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Best Part-time MBA Program

U.S. News & World Report 2022

The College of Business is among the Best Business Schools in the Nation.

Princeton Review 2021



MASTER OF **Business Administration**

Illinois State University's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program offers students the opportunity to build and develop skills to become leaders in today's organizations. Students become critical thinkers and problem-solvers, working in groups and collaborating with peers from a diverse range of academic, professional and cultural backgrounds. Class sizes are kept small, for individualized attention from faculty.

Why Study MBA at Illinois State?

- AACSB-accredited in both Business and Accounting
- Maximum class size of 24 students
- 42% international, with students from over 12 countries
- Internship opportunities with free, dedicated support from ISU Career Services
- Located in Bloomington-Normal, just 2 hours from Chicago, Illinois, which is the 3rd largest city in the US
- Great job opportunities, with many of our MBA alumni in high-level positions at companies like Edward Jones, General Electric (GE), IBM, Morgan Stanley, Motorola, and State Farm
- Direct entry or Pathway options
- Special curriculum for students without a business degree or background

Elective Options

Working with an MBA advisor, students are able to choose from among a wide variety of elective courses that will align with the student's career goals. Elective courses can be general and chosen from a long list of approved courses, or can lead to a graduate certificate.

Graduate Certificates options include:

- Audit and Control
- Business Analytics
- Forensic Accounting
- Data Science
- Organizational Leadership

Graduate certificates taken alongside Illinois State University's MBA program do not add time or cost to the existing MBA program, and are designed to fit within the MBA curriculum.

MBA Curriculum - 36 Credit Hours

27 Credit Hours of Core Classes:

1. Fundamentals of Strategic Decision-Making
2. Contemporary Business Perspectives & Leadership Skills
3. Applied Tools for Business Decision-Making
4. Analysis of Organizational Behavior
5. Operations & Quality Management
6. Advanced Marketing Management
7. Financial Management
8. Management Accounting
9. Advanced Organizational Strategy

9 Credit Hours of Electives:

1. Elective
2. Elective
3. Elective



(See red box at right for more information about elective options)

Note: MBA students without a business background are required to complete **up to 8 business foundation modules** prior to taking their corresponding MBA courses. (See reverse for a list of these modules and what constitutes a "business background.")

Apply Now!

Begin your free application online at:
www.intostudy.com/illinoisstate/apply

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How long will it take me to complete my MBA?

The overall time to complete the MBA program varies by entry route and background. The average time to completion based on entry route is shown below:

With Business Background

- Direct Entry:** 1.5-2 years
- 1-Semester Pathway:** 1.5-2 years
- 2-Semester Pathway:** 2-2.5 years

Without Business Background

- Direct Entry:** 1.5-2 years + time to complete business foundation courses
- Plan A:** 2.5-3 years
- Plan B:** 2-2.5 years

How do I know if I have a "business background" or not?

Students' transcripts are reviewed upon application for the presence of 8 business foundation subjects. Students entering through a Pathway (due to GPA, language or GRE requirements) who are missing 4 or more of these subjects would be considered 'without background.' The required subjects include:

- Business Law Essentials
- Business Mathematics and Statistics
- Fundamentals of Economics
- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Principles of Management
- Principles of Marketing
- Understanding Corporate Finance

Direct Entry students must complete any missing business foundation subjects prior to arriving at the university at their own cost (approximately \$200/course).

What is the overall cost of the MBA program?

The overall cost of Illinois State University's MBA program varies by entry route and background. The overall cost, including tuition and fees and based on entry route is shown below:

With Business Background

- Direct Entry:** \$35,000*
- 1-Semester Pathway:** \$37,000*
- 2-Semester Pathway:** \$43,500*

Without Business Background

- Direct Entry:** \$36,500*
- Plan A:** \$52,500*
- Plan B:** \$43,500*

*All costs are estimated based on 2023/2024 tuition and fees. Prices are subject to change.

Admission Requirements

	Direct Entry	Pathways: 1-Semester With-Background & Plan B Non-Background	Pathways: 2-Semester With-Background & Plan A Non-Background
Academic Requirements			
Completion of bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 3.0 out of 4.0 • Transcripts from all colleges & universities attended • Current copy of resume/CV • 2 letters of recommendation 		GPA 2.5 out of 4.0
GMAT/GRE Requirements			
GRE/GMAT	Not required		Not required*
Work Experience Requirements			
	Not required		Not required
Language Requirements**			
TOEFL iBT	80+	79	65
IELTS	6.5	6.5	5.5
IELA	N/A	176	169
Duolingo	105	105	95

*Plan A Non-Background students are required to submit a minimum score of GMAT 450 or GRE 300 for progression from their Pathway

**If you do not meet the direct language entry requirements, you can enter our Academic English program to improve your language skills before starting the Graduate Pathway program.

Career Prospects

Studies have shown that MBA graduates make an average salary of **\$115,000** in the US. MBA graduates earn 77% more than those with a bachelor's degree and over their lifetime, earn **\$3 million** more than if they had not gotten their MBA.

Sources: 2021 GMAC Corporate Recruiters Survey; poetsandquadrants.com

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