

# Graduate and Professional Studies in Business



## FAQ

1. Can I complete the program online?

**Answer:** Yes, the program can be completed fully online.

2. How long is the program?

**Answer:** The degree time limit is 6 years. Program completion depends on the number of classes taken each semester. On average, students complete the program in two years or less.

3. Is the program accredited?

**Answer:** The Broadwell College of Business and Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) which is one of the most prestigious and rigorous accrediting programs. Currently, less than one-third of the US business schools and only 5 percent of the international business schools have earned AACSB accreditation.

4. What are the admission requirements?

**Answer:** Admission requires U.S. Bachelor's Degree equivalent, submission of official transcripts, GRE /GMAT scores (GMAT > 400 unless approved for a waiver), minimum 2.75 undergrad GPA, two letters of recommendation, payment of the application fee, and an application for admission. You can start the application process on <https://applymba.uncfsu.edu>

5. Can I waive the GMAT/GRE requirement?

**Answer:** Applicants that fit one or more of the following criteria may be considered for a GMAT waiver:

- Superior academic performance in a regionally accredited undergraduate institution with a GPA of 3.6 or higher
- Demonstration of 10 years of progressive professional advancement experience, with a significant record of accomplishments, which may include earning credentials such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Project Management Professional (PMP)
- US Military Service
- Nine or more credit hours in an AACSB-accredited graduate program with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- A completed graduate degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution (or equivalent)

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6. What are the admission requirements for international students?

**Answer:** Below are the requirements for admission to the MBA program for international students:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution (or equivalent)
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75
- Official transcripts and course- by-course evaluation by World Education Services
- Official International English Language Testing (IELTA) score (Score 6) or Official TOEFL score (Internet based 61 /Paper test 500)
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) – This can be waived if the undergraduate GPA is 3.60 and above
- Two recommendations
- Application Fee

7. What are the admission requirements for certificate programs?

**Answer:** Certificate program admission requires bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or equivalent, minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher, payment of the \$50.00 application fee, and an application for admission.

Note: Graduate Certificate in Business program undergraduate GPA requirement is 2.50.

8. What MBA specialization areas I can elect?

**Answer:** You may choose from variety of specializations and it is possible to pursue multiple specializations if all the requirements are met. Please visit us at [www.uncfsu.edu/gpsb](http://www.uncfsu.edu/gpsb) to view different specializations and certificate programs offered.

9. How much is the cost of the program?

**Answer:** The program varies 36-39 credit hours (12-13 classes) depending on the specialization. In-state tuition rate is \$747.79 for each course (3 credit hours) and out-of-state/international (online only) tuition rate is \$1,755.79 for each course (3 credit hours) with fees included.

10. Do I have to take any prerequisite courses if my undergraduate background is not in business?

**Answer:** Yes, you will be required to take the following foundation courses. If you have taken any of them during the undergraduate studies, then the respective course is waived.

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- ACCT 550 – Principles of Accounting
- BADM 530 – Principles of Business Statistics
- ECON 540 – Fundamentals of Economics
- FINC 560 – Foundations of Finance
- MKTG 570 – Fundamentals of Marketing

11. Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

**Answer:** Main Office number is 910-672-1197 and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Please see below contact list:

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