



## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Kenneth L. Stanley, Dean

The three departments within the College of Business administration offer the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with a major in accounting, finance, economics, marketing, or management, and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in economics. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and the Master of Accounting (MAcc) degree are available to graduate students.

### **Mission Statement**

The College of Business Administration at Valdosta State University is dedicated to providing high quality education in the region. We strive to excel primarily as a teaching institution offering degree programs that enhance our students' ability to succeed in their professional careers. High quality education also encompasses research and service to the University, the region, and the academic profession.

### **Undergraduate Program Objectives**

1. To provide specialized skills and knowledge in one or more of the functional areas of business;
2. To provide an overall understanding of the regional, national, and global environments within which businesses operate;
3. To develop analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills;
4. To enhance oral and written communication skills;
5. To develop an understanding of technology and the effects of technological change;
6. To develop an understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of business people and of the importance of cultural diversity;
7. To develop an understanding of the principles of leadership and to develop skills associated with leadership;
8. To develop an understanding of the role of quality in global competitiveness; and
9. To instill a commitment to learning as a life-long activity.

## **ACCREDITATION AND CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES**

The programs of the College of Business Administration are accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Fewer than one-third of the business programs in the United States have achieved this distinction of quality.

Students majoring in areas within the College of Business Administration have the opportunity to gain work experience relating to their major, clarify their career goals, and earn money to help finance their education through the VSU Co-op Program. Students are placed, on a competitive basis, in work assignments with major employers in business, industry, and government. Scheduling options include the traditional full-time alternating plan as well as the parallel or part-time program. Interested students should contact the VSU Office of Cooperative Education, telephone (912) 333-7172.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Freshmen and sophomore students who declare their intention to pursue one of the majors in Business Administration may be accepted for advising by Business Administration faculty members.

All students who wish to pursue a degree in Business Administration beyond their sophomore year must be accepted to the senior college of the College of Business Administration. Students who meet the following criteria are accepted.

1. Completion of all junior college requirements of the College of Business Administration.
2. Successful completion of both parts of the Regent's Testing Program (RGTR 0196 and RGTR 0197).
3. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.
4. A minimum grade of "C" in all courses in Area F of the junior college core curriculum.

Students majoring in fields outside the College of Business Administration may enroll in 3000- and 4000-level business courses only if: (a) they have completed at least 60 semester hours prior to the current quarter of enrollment, (b) they have completed Area F of the B.B.A. curriculum (ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102, ECON 2105, ECON 2106, BUSA 2106, and either CISM 2201 or CS 1000), and (c) they have met the specific prerequisites for the course as listed in the course description. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the course instructor and the Dean or Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration. Students not majoring in business are limited to 30 semester hours in business courses, including course work transferred from other institutions.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Business majors are required to earn minimum grades of “C” in all common senior core courses and in all required courses related to their majors. Business majors must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 to graduate from the College of Business Administration.

College of Business Administration freshmen and transfer students who have less than a 2.0 GPA and who are placed on Academic Probation at the end of their first semester at VSU will be required to enroll in remedial workshops taught by the College of Business Administration Student Advising Center. Failure to enroll in the remedial workshops will result in dismissal from the College of Business Administration. The purpose of these workshops is to help improve students’ study skills and test-taking skills and to assist them with time management and stress management.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

All departmental majors leading to the Bachelor of Business Administration degree have the following Core Curriculum:

### Core Curriculum Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration Degrees

**Core Areas A-E** (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98).....**42 hours**

**Area F Requirements** ..... **18 hours**

ECON 2105, ECON 2106 ..... 6 hours

ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 ..... 6 hours

CISM 2201 or CS 1000 ..... 3 hours

BUSA 2106 ..... 3 hours

Students completing Area F courses in Areas B through E will be required to substitute VSU core curriculum courses as part of their Area F requirements. Students should see their advisor to ensure that appropriate courses are selected in order to satisfy this requirement.

## GENERAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BA)

General Business Administration courses are taught by faculty from the departments of Accounting and Finance, Marketing and Economics, and Management and Information Systems. There is no major in General Business Administration within the College of Business Administration.



