Business Administration, B.B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Business Administration requires a minimum of 120 s.h. of credit, including at least 48 s.h. earned in business courses and at least 52 s.h. earned in non-business courses.

B.B.A. students must earn 45 s.h. in residence following admission to the Tippie College of Business. At least 24 s.h. in courses offered by the business college and at least two-thirds of the semester hours in the student's major must be earned at the University of Iowa. Nonresident instruction includes coursework at colleges and universities other than the University of Iowa.

To graduate, B.B.A. students must have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all college coursework attempted, all college coursework attempted in business, all college coursework attempted in the major, all coursework attempted at the University of Iowa, all business coursework attempted at the University of Iowa, and all coursework in the major attempted at the University of Iowa.

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
---|---|---
General Education | 22-32
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**Common B.B.A. Requirements**

B.B.A. students must satisfy the following minimum common requirements or approved equivalents. For approved equivalents, consult the college's Undergraduate Program Office.

**General Education**

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
---|---|---
RHET:1030 | Rhetoric | 4
ENGL:1200 | The Interpretation of Literature | 3
World Languages | 0-10
Natural Sciences | 3
Social Sciences (excluding ECON:1100 and ECON:1200) | 3
Historical Perspectives | 3
Diversity and Inclusion, or Values and Culture | 3
International and Global Issues | 3

Tippie College of Business students may complete the World Languages requirement using one of two options. One year of high school language study is generally equivalent to one semester of college language study.

**Option one:** attain fourth-level proficiency in a single world language, usually by completing four years of that language in high school or four semesters in college or an equivalent combination of high school and college coursework; or pass an achievement test or evaluation at fourth-level proficiency.

**Option two:** attain second-level proficiency in each of two world languages, usually by completing two years of each language in high school or two semesters of each language in college or an equivalent combination of high school and college coursework; or pass achievement tests and/or evaluations at second-level proficiency in each language.

Option two does not fulfill the World Languages requirement for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or qualify students to earn credit under the Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP).

Students may not count courses taken to fulfill General Education Program requirements toward other requirements for the B.B.A.

**Prerequisites for Admission to the College**

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
---|---|---
MATH:1380 | Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business | 4
STAT:1030 | Statistics for Business | 4
ECON:1100 | Principles of Microeconomics | 4
ACCT:2100 | Introduction to Financial Accounting | 3

**Prerequisites for Declaring a Business Major**

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
---|---|---
MSCI:1500 | Business Computing Essentials | 2
ECON:1200 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4
ACCT:2200 | Managerial Accounting | 3

**Business Core**

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**
---|---|---
MSCI:3005 | Information Systems | 3
MSCI:2800 | Foundations of Business Analytics | 3
MGMT:2000 | Introduction to Law | 3
MGMT:2100 | Introduction to Management | 3
FIN:3000 | Introductory Financial Management | 3
MKTG:3000 | Introduction to Marketing Strategy | 3
MSCI:3000 | Operations Management | 3
BUS:3000 | Business Communication and Protocol | 3

**Experiential Learning Requirement: Tippie RISE**

All Tippie College of Business students must successfully complete at least one of these four experiences—Research with Faculty, Internship Course, Study Abroad, or Experiential Course. Courses that satisfy Tippie RISE are listed below.
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<td>EVNT:2110</td>
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Study Abroad

Any study abroad program is accepted for credit, including short term faculty-led programs and summer, semester, or year-long programs. These courses may be study abroad courses (prefix ABRD) but are not required to be; see Study Abroad in the Catalog.

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Major Area of Study

All B.B.A. students must complete a major area of study. The college offers majors in accounting, business analytics and information systems, economics, finance, management, and marketing. The requirements for each major are established by the department that offers the major.

Students with Associate of Arts Degrees

Students who have been granted an Associate of Arts (A.A.) from a community college participating in the Iowa and Illinois Community College/Regents Articulation Agreements are considered to have met all high school unit requirements for admission to the B.B.A. and all of the General Education Program requirements listed under “General Education Requirements” above, except the World Languages requirement. The program of study for which a student was awarded the A.A. must have included:

- a minimum of 60 s.h. (or 90 quarter hours) of credit acceptable toward graduation from the University of Iowa; mathematics courses comparable to MATH:0100 Basic Algebra I and MATH:0300 Basic Geometry are not accepted toward graduation;
- completion of the agreed-upon group of courses at the community college; and
- a g.p.a. of at least 2.00.

Completion of an Associate of Arts does not guarantee admission to the Tippie College of Business. See Admission [p. 4] in this section of the Catalog for a complete list of requirements for admission to the B.B.A.

Transfer Courses

Students who have taken courses at another institution that are similar to those approved for the common business requirements at Iowa may request that these courses be evaluated for transfer credit. Students who transfer fewer hours than needed to meet a common business requirement
may use only approved courses to complete the remainder of the requirement. Only third- and fourth-year-level courses taken at accredited four-year institutions may be used to satisfy common business course requirements numbered 3000 or above. Students must complete a minimum of 24 s.h. of business coursework and at least two-thirds of the coursework in the major at the University of Iowa. They also must meet the 45 s.h. residence requirement of the Tippie College of Business. Credit earned through online courses may be counted toward all requirements for graduation, subject to approval by a student’s major department.

