



MBA FAQs

What are the admission requirements for the program?

Admission requirements to the graduate school require an official transcript from the student's undergraduate institution with an undergraduate degree posted on it.

International students must follow the requirements listed on this web page:

http://www.umuc.edu/studserv/international/gr_admission.shtml

Above and beyond the graduate school admission requirements the MBA program requires students to take a 3 credit prerequisite course; AMBA 600 MBA Fundamentals. The 3-credit prerequisite course may be waived if the applicant has scored at least 600 on the GMAT or has already completed a graduate degree.

Is UMUC AACSB accredited?

UMUC is accredited regionally by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools www.msche.org. At this time UMUC has not applied for AACSB accreditation because UMUC does not have a separate business school which is an AACSB requirement. Instead of AACSB the MBA program at UMUC does have specialized accreditation through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education www.iacbe.org.

How long will it take to complete my program?

Students who remain actively enrolled can complete the MBA program in two years. The MBA program runs on a ten week term, four term per year schedule. Students who complete the program in two years will pay the same tuition for all courses. Students who take time off from the program may pay higher tuition when they return.

What is a cohort?

In the MBA program's cohort system students remain in the same group through the entire program which allows them to better create a network of colleagues and to form lasting friendships.

Are transfer credits accepted in the MBA program?

No. Due to the cohort nature of the program and as each course is a prerequisite for the next course, the MBA program does not accept transfer credit.

Can I get financial aid for the MBA program?

Yes. Financial aid is available for MBA students. Information on financial aid can be found on this web page. <http://www.umuc.edu/financialaid/homepage.shtml>

How do I register for classes?

You will register yourself for the prerequisite course, AMBA 600, and the first six credit course, AMBA 610, through your MyUMUC account <https://www.umuc.edu/myumuc/>. After AMBA 610 you will be automatically enrolled in your next course each term as long as you remain active in the program.

Can the program be taken entirely online?

Yes, all MBA courses are offered in the online format.

Can the program be taken face-to-face?

In addition to online courses the MBA program offers a combination of online and on-campus courses. Although a majority of the coursework is done online each hybrid course offers three to four in-class meetings.

Does the MBA program offer a specialization?

No. The MBA program is a general management program which focuses on enabling competencies such as team work, ethical leadership & critical thinking that capture important aspects of managerial decision making. Students who wish to focus on a specific field of study may pursue a dual degree with another graduate program by completing an additional eighteen credits. You may view a full list of dual degree options on this web page.

<http://www.umuc.edu/programs/grad/mba/additional.shtml#dualdegrees>

I've have heard that the MBA program is an integrated program. What does that mean?

Because all students take the courses in same sequence the curriculum builds from one course to the next. What is learned in one seminar gives a solid foundation for what is learned in the next one. The content of the program is also integrated around five themes – ethical and legal issues, leadership, technology, innovation and globalization.

Has the MBA program received any recognition?

In 2011 UMUC's MBA program received the **Best Practices in Distance Learning Programming – Silver award from the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA)**. The USDLA was the first nonprofit Distance Learning association in the United States to support Distance Learning research and development. The association has more than 20,000 members.

In 2010 UMUC's online MBA program was voted Outstanding eLearning Program by the Instructional Technology Council (ITC). The program was chosen for its course development, innovation, student services, faculty development, use of tools and software for teaching and learning at a distance and other issues.

The UMUC MBA Program has won the award as the Distance Program of the Year for 2009 from the Maryland Distance Learning Association (MDLA).

In 2005 the MBA program was named the “2005 Most Outstanding Online Teaching and Learning Program” by the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C), a national consortium of institutions and organizations committed to quality online education. To date UMUC's MBA program is the only MBA program to have won this award.

In 2004 Forbes Magazine listed UMUC's MBA program amongst its top 20 distance learning programs.

In 2004 the MBA Program was the recipient of an award for Credit Program Development by the Mid-Atlantic Region of the University Continuing Education Association. This award recognizes effective and innovative program development in the credit area. Award criteria include the significance of the program to the needs of the community and its effectiveness or the impact in meeting those needs, particularly those of adult or other continuing education constituents.

What qualifications do the MBA faculty have?

Our faculty includes leaders from around the world who are experts in the subject areas they teach and at the same time, experienced practitioners in the business world. MBA professors have advanced degrees in their fields and participate regularly in academic conferences and publish books and articles dealing with business issues and online education.

What kind of career opportunities does the MBA program provide?

MBA graduates are qualified for careers in:

- Consulting
- Finance
- Marketing
- Corporate Planning
- General Management
- Mid-level & Senior Corporate Management