BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

The breadth of training that master of business administration graduates receive prepares them to become high-level managers and lead in a challenging and evolving business environment.

The MBA program is rigorous and comprehensive, and demands student commitment. The curriculum develops a set of broad-based, integrative skills. Core courses provide a solid foundation in both business management and analytical disciplines, a foundation that fosters continued career growth. In addition to core courses stressing key functional areas of business, students can choose electives specific to a chosen area of concentration.

The case study method and student projects are used broadly throughout all courses, and common areas of study such as ethics, technology, communications and international issues are integrated throughout much of the curriculum. Students learn about management theory and its practical applications in “real-world” situations. Lectures, seminars, team teaching, team projects and guest lectures are various approaches taken by the faculty to generate new ideas and encourage student input.

Diversity
The Leeds School of Business encourages qualified individuals to apply regardless of gender, race, religion, national origin, age, physical limitation or sexual orientation.

Concurrent & Dual Degree Programs

Concurrent Degree Program
MBA/Master’s International (with Peace Corps Service)
The Leeds School of Business, in conjunction with the Peace Corps, offers a program resulting in a master of business administration (MBA) combined with Peace Corps service. Students spend the first year at Leeds developing a base level of core business skills, followed by two years of volunteer service with the Peace Corps. MI-MBA students will then return to Leeds to complete the remaining MBA degree requirements.

Dual Degree Programs

Juris Doctor/MBA
The purpose of this dual-degree program is to allow students admitted to both the School of Law and the Leeds School of Business to obtain the juris doctor (JD) and the master of business administration (MBA) degrees in four (or fewer) years of full-time study. The program is designed to train students for careers in which business administration and law overlap.

Admission
To be eligible for the JD/MBA dual-degree program of the School of Law and the Leeds School of Business, a student must apply separately to and be admitted by each of the two schools under their respective admission procedures and standards.

Students may elect the dual-degree program at the time of initial application to both schools, or they may apply for the dual-degree program during their first year of study in the degree program of either school.

Course of Study
A student enrolled in the JD/MBA program may commence studies under the program in either the School of Law or the Leeds School of Business. Dual-degree students are strongly encouraged to begin their course of study at the School of Law. However, a student must take the first year of the JD curriculum as a unit exclusively in the School of Law. Likewise, a student must take the first year of the MBA curriculum as a unit exclusively in the Leeds School of Business. Students can then take additional courses necessary to meet the requirements of the degree programs of the two schools.

No student in the dual-degree program shall be allowed to take fewer than 9 credit hours or more than 16 credit hours during any term (excluding summer terms) without receiving the consent of the program advisor in each school in which courses are being taken.

Credit for Law Courses in the JD/MBA Program
The Leeds School of Business grants credit toward the MBA degree for up to 12 credit hours of acceptable performance in law courses taken by a JD/MBA student at the School of Law. Core courses required in the law school program cannot be counted toward the 12 credit hours. A student must earn at least a 77 grade in a law school course to be accepted for Leeds School of Business credit. For credit to be granted, the law school courses must be approved before enrollment by an MBA advisor. Only courses taken after admission into the MBA program are credited toward the degree.

Grading in the Dual-Degree Program
Leeds School of Business credit for courses completed in the School of Law as part of the joint degree program is recorded on a pass/fail basis and is not included in the required MBA 3.00 cumulative average.

MBA/MFA
The Leeds School of Business, in conjunction with the Department of Art and Art History, offers students the ability to earn an MBA and an MA in fine arts through a three-year dual-degree program. Students in the MBA/MA dual-degree program pursue careers in digital marketing, web design, e-commerce, gallery/museum administration and private art consulting.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MA in fine arts spend the first year of their dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the fine arts program. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The third year offers students the opportunity to take both MBA and fine arts elective courses.

Credit for Fine Arts Courses in the MBA/MA Fine Arts Program
Dual-degree students in studio arts are required to complete 43 credit hours of MBA coursework and 45 credit hours of fine arts coursework. Dual-degree students in art history are required to complete 43 credit hours of MBA coursework and 30 credit hours of fine arts coursework.
MBA/MA in Anthropology
The MBA/MA in anthropology dual-degree program enables students to earn an MBA and an MA in anthropology simultaneously over three or four years depending on the student’s subdiscipline in anthropology. Students in this MBA/MA program pursue careers in managing the business aspects of archaeological projects, working in the growing field of corporate cultural anthropology and ethnography or museum management.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MA in anthropology spend the first year of their dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the department of anthropology. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The remaining year(s) offers students the opportunity to take both MBA and anthropology elective courses.