## **DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

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The Department of Accounting and Finance is a multidisciplinary department with programs that lead to a B.B.A. degree in Accounting, a B.B.A. degree in Finance, and a M.Acc. degree in Accounting.

The programs of the Department are designed to give the student the basic knowledge, skills, and values that build upon the foundation provided by the University Core Curriculum and are required for professional careers in business and not-for-profit organizations. Each program stresses critical thinking skills, cooperative learning, oral and written communication abilities, and the application of knowledge to solve business problems. Undergraduate students are able to gain relevant work experience in their major through the VSU Co-op Program and independent internships.

The courses in the undergraduate accounting program: (1) provide an understanding of the importance of accounting systems and financial disclosures for profit-seeking entities and not-for-profit organizations; (2) teach students how to acquire, process, and analyze information; (3) provide rigorous preparation for accounting careers in industry, government, and public practice.

The courses in the finance program: (1) provide an understating of the importance of financial information and decision-making for businesses, government, investors, and creditors; (2) teach students how to acquire, process, and analyze information; (3) provide rigorous training for finance careers in industry, financial institutions, and government.

### **BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ACCOUNTING**

#### **Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. To educate students in the fundamental areas of accounting—financial and managerial reporting, taxation, systems, and auditing.
2. To instill a commitment to the ethical, legal and societal responsibilities of an accounting professional.
3. To develop the analytical, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and technological skills in an accounting context.
4. To enhance consensus-building and conflict resolution skills in a multicultural environment.

**Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree  
with a major in Accounting**

**Core Areas A-E** (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98).....**42 hours**

**Area F Requirements** <sup>1</sup> ..... **18 hours**

- ECON 2105, ECON 2106 ..... 6 hours
- ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 ..... 6 hours
- CISM 2201 or CS 1000 ..... 3 hours
- BUSA 2106 ..... 3 hours

**Accounting Major Curriculum** ..... **60 hours required**

- Required Senior College Core <sup>1</sup> ..... 18 hours
  - BUSA 2100, BUSA 4900, ENGL 3010, FIN 3350,  
MGNT 3250, MKTG 3050
- Required Accounting Core <sup>1</sup> ..... 27 hours
  - ACCT 3201, ACCT 3202, ACCT 3400, ACCT 4220,  
ACCT 4410, ACCT 4500, ACCT 4800, BUSA 3110,  
FIN 3370
- Business Electives <sup>1,2</sup>: (Select four courses) ..... 12 hours
  - ACCT 3240, ACCT 3900, ACCT 4850, ACCT 4990,  
FIN 3360, FIN 4520, MGNT 3300, ECON 3640
- Non-Business Electives <sup>3</sup> ..... 3 hours

<sup>1</sup> The grade in each of these courses must be a “C” or better.

<sup>2</sup> If BUSA 2106 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

<sup>3</sup> If CISM 2201 or CS 1000 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

**Total semester hours** ..... **120 hours**

The Department assesses the extent to which the accounting program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques. Examples of these assessments are:

**Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Pre-tests and post-tests in the fundamental areas of accounting.
2. An exit case based on legal, ethical and societal responsibilities of an accountant.
3. An exit case based on critical thinking, problem-solving and technological abilities.
4. Student surveys of group skills, leadership and conflict-resolution.

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN FINANCE**

**Selected Educational Outcomes**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To educate students about financial institutions, markets and instruments and the role they play in business and society.</li> <li>2. To develop the ability to gather, interpret and analyze financial information.</li> <li>3. To enhance the analytical, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and technological skills in a finance context.</li> </ol> |
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**Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree  
with a major in Finance**

**Core Areas A-E** (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98) ..... **42 hours**

**Area F Requirements** ..... **18 hours**

- ECON 2105, ECON 2106 ..... 6 hours
- ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 ..... 6 hours
- CISM 2201 or CS 1000 ..... 3 hours
- BUSA 2106 ..... 3 hours

