

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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The College of Business Administration's undergraduate and graduate degree programs are accredited by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

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Degrees Offered

Majors	Degrees
Accounting	M.S.
Business Administration	M.B.A.
Business Administration - Banking and Financial Institutions	M.B.A.
Finance	M.S.

Vision Statement

Sam Houston State University's College of Business Administration aspires to be recognized among the best regional colleges of business administration in the nation. It is committed to developing capable, confident, and ethical graduates equipped for a lifetime of productive contribution to business and society.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the College of Business Administration is to provide an excellent education to a diverse student body through traditional and unique business programs primarily at the undergraduate level. The College provides students with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to achieve successful business careers in a global environment, to become productive and ethically committed citizens, to be prepared for advanced studies, and to pursue life-long learning. Through a continuously improving curriculum, excellent teaching, utilization of technology, and scholarly productivity the college responds to changing student needs and provides service to its constituencies. This mission is accomplished with talented, diverse, and dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators working together with business, educational, government and community leaders.

Core Purpose and Values

COBA Core Purpose: To prepare students for a lifetime of learning, for adapting to change and for productive service grounded in the disciplines of business

Core Values:

Value of the Individual

COBA:

- Supports the pursuit of individual goals and objectives
- Builds student success
- Embraces diversity among the faculty, staff and student body

Honesty

COBA:

- Demands ethical behavior, integrity and high standards
- Expects openness and fair-dealing with all stakeholders

Quality

COBA:

- Provides a quality education environment
- Nurtures intellectual development
- Maintains relevant curricula and teaching pedagogy

Responsibility

COBA:

- Emphasizes individual accountability
- Promotes personal initiative
- Values dependability

Mutual Respect

COBA:

- Cultivates a spirit of cooperation and collegiality
- Maintains trust, collaboration and respect of others

Degree Programs

The College of Business Administration offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Finance. Both of these degrees are comprised of thirty-six (36) graduate credit hours and are open to students with a baccalaureate degree from any academic discipline. Prerequisite courses are required for those students without the necessary academic foundation for graduate business courses. The prerequisite courses are listed in the "stem requirements for non-business graduates" section for this college. The College of Business Administration also offers a Master of Science degree in Accounting. This degree program is comprised of thirty (30) graduate credit hours and is open only to students with a baccalaureate degree in accounting. Please refer to the Master of Business Administration program or the Master of Science in Finance program for a detailed listing of the specific degree requirements. Also, see website <http://www.shsu.edu/~coba/programs/>.

Admission Requirements

Students must submit to the Office of Graduate Studies, an application, application fee, official transcript(s) of all previous college work, and a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score. Applicants with a baccalaureate degree from a recognized, accredited university in the United States who satisfy at least one of the following graduate admission formulas shall be admitted unconditionally into SHSU's MBA or MS in Finance graduate programs:

$$200 X (\text{overall GPA}) + (\text{GMAT score}) \geq 1100$$

$$200 X (\text{advanced hours GPA}) + (\text{GMAT score}) \geq 1150$$

Applicants who meet all other qualifications but whose combined score using the formulas above is less than 1100 but greater than 950 (or less than 1150 but greater than 1000 on advanced hours) will be invited to submit additional supporting information to be considered for admission by the College of Business Administration Graduate Admission Committee. The deadlines for submission of supplemental materials are:

- November 15 for spring semester admission
- April 15 for summer admission
- July 15 for fall admission

Contact the graduate advisor for a list of additional materials that may be required.

Applicants seeking admission to the MS in Accounting program must: (1) hold a bachelor's degree in accounting, (2) possess an overall undergraduate 3.0 or better GPA and a GPA in advanced accounting course work of 3.0 or better, and (3) meet the above listed formula score for admission to graduate study in the College of Business Administration.

The grade point average (GPA) is based on a four-point scale and only courses from the baccalaureate degree granting institution are used for determining graduate admission. Students who are not in good standing at another college or university are not eligible for admission into the MBA, MS in Accounting or the MS in Finance programs.

International students or students whose native language is not English must submit a GMAT score of at least 450 and a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper based exam, a TOEFL score of 79 on the internet-based exam, or a TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer based exam. International students must submit all required admission materials at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the admitting semester. All immigration requirements must also be satisfied prior to admission.

Stem Requirements for Non-Business Graduates

Students seeking either the MBA or MS in Finance who do not hold a baccalaureate business degree must complete the following course requirements as prerequisites to graduate business courses. Baccalaureate degrees from foreign universities not accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB, International) will be treated as non-business degrees. The graduate stem courses (530s) do not apply to the 36-hour graduate credit hour requirement of the MBA degree or the Master of Science in Finance degree.

ACC 530 ¹	Analysis of Accounting Information	3 SCH
BAN 530 ²	Quantitative Tools for Business	3 SCH
ECO 530 ³	Economic Principles and Policy	3 SCH
FIN 530 ⁴	Business Finance Environment	3 SCH
GBA 281	Business Legal Environment	3 SCH
MGT 380	Organization Theory and Human Behavior	3 SCH
MIS 388	Management Information Systems	3 SCH
MKT 371	Principles of Marketing	3 SCH

¹ The combination of ACC 231 and ACC 232 can be substituted for ACC 530.

² The combination of BAN 232 and MGT 475 can be substituted for BAN 530.

3 The combination of ECO 233 and ECO 234 can be substituted for ECO 530.

4 The combination of FIN 334 and FIN 367 can be substituted for FIN 530.