

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GREAT VALLEY)

Degree Requirements

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Completion of the M.B.A. degree will require 30-48 credits of course work at the 400, 500, and 800 level, with at least 6 credits at the 500 level. This includes 9 credits of Required Courses, 18 credits of Foundations Courses, 15 Credits of Essential Courses, and 6 credits of Elective Courses. Students may have up to 18 credits of the required Foundations Courses waived in accordance with the course exemption guidelines for the M.B.A. program, in which case the total credits required for the degree may be reduced in an equivalent manner, down to the base minimum of 30 credits. To be eligible for exemption from a single foundation course, students must have completed at least two equivalent undergraduate courses with a grade of B or higher, no more than seven years prior to admission to the M.B.A. program. At the admission committee's discretion, a competency exam may be required to receive certain course exemptions. Time limits may be waived by the M.B.A. program on the basis of post-graduate training or current and relevant work experience. If a waiver is not granted, students must complete all Foundation Courses prior to starting advanced course work.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses ¹		
MGMT 501	Behavioral Science in Business	3
MGMT 507	Positive Organizational Behavior and Wellbeing	3
MGMT 871	Strategic Management (Capstone Course)	3
Foundations Courses ²		
BUSAD 801	Statistical Analysis for Managerial Decision Making	3
ACCTG 800	Financial and Managerial Accounting	3
MBADM 820	Financial Management	3
BUSAD 523	Prices and Markets	3
BA 800	Marketing Management	3
BA 810	Supply Chain and Operations Management	3
Essential Courses ³		
One course in each of the following categories: Leadership and Interpersonal Dynamics, Ethical Dimensions of Business, Analyzing and Managing Global Systems, Managing Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Managing Technology Agility. A list of courses that will satisfy these requirements is maintained by the program office.		15
Electives ⁴		
		6
Total Credits		48

¹ Required courses provide an overview of the management discipline at the beginning of the program. The capstone course (MGMT 871) is a culminating experience that provides students with an opportunity to strategically integrate and apply what they have learned in their course work.

- ² Foundations courses provide an overview of key business processes and functional areas of organizations. One or more foundations courses can be waived based on previous undergraduate coursework.
- ³ Essential Courses build necessary competencies for effective managerial practice, knowledge of key elements of contemporary business, and ethical decision-making. Electives provide an opportunity for students to pursue their interests.
- ⁴ Electives provide an opportunity for students to pursue their interests and develop distinctive competencies by pursuing advanced courses offered or approved by the Management Division. A list of approved elective courses is maintained by the graduate program office.