**Honors in the Major**

Outstanding students in the college have an opportunity to undertake independent research under the supervision of a faculty member. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete an honors thesis under the supervision of a Tippie College of Business faculty member. Students begin by completing BUS:1999 Introduction to Research in Business prior to the commencement of their thesis work. This course introduces students to research in the college and provides an opportunity to develop thesis questions and meet faculty members engaged in research.

Students then identify a faculty thesis advisor and complete their research and thesis writing over the course of two semesters, registering for the appropriate honors thesis course for both semesters from the following list.

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To earn the B.B.A. with honors in the major, students must successfully complete all college requirements with a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in all courses taken at Iowa, all business courses taken at Iowa, all courses taken (including transfer courses), and all business courses taken (including transfer courses). Students also must present their research in a poster format at the spring or fall Undergraduate Research Festival.

See Tippie Honors on the Tippie College of Business website to learn more.

Combining the honors in the major requirements also satisfies the experiential learning requirement for the University of Iowa Honors Program. To learn more about graduating with university honors through the University of Iowa Honors Program, visit the Honors at Iowa website.

Pre-business students interested in honors study are encouraged to participate in the University of Iowa Honors Program until they are admitted to the business college. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

**Multiple Majors in Business**

Students may earn the B.B.A. degree with more than one major. The Four-Year Graduation Plan is not available to students earning more than one major. Students have access to degree audits for all of the programs of study they have officially declared. They also have access to all program courses, with some limitations, during early registration. A student must be in good academic standing in order to declare more than one major. See Double Majors and Joint Degree Policies on the Tippie College of Business website.

Majors, minors, and certificates are considered programs of study. Additional programs of study must be declared in the Undergraduate Program Office by an advisor.

**Combined Programs**

Undergraduate students may earn combined undergraduate degrees from the Tippie College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or the College of Engineering. The following rules apply to all students in combined degree programs.

- To enter a combined degree program, students must have approval from the Tippie College of Business and must be admitted to both colleges. Interested students should see an advisor in the college’s Undergraduate Program Office.
- Students in combined degree programs are allowed a combined maximum of three second-grade-only options.
- All students in combined programs must meet all requirements for both degrees, including all General Education Program requirements.
- Students are assigned two advisors (one for each major).
- Students in combined degree programs are assessed tuition only for the primary (first) major.
- First-year students in combined degree programs who are direct admission students in the Tippie College of Business must enroll in BUS:1200 Tippie College Direct Admit Seminar during their first semester at the University.

**B.B.A./Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree**

The Tippie College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offer a combined degree program in which students earn two University of Iowa bachelor’s degrees: a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) from the Tippie College of Business and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), or Bachelor of Music (B.M.) from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students in the combined business/liberal arts and sciences degree program must declare the Tippie College of Business program of study as their primary (first) major.

To learn about liberal arts and sciences majors, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section of the Catalog.

**B.B.A./B.S.E.**

The Tippie College of Business and the College of Engineering offer a combined degree program in which students earn two University of Iowa bachelor’s degrees: a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) from the Tippie College of Business and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) from the College of Engineering. Students in the combined business/engineering degree program must declare the College of Engineering program of study as their primary (first) major.

Students in the combined business/engineering degree program must enroll in appropriate mathematics and engineering courses early during their course of study in order to complete the program in a timely way. Because courses in natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, and social...
Business admission requirements to the University’s Office of Admissions by the appropriate deadline. Letters of recommendation are not accepted. For more information about application and admission, contact the Undergraduate Program Office.

**Direct Admission**

Direct admission is designed to enable highly qualified high school students to enter the college directly after high school. Applicants must have a composite ACT score of 26 or higher (or SAT equivalent) and a high school g.p.a. of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) to qualify. Applicants who do not meet these criteria but who present a strong academic record are carefully considered through a petition process.

Incoming high school students who are admitted to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as pre-business students may inquire about their admission decision by contacting the associate director of admission in the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office. For more information about admission requirements, see Admissions on the Tippie College of Business website.

Additional requirements for declaring a major in accounting include a University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.00 and a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.00; a g.p.a. of at least 2.67 (B-minus average) in ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting and ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting; and a passing score on the Department of Accounting writing assessment.

Students granted direct admission to the college are eligible to apply for first-year scholarships. The application process is competitive and is based on high school record and an application essay.

**Standard Admission**

University of Iowa students are eligible to apply to the Tippie College of Business through standard admission if they have completed the four prerequisite courses for admission to the college listed under “Common B.B.A. Requirements” (see Requirements [p. 1] in this section of the Catalog) with grades of C or higher and have a g.p.a. of at least 2.75 on the prerequisite courses, on all college coursework completed, and on all University of Iowa coursework. Transfer students who have completed the prerequisite courses and meet the grade-point average requirements also may apply through standard admission.

