Degree Requirements

BSBA Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree is awarded to students by recommendation of the faculty. Standards established by the faculty for recommendation are:

1. Satisfactory completion of requirements regarding required and elective courses, accumulation of a minimum of 120 units of course work and satisfactory fulfillment of other requirements established in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Olin Business School.

2. Completion of the last 30 units in residence at Washington University for entering freshmen. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 60 units in residence at Washington University.

General Requirements (a minimum of 48 units)

Each student must complete a minimum of 48 units from the College of Arts & Sciences to include the following specific requirements:

A. College Writing (3 units): Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing the English language by satisfactorily completing CWP 100 with a grade of C– or better.

B. Calculus (3–6 units): Students must complete Math 131 – Math 132 or other calculus courses approved by the Olin Business School.

C. Distribution Requirements (18 units): Students must complete 3 units of physical and life sciences, 3 units of humanities, 6 units of international studies, 3 units of behavioral analysis and 3 units of ethics and values. Approved course selections are available in the university’s Course Listings.

D. Advanced Electives (18 units): Students must complete at least 18 graded units of advanced course work. Advanced electives are defined as any course numbered 300 or above that is offered as any day division course. If a student takes any course other than a course through the college, the student still needs 48 units in the college. Advanced electives also may satisfy a distribution requirement.

Professional Requirements (a minimum of 54.5 units)

A. Core Requirements (42.5 units):
   - ACCT 2610 Principles of Financial Accounting
   - ACCT 2620 Principles of Managerial Accounting
   - MEC 290 Microeconomics
   - MEC 292 Global Economy or Econ 1021 Introduction to Macroeconomics
   - MGT 100 Individual in a Managerial Environment*
   - MGT 150A Foundations of Business
   - MGT 201 Management Communication
   - MGT 250A Building Your Career Foundation — Techniques and Strategies
   - FIN 340 Capital Markets and Financial Management
   - MKT 370 Principles of Marketing
   - OB 360 Organization Behavior Within the Firm
   - OSCM 230 Management Science
   - OSCM 356 Operations Management
   - QBA 120 Managerial Statistics I
   - QBA 121 Managerial Statistics II

*Transfer students entering Olin Business School must take one of the following: MGT 100, MGT 380 or MEC 380 to satisfy this requirement.

B. Professional Electives (a minimum of 12 units)

Professional electives are nonrequired business courses offered by the Olin Business School that may or may not lead toward a specific business major. Additional information about the specific requirements for each business major is available on our Majors page.

Electives (units will vary)

Students must take enough electives to earn the minimum of 120 units.

Typical Four-Year Curriculum for a BSBA Student

Typically, students must earn 30 units a year to stay on target with a four-year graduation plan.

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Sophomore Year
QBA 121 3 Core requirement(s) 3–9
ACCT 2610 3 Electives 6–12
MGT 250A 1.5

Core requirement(s)** 0–3
Electives 6–9

Junior Year
Core/Professional requirements 6–12 Core/Professional requirements 6–12
Electives 3–9 Electives 3–9

Senior Year
Professional electives 6 Professional electives 6
Electives 9 Electives 9

Notes:
* Students may enroll in a higher level of calculus providing their academic preparation suggests a different level of calculus.

** BSBA students are assigned to enroll in their Writing course in either fall or spring semester of their freshman year. Some students may start at a different level of English preparation and may take their Writing course as late as sophomore year.

***BSBA students are assigned to enroll in MGT 201 in either fall or spring semester of their sophomore year.

Additional Requirements
A. Students must complete a minimum of 120 units including 48 units from the College of Arts & Sciences and 54.5 units from the Olin Business School. 42 of their 48 Arts & Sciences units must be taken in residence. Students who substitute a nonbusiness course for a business requirement will still be required to enroll in another business course as a minimum of 54.5 credits must be earned in Olin Business School.

B. Students must earn a minimum of 2.0 overall grade point average (GPA) and 2.0 GPA in all professional course work taken at Olin Business School.

C. Students must earn the final 30 units (60 units for an external transfer) toward the degree at Washington University.

D. Students must be recommended by the Olin Business faculty for degree confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

Regulations
A. A maximum of 15 units of pre-matriculation credit may be counted toward graduation. Pre-matriculation sources include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), British Advanced (A) Levels and college courses taken after the junior year in high school. These units will count toward the 120 credits but will not satisfy any distribution, statistics or advanced education requirements. If a student takes a course in residence in which AP credit has already been awarded, the AP credit will be removed from the student’s record.

B. BSBA students may earn a maximum of two majors to include two professional majors or one professional major and one major outside of the Olin School.

C. BSBA students may earn one or two minors outside of the Olin School, depending on the number of majors they pursue. The options are two majors and one minor or one major and two minors.

D. Distribution requirements and advanced general electives (18 credits) must be taken for a grade. However, if a student completed a distribution/advanced course on a pass/fail basis prior to transferring to Olin Business School, then this course would count toward that requirement.

E. All business courses must be taken for a grade with the exception of MGT 450A.

F. BSBA students may enroll in one physical education course per semester.

G. BSBA students may enroll in one pass/fail course each semester. These credits will count only as general education electives.

H. BSBA students may enroll in one University College course per semester. However, these credits will not count toward the 120 units needed for their BSBA degree. The grade from this course will not be factored into the GPA.

I. The Olin School does not accept any online course work for transfer credit.

J. Students are obligated to requirements and policies at the time of matriculation into the BSBA Program. However, faculty has and reserves the right to make changes to degree requirements, policies and procedures, including modifying or adding new requirements, policies and procedures at any time.