SFSU Master of Business Administration Program Course Requirements

Orientation is held just prior to the start of the first semester and includes academic information and professional development workshops

*Prerequisite Courses (700-level)

DS 776
Data Analysis for Managers
(Formerly BUS 776)
No Prerequisites

FIN 785
Financial Management
(Formerly BUS 785)
Prerequisites: DS 776 & ACCT 780

ACCT 780
Financial Accounting
(Formerly BUS 780)
No Prerequisites

DS 786
Operations Analysis
(Formerly BUS 786)
Prerequisite: DS 776

ISYS 782
Information Systems for Management
(Formerly BUS 782)
No Prerequisites

MKTG 787
Marketing Management
(Formerly BUS 787)
No Prerequisites

ECON 783
Economics for Managers
(Formerly BUS 783)
No Prerequisites

MGMT 788
Management Principles & Organizational Behavior
(Formerly BUS 788)
No Prerequisites

*Prerequisite courses may be waived if comparable academic course work was completed at a recognized college in the last 5-7 years with a B- or better grade.

**A maximum of two LFCoB 700-level courses may be counted as Advanced Requirement Electives. In order to count a Prerequisite Course as an Advanced Requirement Elective, the LFCoB 700-level course must be completed at SFSU. A student may not complete a 700-level course and have it count as an Advanced Requirement Elective if the class was initially waived from their MBA program.

Advanced Requirements (800-level)

Select 1 course from each of these 4 categories:

Accounting / Quantitative Methods

ACCT 831
Financial Statement Analysis
Prerequisite: ACCT 780
OR
FIN 819
Financial Analysis & Management
Prerequisite: FIN 785 completed with a B- or better

Ethics / Management

BUS 884
Business Ethics, Society & Sustainability
No Prerequisites
OR
MGMT 842
Seminar in Organization Design & Change
Prereq: MGMT 788

Business Decision-Making

DS 852
Managerial Decision Making
Prerequisite: DS 786
OR
ISYS 814
Information Systems for Strategic Advantage
Prerequisite: ISYS 782

Marketing / Globalization

MKTG 860
Strategic Marketing
Prerequisite: MKTG 787
OR
IBUS 815
Seminar in International Business
No Prerequisites

Culminating Experience

BUS 890 & BUS 896EXM
Culminating Experience in Strategic Management and Culminating Experience Examination

Prerequisites: All 700-level courses and at least four 800-level business courses. Candidates must have an overall GPA **and** Advanced Requirements (800-level) GPA of at least 3.0.

Elective Courses:

LFCoB 700 or 800 Level Elective**
Lam Family College of Business Elective
Prerequisite(s): Check Bulletin

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All courses in the MBA program are three (3) units each and must be taken for a letter grade.

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