Graduate Degree Programs

The Department of Business Administration offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Technology Management, and the Master of Science and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration degrees.

Admission

Admission to the Ph.D. program requires an undergraduate degree with a scholastic average of at least B for the last 60 hours, acceptable scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Records Examination (GRE), three letters of recommendation, and a statement of career goals including research interests.

Applicants whose native language is not English are also required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), CBT, iBT or IELTS. Ph.D. candidates must achieve the University minimum scores on these examinations.

Admission to the MS in Management program requires an undergraduate degree with a scholastic average of at least B for the last 60 hours and for any previous graduate work completed along with completion of at least one college-level quantitative methods class. For additional details, please refer to the program's website. All applicants whose native language is not English must submit a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL) score of at least 102 (iBT), 253 (CBT), or 610 (PBT), or minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic exam scores of 6.5 overall and 6.0 in all subsections.

Admission to the MS in Technology Management program requires an undergraduate degree with a scholastic average of at least B for the last 60 hours, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of career goals. Applicants whose native language is not English are also required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), CBT, iBT or IELTS. Candidates must achieve the University minimum scores on these examinations (currently 550 on the paper-based TOEFL or 213 on the computer-based TOEFL or 79 on the iBT).

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Faculty Research Interests

Faculty research interests are in the areas of marketing, organizational behavior, organization theory, decision sciences, information systems, strategic management, risk analysis, judgment under uncertainty, international business, production and operations management, accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, and finance. The Gies College of Business houses computer facilities, a behavioral science laboratory, and a separate library. The college maintains contacts with industry and government through its Survey Research Laboratory, Illinois Business Consulting, the Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership and several professional and scholarly journals edited by its faculty.
Financial Aid

Most Ph.D. students receive some form of financial assistance. This assistance is likely to be in the form of a teaching or research assistantship, which includes a waiver of tuition and some fees, and/or the award of a merit-based fellowship. The M.S. in Business Administration, the M.S. in Management, the M.S. in Strategic Brand Communication, and the M.S. in Technology Management do not provide assistantships.

- Master of Science in Business Administration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/ms-ba)
- Master of Science in Management (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/ms-mgmt)
- Master of Science in Technology Management (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/ms-tech-mgmt)

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

This program offers an in-depth education in teaching and research in selected areas of business and administration. Doctoral students can specialize in marketing, organizational behavior/theory, management science/process management, information systems, and strategic management. The program is intensive, flexible, and adapted to individual needs.

Each student’s program entails sufficient study and preparation to achieve the following:

1. competence in a common core covering substantive and research methods courses, which are formulated by the faculty in each area;
2. in-depth expertise in a major area;
3. expertise in at least one area in addition to the chosen major area, with this minor area selected from within or outside the department;
4. teaching experience; and
5. research or problem-solving competence.

Competency is determined by comprehensive written and/or oral examinations. Following successful completion of all coursework and comprehensive examinations in major and minor areas, students must propose and gain approval of a thesis topic at a public colloquium. The final program requirement is the successful oral defense of the thesis. Applicants should contact the department for current requirements and program design.

The program usually is completed in four years. Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

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Qualifying Exam Required | No
Preliminary Exam Required | Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required | Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required | Yes
Minimum GPA: | 2.75

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• Graduate Minor in Corporate Governance and International Business (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/grad-minorcorp-gov-international-bus)

• Graduate Minor in Supply Chain Management (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/grad-supply-chain-mgmt)

• Graduate Concentration in Business Data Analytics (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/grad-conc-business-data-analytics)

• Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_copr_gov_and_intl_bus)

• Graduate Concentration in Information Technology and Control (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/grad-conc-info-tech-control)

• Graduate Concentration in Supply Chain Management (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-ms/graduate_concentration_in_supply_chain_mgmt)