



JOINT MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT

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The MBA is designed to accommodate the career needs of professionals across a wide variety of work organizations: business, health care, industrial, educational, and governmental. The Master of Science in Software Management degree program produces effective leaders for advanced technology organizations. It offers the most up-to-date, industry based, knowledge of best practices in IT process development, leadership and program management, providing seamlessly integrated strategic understanding of the correct way to manage lifecycle and information assurance processes.

The Joint MBA/MS Software Management degree option is offered to those who wish to expand their knowledge of the business environment along with the rapidly changing world of information technology.



A Tradition of Excellence UDM's

MBA Program is one of the oldest AACSB-accredited programs in the United States. In 2009, the program celebrated 60 years of accreditation by [AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business](#).

Degree Requirements

Students who desire this joint degree option should normally declare their intention during their first semester of enrollment. Students must contact the Graduate Business Program Director to file the appropriate form with the Graduate Business Programs Office. Students must meet the admission requirements for both programs, must fulfill all foundation requirements for both programs, and must successfully complete the coursework specified for the Joint Degree Option.

The basic requirements for University of Detroit Mercy's

MBA Program involve a 36 credit hour structure which includes the following set of core courses and a set of post-core courses. Core courses serve as the heart of a common educational experience for all students who seek the MBA degree. Post-core requirements include an integrated capstone course, MBA 5900.

Course	Title	cr.
ACC 5200	Managerial Accounting	3
ECN 5120	Analysis of Economic Conditions	3
MBA 5200*	Decision Analysis	3
MBA 5210	Personal Development, Ethics, and Social Responsibility in Organizations	3
MBA 5220	Corporate Finance	3
MBA 5240	Marketing Management and Planning	3
MBA 5250	Organizational Leadership	3
MBA 5260*	Information Systems and Technology	3

* MBA 5200 and MBA 5260 satisfy elective credits in the Master of Science in Computer and Information Systems program.

Post Core Courses

Course	Title	cr.
MBA 5900	Strategic Management	3
	*Advanced Electives	9

* The nine-hours of advanced electives (beyond foundation and core) are aimed at providing an elective route in Software Management.

Under the MBA/Software Management degree, students are required to be enrolled in both programs. In this option up to 15 credits from one degree may be applied to the other degree. Grades earned in those 15 credits will not be counted in the calculation of the grade point average for the second degree. Graduate Students should consult the Master of Science in Software Management program for program requirements and courses.

Foundation Courses

Foundation requirements include a set of courses designed for those applicants who have had no exposure or limited exposure to business courses in their academic background and/or limited work experience. These courses, up to a maximum of 24 credit hours, may be required to guarantee preparedness for the program's core and post-core requirements.

Course	Title	cr.
ACC 5100	Financial Accounting	3
ECN 5100	Economic Analysis	3
MBA 5100	Legal Environment	3
MBA 5120	Statistical Analysis for Decision-Making	3
MBA 5140	Foundations of Management	3
MBA 5160	Foundations of Marketing	3
MBA 5180	Foundations of Financial Management	3
MBA 5190	Foundations of Production and Operations Management	3

Each applicant's program requirements are determined immediately following the admission decision. Foundation requirements may be waived, in any number, depending upon the applicant's academic background. The mere fact that a student has completed coursework in one or more particular disciplines or had extensive work experience does not imply that any waiver will be granted. Prior academic work must be of sufficient quantity and quality as to satisfy the specific criteria established. Each student's specific requirements are determined individually with the objective of ensuring the overall quality of that student's degree program.

Admissions Requirements

The MBA Program is open to students of high promise who have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. No prior academic work in business is required. Admission decisions are based on undergraduate grade point average (GPA), work experience, post graduate studies, and recommendations, and GMAT (if needed).

Admission

A University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Application Form, with the application fee (waived for online applications)

1. Official transcripts for all previous academic work;
2. An official report with the scores earned on the GMAT (if needed)
3. A resume
4. Any other information such as letters of recommendation which the applicant feels is important to the admission decision.

Graduate Students should consult the Master of Science in Software Management program for admission requirements.

Admissions Status

Conditional Entry Status

Applicants whose admission materials do not lead to regular acceptance into the program may be considered for conditional entry status. Conditional entry status is restricted to a narrow margin of applicants and usually requires a personal interview.

Guest Student Status

Individuals currently enrolled in another AACSB accredited MBA program may obtain Guest Student Status at the University of Detroit Mercy for a limited number of courses by providing a statement of good standing from their school's Dean or program director, or by applying for guest student status using a Michigan Intercollegiate Graduate School form (MIGS). The MIGS application can be obtained in the Graduate Business Programs Office.

Advanced Placement

Core requirements are systematically required of all MBA students. In certain limited cases, however, an individual's academic record may indicate that a specific core course should be replaced by an advanced course within the same discipline (e.g., an undergraduate marketing major may be considered for an advanced course in marketing in lieu of the core course, MBA 5240).

In such cases, the designation of "Advanced Placement" (AP) is used to direct the student into a designated advanced course, as worked out with the Director of Graduate Business Programs.

Credits earned by the student in an AP designation will be counted towards the student's core requirements.

Degree Identifications

Upon completion of the Joint MBA/Software Management Program, graduates receive two diplomas: one for the MBA degree and one for the MS in Computer and Information Systems degree.

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