Business Administration, BBA

Admission

Students enter the Tippie College of Business in one of two ways: direct admission or standard admission. All students admitted to the Tippie College of Business must follow the Tippie Honor Code. Students who meet the admission requirements may be denied admission upon evidence of postsecondary academic misconduct or other violations of the honor code. Students are required to meet with the associate dean of undergraduate programs to discuss incidents of academic misconduct.

Admission standards are set by the Undergraduate Program Committee. All admission appeals are reviewed by the Undergraduate Program Office. Prospective students must submit acceptance of admission offers and all transcripts showing coursework that satisfies the Tippie College of 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 grade-point average (GPA) of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) to qualify. Applicants who meet one of the two published criteria for direct admission will be pooled for individual review with decisions made at the beginning of each month, December through March. 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 admissions and recruiting in the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office. For more information about admission requirements, see Undergraduate Program Admissions on the Tippie College of Business website.

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.

Students who are directly admitted take BUS:1200 Tippie College Direct Admit Seminar in their first semester. The course, taught by a Tippie advisor in the Undergraduate Program Office and by undergraduate peer mentors, spans nine weeks and orients students to the University of Iowa and the Tippie College of Business.

Standard Admission

University of Iowa students are eligible to apply to the Tippie College of Business through standard admission if they have completed or are completing the five prerequisite courses for admission to the college listed under “Common BBA Requirements” (see Requirements [p. …] in this section of the catalog) and have a GPA of at least 2.75 on the prerequisite courses, on all college coursework completed, and on all University of Iowa coursework. Applicants also must complete a University of Iowa ICON module, which opens after the application deadline, that provides information on collegiate policies, major selection, and course planning.

Transfer students who have completed the prerequisite courses and meet the GPA requirements also may apply through standard admission. Transfer students are not required to complete the University of Iowa ICON module but instead receive similar information through the orientation program.

Applications for standard admission must be submitted online. Application deadlines for current University of Iowa students are March 1 for fall admission and Oct. 1 for spring admission. Application deadlines for transfer students are May 1 for fall admission and Dec. 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. Grades from the three-week winter session do not count toward admission for the following spring semester, but grades from a summer session can count toward admission for the following fall semester.

Students who are denied admission 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 Undergraduate Program Office 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 consult with an advisor in the Tippie College of Business; the student may be readmitted on probation. Readmitted students should contact the Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Program Office for advising before registration. Reentry is approved regardless of any admission requirement changes. 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.