Requirements for declaring a major include completion of ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting, ECON:1200 Principles of Macroeconomics, and MSCI:1500 Business Computing Essentials; see "Common B.B.A. Requirements" under Requirements [p. 1] in this section of the Catalog.

Additional requirements for declaring a major in accounting include a University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.00 and a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.00, a g.p.a. of at least 2.67 (B-minus average) in ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting and ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting, and a passing score on the Department of Accounting writing assessment.

Applications for standard admission must be submitted online. Application deadlines are May 1 for fall admission and December 1 for spring admission; applicants should meet all admission requirements by the end of the semester in which they apply. Admission is not granted for the summer session or the three-week winter session. Applicants transferring from another college or university are held to the application
deadlines. Grades from the three-week winter session do not count toward admission for the following spring semester, and grades from a summer session do not count toward admission for the following fall semester. Students who are dismissed may file an appeal for denial of admission to business if they can provide documentation of extenuating circumstances that affected their academic performance.

**Nondegree Admission**

Students visiting from another institution who wish to enroll in undergraduate courses in order to earn credit that they can transfer to their home institution may be granted admission as undergraduate nondegree students. Nondegree students are not guaranteed access to specific courses; they must have the approval of the department offering the course and may earn no more than 9 s.h. in nondegree status.

**Reentry Policy**

All students who have been enrolled in another college or university since leaving the University of Iowa are required to submit official transcripts along with an application for reentry. Completed application materials must be received at least two weeks before the opening of classes. Reentry students are held to the requirements that are published in the University of Iowa General Catalog for the session in which they reenter.

**Absent for 12 months or more—in good standing:**

Students absent from the University of Iowa for 12 months or more who left in good standing must apply to the UI Office of Admissions as returning students and must contact the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office for advising before registration. Good standing is defined as not on probation and not dismissed for any reason.

**Absent for 12 months or more—not in good standing:**

Students absent from the University of Iowa for 12 months or more who were not in good standing when they left the University must file a petition with the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office to be reinstated. If the petition is approved, the student must apply to the UI Office of Admissions as a returning student; the Undergraduate Program Office notifies the Office of Admissions that a student’s petition for reinstatement has been approved. The student also must schedule an appointment to see an advisor in the Tippie College of Business for advising before registration. Not in good standing is defined as being on probation or having been dismissed from the Tippie College of Business due to unsatisfactory scholarship, academic misconduct at the University of Iowa or at another institution, or a violation of the Tippie College Undergraduate Honor Code. Students who have been officially dismissed follow the procedures for reinstatement.

**Absent for less than 12 months—in good standing:**

Students absent for less than 12 months are not required to file an application for reentry. Students who were in good standing when they left the University should contact the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office for advising before registration. Reentry is approved regardless of any admission requirement changes.

**Absent for less than 12 months—not in good standing:**

Students absent for less than 12 months are not required to file an application for reentry. Students who were not in good standing when they left the University must contact the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office for advising before registration. Reentry is approved regardless of any admission requirement changes.

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**Academic Plans**

**Four-Year Graduation Plan**

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan.

The following checkpoints are designed for students who enter the University as direct admission or pre-business students. In order to stay on the plan, pre-business students must maintain the grade-point averages required for admission to the Tippie College of Business and must apply for admission to the college the semester that the four prerequisite courses will be completed, but no later than before the fifth semester begins. The Four-Year Graduation Plan is not available to students who choose to pursue a double major in the college or to those enrolled in a combined degree program.

**Before the third semester begins:** ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics, MATH:1380 Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business, and STAT:1030 Statistics for Business, or equivalents; and at least one-quarter of the semester hours required for graduation.

**Before the fifth semester begins:** ACCT:2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting, ACCT:2200 Managerial Accounting, and ECON:1200 Principles of Macroeconomics, or equivalents; all General Education requirements; and at least half of the semester hours required for graduation.

**Before the seventh semester begins:** business core requirements, approximately half of the coursework in the major (varies by major), and three-quarters of the semester hours required for graduation.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** approximately three-quarters of coursework in the major (varies by major).

**During the eighth semester:** all remaining coursework in the major and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

**Iowa Degree in Three**

Iowa Degree in Three is designed for students who are academically prepared to complete more semester hours per term than average or who come to the university with completed college credits. It is a flexible, affordable option developed to meet the needs of highly motivated students. Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

The Tippie College makes several assumptions about candidates for the Iowa Degree in Three:

- students are prepared to enroll in MATH:1380 Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business during their first enrollment at the University of Iowa;
• students have fulfilled the General Education World Language requirement before matriculation;
• students are direct admits to the Tippie College of Business;
• students have earned at least 15 s.h. of college credit before matriculation; and
• students are not held for more than two English as a Second Language classes.

The Iowa Degree in Three is available for any of the majors offered by the Tippie College of Business.

Career Advancement

Tippie College of Business graduates enjoy a high placement rate. Over 90 percent of students reported that they found permanent employment, were pursuing graduate degrees, or were not seeking employment six months after graduation.

Visit the Pomerantz Career Center website for more information.