

Business Administration (MBA)

The **Business Administration** Program provides students with advanced study in a multicultural business environment with the goal of enhancing their business and administrative careers. Specifically, the program is designed to meet the career needs of those who:

- Wish to enhance their professional opportunities in executive or administrative positions in business, industry, government and service industries.
- Seek to broaden their knowledge in the functional business areas in order to increase the effectiveness and self-assurance in their management abilities.
- Are initiating their own business or business career.
- Are preparing to seek admission to a doctoral program.

Scope

The MBA degree is a broad based 36 hour program designed to empower students with management and analytical decision making skills needed to function in a changing business environment. The program may be completed within two academic years. Program courses are scheduled during evening hours or online to accommodate the large number of students with full-time day jobs.

The MBA Program is open to students who have a bachelor's degree in any discipline. However, MBA Foundation Courses or their equivalents must be taken prior to enrolling in Core Courses.

Admission Requirements

Apply to the UTRGV Graduate College:

Step #1: Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at www.utrgv.edu/graduate/onlineapplication. The university application fee of \$50 (\$100 for International Applicants) can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application). All application fees are nonrefundable.

Step #2: Request your transcripts and other supporting documentation to be mailed to:

The University of Texas Rio
Grande Valley The Graduate
College
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg.
1.158 1201 W. University Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

Review and submit all Program Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a recognized international equivalent in a similar or related field.
- Students with a GPA lower than 3.0 but higher than 2.75 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Official transcripts from each institution attended (must be submitted directly to UTRGV).
- GMAT with minimum score of 400 or GRE with minimum score of 146 Verbal and 146 Quantitative. GMAT and GRE test scores are valid for 5 years.
A waiver of the GMAT requirement will be granted to applicants who show proof of one of the following:
 - Another graduate degree (master's or doctoral)
 - An undergraduate GPA of 3.80 or higher on a 4 point scale
 - A waiver may be granted to those students who have more than four years of upper managerial experience in supervisory roles, control of budgets, and decision making
- Submission of 2 letters of recommendations
- Respond to 5 short answer questions provided on application to demonstrate writing competency and communication skills.
 1. At the College of Business and Entrepreneurship, we place great importance in values, initiative and professionalism. Describe one example of how you have demonstrated these qualities.
 2. What are your career aspirations? How will your education at College of Business and Entrepreneurship help you achieve them? Why this is the right time for you to pursue an MBA?
 3. Describe an occasion when you built or developed a team.
 4. Describe an experience when you felt most effective as a leader.
 5. Describe a situation when you successfully reached a goal or completed a task that was challenging, difficult, or frustrating.

Instructions:

- Use a 12 point font, double space
- Please stay within the limit of words indicated: 250 words per essay maximum – One of most valuable skills in business is to be able to communicate in a precise and concise manner.
- Indicate which essay question you are answering at the beginning of each essay
- Number all the pages
- Upload all five essays as one document
- Preview the uploaded document to ensure that the formatting
- Save a copy of your essay

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Additional requirements for domestic applicants who attended foreign universities:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years.
- Translation of educational records and Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA).

MGMT 6330: Organizational Behavior	3
MGMT 6360: Production and Operations Management	3
MGMT 6390: Strategic Management	3
QUMT 6310: Business Research	3
MBA Electives*	9
Total graduate hours for degree:	36

**For students interested in writing a thesis, 6 thesis hours will form part of the 9 hours of electives*

Additional requirements for international applicants:

- TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores: 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years.
- Translation of educational records and Transcript Evaluation by the Foreign Credentials Service of America (FCSA).
- Financial Documentation showing sufficient funds (minimum of \$25,000) to cover all expenses (living and academic) for the first year of study.
- Immigration documents, including a current copy of your valid passport.

Program Contact

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Deadlines	Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
Domestic	July 1 st	Nov. 15 th	May 1 st	May 1 st
International	June 1 st	Nov. 1 st	Mar. 1 st	Mar. 1 st

Program Requirements

Foundation Courses	18
ACCT 6301: Accounting for Managers	3
ECON 6301: Principles of Economics	3
FINA 6303: Introduction to Finance	3
MARK 6300: Foundations of Marketing	3
MGMT 6301: Foundations of Management	3
QUMT 6303: Statistical Foundations	3
Required Courses	27
ACCT 6320: Accounting and Financial Analysis	3
ECON 6350: Managerial Economics	3
FINA 6340: Advanced Corporate Finance	3
INFS 6330: Information Systems for Managers	3
MARK 6310: Marketing Strategy	3