The Gies College of Business offers a degree program leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) in four delivery modes. The traditional full-time MBA and the Professional (part-time) MBA are offered on the Urbana campus. The Executive MBA is offered on weekends in downtown Chicago, and the online edition is offered for students who need more flexibility in their MBA programs.

All Illinois MBA programs require 72 hours of credit. Students graduate with a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Student transcripts do not vary based upon program format.

The Full-time MBA is offered in a lockstep, face-to-face cohort format for the first-year core curriculum. The core consists of 40 hours of classwork that provide the foundation. During the second year, students have the flexibility to customize their area of concentration by taking 32 hours of business and non-business courses.

The Illinois Professional MBA uses a lockstep face-to-face cohort format. The program consists of eighteen four-credit courses for a total of 72 credit hours. Modules (semesters) are ten or five weeks long, unless otherwise noted. The cohort class structure allows members of each class to begin the program at the same time and advance through the curriculum together. During each module, study teams are created that are designed to draw upon the diverse academic and professional backgrounds of the class.

The Executive MBA program is offered in a lockstep, face-to-face cohort program comprised of eighteen courses covering all major disciplines of business study. The courses are organized into ten modules with only two courses running at any moment in time, each lasting about four weekends. This focused format, using four days per month (Friday and Saturday) maximizes learning while minimizing disruption to professional and personal commitments.

The online MBA (iMBA) uses a flexible program format. As with the EMBA program, the IMBA consists of eighteen four-credit courses for a total of 72 credit hours. During each course, virtual study teams are created that are designed to draw upon the diverse academic and professional backgrounds of the class. The online MBA 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.

**Admission**

Admission to the Illinois MBA is dependent upon an earned undergraduate degree, acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE), two letters of recommendation, professional resume and essays. Applicants whose native language is not English are also required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the IELTS. For additional requirements the applicant should refer to the MBA application.

The full-time MBA program begins in August only. Admissions decisions are made by rounds with the first deadline of October 5 and subsequent deadlines of January 18 and March 15. May 24 is the late application deadline for domestic students only. Decisions will be made in early January for the first round of applications and within six weeks for each of the following rounds. For admission to a joint program, students must apply to both programs separately.

The Professional MBA program begins in January only. Applicants must submit the same materials and information as the full-time MBA program. The Professional MBA application does not require the GMAT or GRE. All applicants are expected to be employed full-time while pursuing the degree. The application deadline for the Professional MBA is October 1 with admission decisions made on a rolling basis beginning in September.

Applicants to the online MBA (iMBA) program must have completed an earned undergraduate degree and submit scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) if available. 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 (TOEFL) or the IELTS.

**Financial Aid**

The Illinois MBA offers a limited number of merit scholarships to outstanding domestic and international applicants. The merit scholarships are awarded at the time of admission. U.S. citizens and permanent residents may be eligible for federal and private student loans.
• Master of Business Administration (MBA), Full-time option (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba/master-ba-fulltime)
• Master of Business Administration (MBA), Professional option (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba/masterbus-admin-mba-parttime)
• Master of Business Administration (MBA), EMBA option and iMBA option (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-exec-mba)

M.B.A. and Masters or Ph.D. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba/joint-mba)
The M.B.A. can be earned jointly with any masters or Ph.D. program offered on campus. All joint degree programs require the completion of 60 credit hours of MBA coursework, as well as the requirements of the other program, as described here (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba/joint-mba). For admission to a joint program, students must receive approval from both programs.

M.B.A. and Master of Architecture in Architecture
For entry into this program, applicants must satisfy the admission and performance requirements of each academic unit. Application for admission may be made simultaneously to both units or admission to one unit may be sought after gaining entry to the other.

Candidates entering the Master of Architecture/Master of Business Administration joint degree program with a four-year baccalaureate in architectural studies must complete 110 hours of graduate work, 50 hours in Architecture and 60 hours for the M.B.A.

M.B.A and Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations
This joint program with the Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/labor-empl-relations/mba-masters-joint) program is usually completed in two-and-one-half years. Independent admission decisions are made by each unit, and the student must be accepted by both. The degrees are awarded simultaneously upon completion of all joint degree requirements.

M.B.A. and J.D. in Law
Contact the M.B.A. program for more information about the joint program with Law.

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