Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Launched in 1983, Washington University’s Executive MBA program promotes integrated, collaborative, customer-centric management. The holistic approach to management is championed by Washington University faculty, administrators, alumni and corporate partners.

During the 20-month program, classes meet monthly for three- to four-day sessions (with the exception of four residencies (https://olin.wustl.edu/EN-US/executive-programs/executive-mba/academics/residencies/Pages/residencies.aspx)). Washington University’s Executive MBA team takes care of securing a student’s textbooks, course materials, meals and on-campus parking passes.

The Executive MBA program provides one of the most academically comprehensive curricula in the country, with 60 credit hours required for graduation. Courses, themes and residencies focus on leadership development. Timely updates — such as the Business of Policy: DC Immersion course, offered in partnership with public-policy think tank the Brookings Institution; electives on contemporary business issues; an innovation project; and a capstone pitch competition — keep it relevant.


Degree Requirements

Executive MBA

Credit Hours

The Executive MBA (EMBA) program requires each student to complete 60 credit hours: the standard 58-credit-hour program plus 2 credit hours of EMBA electives.

Olin Code of Conduct

All EMBA students are required to abide by the Olin Business School Code of Conduct, which pertains to topics such as academic integrity, professionalism and respect for others. The code also contains guidelines and procedures for academic discipline. Failure to comply with the code may result in penalties up to and including expulsion.

Residencies

The EMBA program contains four mandatory residencies: GO! Week, D.C. Immersion, Leadership Residency, and International Residency. Due to the experiential nature of these residencies, they are impossible to duplicate through other course work and therefore are mandatory for graduation.

Standard Classroom Schedule/Out-of-Class Requirements

EMBA classes meet from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., with lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The program will also periodically require students to be present for sessions during the lunch hour and in the evening.

In addition, EMBA students will have significant out-of-class requirements (e.g., readings, team meetings, assignments, projects, exams). These typically begin about four weeks prior to the first session of a course and end between two and six weeks after the final session of a course.

Time Limit

Although most EMBA students complete their MBA degree with their cohort in 20 months, there is a seven-year time limit for completion of the MBA degree.