MBA/MA in German Studies
The MBA/MA in German studies dual-degree program enables students to earn an MBA and an MA in German studies simultaneously over three or four years. Students in this MBA/MA program pursue careers in international business.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MA in German studies spend the first year of their dual-degree program exclusively in either the Leeds School of Business or the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The remaining year(s) offers students the opportunity to take both MBA and German studies elective courses.

MBA/MA in Theater and Dance
The Leeds School of Business, in conjunction with the Department of Theatre and Dance, offers students the ability to earn an MBA and an MA in theatre or dance through a three-year dual-degree program. Students in the MBA/MA dual-degree program pursue careers in a wide variety of fields and jobs in the world of the performing arts. Types of organizations include theatre companies, dance companies, opera companies, symphonies, arts councils, performing arts complexes, civic auditoriums and arts presenters.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MA in theatre and dance spend the first year of their dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the theatre/dance program. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The third year offers students the opportunity to take both MBA and theatre/dance elective courses.

Credit for Courses
Dual degree students are required to complete 43 credit hours of MBA coursework and 24 credit hours of theatre/dance coursework. A minimum of 67 approved credit hours must be completed to earn both degrees.

MBA/MS in Computer Science
The MBA/MS in computer science enables students to earn an MBA and an MS in computer science over three or four years. Students in this MBA/MS program have career interests that combine corporate business and technology.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MS in computer science spend the first year of the dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the computer science department. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The remaining year(s) students may take both MBA and computer science electives.

MBA/MS in Environmental Studies
The MBA/MS in environmental studies enables students to earn an MBA and an MS in environmental studies over three or four years. Students in the MBA/MA program have career interests that combine corporate business and environmental protection, the management of renewal energy, water conservation or environmental programs.

Admission
Applicants must apply to both programs and must meet the application requirements for each program separately. Students may apply simultaneously to both programs or may apply to the second program after starting the first master’s program, provided they do so during the first year of study.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MS in environmental studies spend the first year of the dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the environmental studies department. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. The remaining year(s) students may take both MBA and environmental studies electives.

MBA/MS in Telecommunications
The Leeds School of Business, in conjunction with the College of Engineering and Applied Science, offers a dual-degree program resulting in a master of business administration (MBA) and master of science in telecommunications (MS/TLEN). The dual-degree program combines broad-based business management study with an in-depth understanding of telecommunications technology. This program prepares students to be competent, effective managers in the telecommunications industry.
Admission
An individual must apply separately and be admitted to both programs under each school's or college's admission procedures and standards. Applicants are encouraged to apply to the programs concurrently.

Course of Study
Students in the MBA/MS in telecommunications spend the first year of the dual-degree program exclusively in either the business school or the telecommunications program. In the second year, courses are taken exclusively in the other department. In the third year students will take both MBA and telecommunications elective courses to complete both master's degrees.

Credit for Courses
Dual degree students are required to complete 43 credit hours of MBA coursework and 36 credit hours of telecommunications coursework. A minimum of 79 approved credit hours must be completed to earn both degrees.

Requirements
During the first semester of study, to ascertain degree requirements, MBA students should check in with the student services manager for the MBA program.

Students entering the MBA program take a prescribed sequence of classes before beginning elective courses. A minimum of 55 credit hours is needed to graduate. Students entering the MBA program are expected to complete the degree in two years. Transferred coursework is not accepted into the MBA program.

MBA students may enroll in up to 12 credit hours of elective coursework outside the Leeds School of Business with approval from the MBA Programs office, provided the remaining 18 credit hours of electives are taken within the MBA program. Coursework taken outside the Leeds School of Business must be at the graduate program level. Students may not take courses outside the University of Colorado Boulder and count them toward the degree. Students should contact individual departments for course listings and registration requirements for nonbusiness courses.

All courses applied toward the 55 credit hours must be taken for a grade. Courses in which a C- or below is received are not accepted for credit toward the 55 credit hours and may have to be retaken. In this case, both grades are factored into the GPA. To withdraw from an elective course and receive a grade of W, a student must be earning a passing grade in that course. Students normally are not permitted to withdraw from courses after the sixth week of the semester. Students in the MBA program may not withdraw from specified lockstep coursework. An I is an incomplete grade. Use of the I is at the discretion of the course instructor and/or the dean. Students must ask for an incomplete grade. An I is given only when students, for reasons beyond their control, have been unable to complete course requirements. A substantial amount of work must have been satisfactorily completed before approval for such a grade is given.

Two-Year Plan of Study

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1 For a list of approved MBA electives, download the Full-Time MBA Curriculum and Program Plan Guide (http://www.colorado.edu/business/sites/default/files/mba_program_plan_final_2015docx.pdf).