No specific prior course of study is required to be admitted. Applicants come from a wide range of backgrounds. Students entering the program are required to have a working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

Exceptions to GCAC-305 (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) will be considered by the program. Exceptions may or may not be granted by the Graduate School.

**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/).

The online M.B.A. degree requires a minimum of 48 credits.

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¹ For students with exceptional credentials, MBADM 811, MBADM 812, and MBADM 813 may be waived. Students must petition the head of the graduate program to obtain a waiver for these courses, and students’ credentials will be reviewed to assess their eligibility for a waiver. Obtaining a waiver for MBADM 811, MBADM 812, and MBADM 813 will not reduce the minimum 48 credits required for the degree. Alternate courses may be substituted for the courses waived.

² The culminating experience for the Online MBA is MBADM 571. As the course title implies, MBADM 571 gives students a view of the whole firm and helps them understand how finance, marketing, and operations collectively support the strategy and mission of the firm. Students in this course will typically analyze their own firm to give them
a comprehensive understanding of how the firm intends to achieve its goals.

Attendance at a 3-day Residency Experience at the start of the program is mandatory. Following the online MBA course schedule, which involves completing credits in six consecutive semesters, a student can complete the program in two years.

Other Relevant Information
The online MBA is an online graduate degree program delivered via World Campus (http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/). Students must be computer literate and have immediate, ready, and reliable access to a computer and the Internet. Although not all aspects of the course are delivered via electronic media, Internet access is required to successfully complete the course of instruction, as well as participate in online discussion groups. See World Campus Technical Requirements (http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/general-technical-requirements/) for the most current technical requirements.

Students are required to complete the 3-day residency experience. No alternatives and substitutions are possible.

Students may spread out their studies over a longer period of time to accommodate their professional and personal commitments, but it is strongly recommended they complete the degree in five years or less.

Minor
A graduate minor is available in any approved graduate major or dual-title program. The default requirements for a graduate minor are stated in Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/) and GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/), depending on the type of degree the student is pursuing:

- GCAC-611 Minor - Research Doctorate (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-611-minor-research-doctorate/)
- GCAC-641 Minor - Research Master’s (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-641-minor-research-masters/)
- GCAC-709 Minor - Professional Doctorate (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-700/gcac-709-professional-doctoral-minor/)
- GCAC-741 Minor - Professional Master’s (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-700/gcac-741-masters-minor-professional/)

Student Aid
World Campus students in graduate degree programs may be eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Tuition and Financial Aid section (https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/) of the World Campus website for more information.

Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Master of Business Administration (MBADM) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/mbadm/)

Learning Outcomes
1. APPLY/CREATE: Apply statistical techniques effectively for the purpose of critically analyzing, evaluating, preparing and presenting business decisions.
2. COMMUNICATE: Examine the components of effective communication (oral, written, presentation) and evaluate their impact on successful interpersonal interactions, including recognizing behavior styles that may influence communication outcomes.
3. THINK: Apply critical thinking skills to analyze and evaluate a problem or situation, demonstrating the ability to break it down into its constituent parts and identify potential solutions.
4. KNOW: Assess the effectiveness of business functions in achieving the strategic goals of a business, considering factors such as resource allocation, alignment with organizational objectives, and performance metrics.
5. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Analyze a business problem using insights from multiple functional areas, recognizing how different perspectives and ethical standards can influence problem-solving approaches.

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