into the minor program, students must have a 2.50 institutional cumulative GPA and at least junior standing (60 credits). This minor is not available to students with majors in the College of Business.

- Departmental approval is required for any course (including Tri-College) NOT completed at NDSU and used to satisfy the minor requirements (6 credits maximum).
- Students must earn a 2.50 minimum GPA, which is based upon the courses used to satisfy the minor requirements. Minors must satisfy all course prerequisites.
- Students should refer to www.ndsu.edu/business for information on declaring the minor with the College of Business.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BUSN 189*	1	COMM 110	3
SOC 110	3	ENGL 120	3
CSCI 116	4	MATH 103	3
ENGL 110	3	PSYC 111	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	Wellness Elective	2
Non-major Elective	3	Science & Technology Elective	2
	17		16
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ACCT 200	3	ACCT 201	3
ECON 201	3	ECON 202	3
MATH 144	4	STAT 331	2
PHIL 216	3	Cultural Diversity or Non-Major Elective	3
STAT 330	3	Science & Technology Elective (w/ lab)	4
	16		15
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 320	3	BUSN 430	3
FIN 320	3	MGMT 330	3
MGMT 320	3	MIS 320	3
MRKT 320	3	300-400 Level Business Electives (2)	6
Non-major Elective	3-4		
	15-16		15
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BUSN 487	4	BUSN 489	4
ECON 324	3	300-400 Level Business Electives (4)	12
MGMT 360	3		
300-400 Level Business Electives	6		
	16		16
Total Credits: 126-127			

* At some time following the completion of BUSN 189 and prior to graduation, all College of Business students must register for and successfully complete BUSN 301 (0 credits).

NOTE: This is only a sample curriculum; actual schedules will depend on course availability and individual choices. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic adviser on a regular basis to review their plan of study.