BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MBA - ONLINE (IMBA)

for the Master of Business Administration in Business Administration (online)

Gies College of Business currently offers an online degree program leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) The residential MBA and Professional MBA programs are no longer accepting applications. The MBA requires 72 hours of credit. The online MBA (iMBA) features a flexible program format. During each course, virtual study teams are created that are designed to draw upon the diverse academic and professional backgrounds of the class. The iMBA caters to a segment of the population that values mobility, convenience, and believes that online programs better fit their learning styles and life circumstances.

Admission
Applicants to the Online MBA (iMBA) program must have completed an undergraduate degree and have a minimum of 3 years full-time, rich work experience. Two letters of recommendation and essays are also required. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL) or the IELTS.

Scholarships/Financial Aid
Scholarships are generally not available for the iMBA.

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The goal for the iMBA program at Illinois is to deliver a high-quality program that is accessible to global audiences. A mirror of the EMBA curriculum, the online MBA (iMBA) uses a flexible program format. During each iMBA course, virtual study teams are created that are designed to draw upon the diverse academic and professional backgrounds of the class. The program caters to a segment of the population that values mobility, convenience, and believes that the online programs better fit their learning styles and life circumstances.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's curriculum overview (https://onlinemba.illinois.edu/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Focus Area Requirement 1:

Complete one of the following Focus Areas: 12

**Digital Marketing**
- MBA 542 Digital Marketing Analytics
- MBA 543 Digital Media & Marketing
- MBA 545 Marketing in Our New Digital World

**Global Challenges in Business**
- MBA 547 Global Marketing
- MBA 548 Global Strategy
- MBA 549 Multiculturalism in Management and the Marketplace

**Entrepreneurship & Strategic Innovation**
- MBA 551 Strategic Innovation
- MBA 552 Fostering Creative Thinking
- MBA 553 Entrepreneurship: From Startup to Growth

**Business Analytics**
- MBA 561 Introduction to Business Analytics with R
- MBA 562 Introduction to Business Analytics: Communicating with Data
- MBA 563 Data Toolkit: Business Data Modeling & Predictive Analytics
- MBA 564 Data Analytics Applications in Business

**Mergers and Acquisitions**
- FIN 572 The Finance of Mergers and Acquisitions
- FIN 573 Applications of Investment Banking Concepts
- ACCY 532 Accounting for Mergers & Acquisitions and Other Complex Transactions

Focus Area Requirement 2:

In consultation with a Gies program advisor, choose a focus area or set of elective hours, which will consist of one of the following options: complete an additional focus area from the list above, or 12 hours from the following courses, or an approved Graduate Certificate from a partnering unit.

- MBA 542 Digital Marketing Analytics
- MBA 543 Digital Media & Marketing
- MBA 545 Marketing in Our New Digital World
- MBA 546 Global Business Horizons
- MBA 547 Global Marketing
- MBA 548 Global Strategy
- MBA 549 Multiculturalism in Management and the Marketplace
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- MBA 563 Data Toolkit: Business Data Modeling & Predictive Analytics
MBA 564 Data Analytics Applications in Business
MBA 565 Infonomics
ACCY 531 Financial Statement Analysis for MBAs
ACCY 532 Accounting for Mergers & Acquisitions and Other Complex Transactions
ACCY 574 Risk Management and Innovation
FIN 572 The Finance of Mergers and Acquisitions
FIN 573 Applications of Investment Banking Concepts
BADM 589 Project Management
Total hours 72

Entering with Gies MS Management degree

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- FIN 573 Applications of Investment Banking Concepts
Total hours 36

Entering with approved non-management Gies graduate degree

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Complete 48 credit hours from core and elective course offerings list

500 level coursework to be chosen in consultation with advisor to compliment and build on previously completed coursework to ensure all core requirement and learning objectives are met without duplicating coursework

Total hours 48

Other Requirements (may overlap)

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<td>Minimum Hours Required Within the 72, 48 or 36 depending on entry Unit:</td>
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By the end of the program, students will be able to:

2. Teamwork: Work well in teams and to assess the contributions made by themselves and by their peers.
3. Effective Leadership: Leadership: Apply leadership skills to organize and engage others, to work more effectively together, and to set and achieve organizational goals.
4. Effective Management: Apply management tools, techniques, and behaviors to demonstrate effective management skills.
5. Communication: Demonstrate the ability to listen and to read attentively, and to express ideas with clarity in both oral and written communications, and to communicate effectively in diverse business settings

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