

BUSINESS, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Business minor is a strong complement to virtually any major. Courses prescribed for the minor are taught by Penn State faculty providing courses to the B.S. in Business and the A.S. in Business Administration. It provides students with the opportunity to develop and apply skills appropriate to the business contexts of their chosen majors. Students pursuing the Business minor must complete 6 credits of prescribed coursework, seven to nine credits of additional coursework and 6 credits of supporting coursework. The prescribed and additional coursework presents students with a critical foundation of core business disciplines: accounting, management, marketing, and either macro- or micro-economics. The six credits of supporting coursework must be taken at the 400-level. A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor.

The supporting coursework enables students to expand on the core foundation in one of two ways. They may choose to solidify their business knowledge base by exploring six credits of 400-level business courses in the following disciplines:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Law
- Energy Business and Finance
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Financial Services
- Health Policy and Administration
- International Business
- Labor Studies and Employment Relations
- Management Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Risk Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Statistics

Alternately, students can augment six credits of 400-level coursework in one of the above listed business disciplines with three credits of 400-level work from an approved list of specific business-related course in disciplines such as:

- Communication Arts and Sciences
- Corporate Communication
- Communications
- Criminal Justice
- Engineering
- English
- Human Development and Family Studies

- History
- Hospitality Management
- Information Sciences and Technology
- Kinesiology
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
- Sociology

Students interested in the Business minor should carefully consult pre-requisite requirements for courses they wish to use to fulfill the minor's "supporting" requirements, as it may not be feasible to complete the minor in the 19-21 credits range shown.

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What is Business?

Business is a professionally-oriented program providing a broad education and solid grounding of business knowledge. The Business minor complements any major and provides a broad education and introduction to business knowledge. With opportunities to learn about business disciplines, including accounting, management, marketing, and economics, students will gain skills and the tools to apply in any setting.

You Might Like This Program If...

You want to add business skills to strengthen your career options. You are not a business major, but are interested in working in a business setting. You enjoy courses in economics, accounting or other business disciplines. You are a collaborator, analytical thinker and effective communicator.