

Program Option for Master of Science in Business Administration Students Who Entered Spring 2008 or Earlier

The requirements for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree will change for students entering Fall 2008. This handout will help you understand the differences between the MSBA and MBA programs and whether you should switch to the MBA degree program.

Students currently enrolled in the MSBA program may switch to the MBA program by meeting the following four conditions.

- (1) Complete 7 core courses (21 units):
 - BA 650 - Financial Accounting,
 - BA 651 - Organizational Behavior,
 - BA 652 - Statistical Analysis,
 - BA 653 - Managerial Economics,
 - BA 655 - Marketing,
 - BA 662 - Operations Management, and
 - BA 665 - Financial Management.

The requirement to complete a core course can be waived by the Graduate Business Programs Office if an equivalent course has already been completed. Waiver decisions will be based upon when the course was completed, the university at which it was completed, and the grade received in the course. When you were admitted to the MSBA program, you received an email or letter stating which program prerequisite courses (which are the same as the MBA core courses) would be waived and which needed to be completed. If an MSBA program prerequisite course was waived when you were admitted, the equivalent core course will be waived if you switch to the MBA program.

The 2008/09 SDSU Graduate Bulletin states that up to 18 units of the MBA core may be waived. This implies that one MBA core course will be included in the last 30 units of your program. Some MSBA students admitted in Spring 2008 or earlier have pursued programs of study under the assumption that all program prerequisites would be waived. For this group of students, the Graduate Business Programs Office will approve MBA official programs of study of 30 credit units that do not include a core course.

- (2) Complete a course in each of the following theme areas of

Corporate Responsibilities (3 units):

- ACCTG 681 - Regulatory and Management Controls,
- FIN 604 - Legal Environment for Executives,
- IDS 755 - Information Systems Security Management,
- MGT 722 - Business Ethics and Social Institutions, or
- MGT 746 - Corporate Governance.

Management of Technology (3 units):

- IDS 688 - Information Systems in Organizations or
- IDS 691 - Decision Support Systems.

- (3) Complete 18 electives if an MBA core course is included in the program of study OR complete 21 units of electives if an MBA core course is not included in the program of study.
- (4) Complete a culminating experience (3 units):
BA 795 - Integrative Business Analysis or
BA 799 - Thesis

Additional degree requirements include the following.

- Not more than a total of 6 units in courses BA 780 (Field Studies in Business), 797 (Research), and 798 (Special Study) is allowed
- Among themes and electives completed, courses must be taken from three out of the five departments in the College of Business Administration
- All courses must be at the 500, 600, or 700 level. No more than 6 units can be at the 500-level.