**Finance Major Curriculum** ..... **60 hours**

- Required Senior College Core <sup>1</sup> ..... 18 hours  
BUSA 2100, BUSA 4900, ENGL 3010, FIN 3350,  
MGNT 3250, MKTG 3050
- Required Finance Core <sup>1</sup> ..... 12 hours  
FIN 3360, FIN 3370, FIN 4520,  
and ACCT 4410 or CISM 3450
- Elective Business Courses from the following <sup>1</sup> ..... 15 hours  
FIN 4310, FIN 4820, FIN 4900, ACCT 3240,  
ACCT 4500, ECON 3650, ECON 3750
- Elective Business Courses from the following <sup>1</sup> ..... 9 hours  
FIN 4980, FIN 4990, ACCT 3201, ACCT 3202,  
ECON 3100, ECON 3500, or any course not  
selected from the previous list
- Any elective Business Course <sup>2</sup> ..... 3 hours
- Elective Non-Business Course <sup>3</sup> ..... 3 hours

<sup>1</sup> The grade in each of these courses must be a “C” or better.

<sup>2</sup> If BUSA 2106 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

<sup>3</sup> If CISM 2201 or CS 1000 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

The Department assesses the extent to which the finance program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques.

### **Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Pre-tests and post-tests of financial institutions, markets and instruments.
2. An exit case on solving unstructured financial problems.
3. An exit case on the application of critical thinking skills and technology.



### **DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Dr. John Oliver, Head  
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The Department of Management and Information Systems offers the Bachelor of Business Administration degree (BBA) with a major in Management. The department also offers courses in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program. There is no major in Information Systems, and no minors are offered.

The Management major is designed to give the student the basic knowledge, skills, and values of management that build upon the foundation provided by the University Core Curriculum and that are required for professional careers in management. Moreover, through a series of sequenced courses, the Department prepares the student for more advanced study in management. The Department's programs adhere to a systemic approach which emphasizes the connections between the individual, organization systems, and the environment. The Department's programs stress the importance of critical thinking skills, an appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives, and the application of knowledge to address policy disputes and social issues. The program in management is designed to prepare students for careers in business management..

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN MANAGEMENT**

**Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. Management majors will demonstrate knowledge of the management process, effective utilization of resources, and the business environment.
2. Management majors will be skilled in recognizing and resolving issues using quantitative and behavioral methods and interpersonal skills.
3. Management majors will value free enterprise, human diversity, ethical and social responsibility, and life long learning.

**Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree  
with a major in Management**

<b>Core Areas A-E</b> (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98) .....	<b>42 hours</b>
<b>Area F Requirements</b> .....	<b>18 hours</b>
ECON 2105, ECON 2106 .....	6 hours
ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 .....	6 hours
CISM 2201 or CS 1000 .....	3 hours
BUSA 2106 .....	3 hours
<b>Management Major Curriculum</b> .....	<b>60 hours</b>
Required <sup>1</sup> .....	33 hours
BUSA 2100, BUSA 4900, ENGL 3010, FIN 3350, MGNT 3250, MGNT 3300, MGNT 4000, MGNT 4640, MGNT 4800, CISM 3450, MKTG 3050	
Business Electives <sup>1</sup> .....	15 hours
Any 3000 or 4000 level BUSA, MGNT, or CISM course not required above	
General Electives <sup>2,3,4</sup> .....	12 hours
<b>Total hours</b> .....	<b>120 hours</b>

<sup>1</sup> The grade in each of these courses must be a “C” or better.  
<sup>2</sup> If BUSA 2106 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.  
<sup>3</sup> If CISM 2201 or CS 1000 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.  
<sup>4</sup> At least 6 hours must be taken outside the College of Business Administration.



## Examples of Outcome Assessments

1. Students complete a standardized test of management knowledge in the capstone course in order to assess management knowledge.
2. Student groups analyze a comprehensive management case or participate in a simulation in the capstone course in order to assess group problem solving and interpersonal skills.
3. Students complete England's Personal Value Questionnaire in the capstone course (BUSA 4900) in order to assess managerial values.



### DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING AND ECONOMICS

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The Department of Marketing and Economics is a multidisciplinary department with programs that lead to a B.B.A. degree in Marketing, a B.B.A. degree in Economics, and a B.A. degree in Economics. The B.A. degree in Economics program is described in the College of Arts and Science section.

The Department's programs are designed to give the student the basic knowledge, skills, and values that build upon the foundation provided by the University Core Curriculum and are required for professional careers in business and government. Each program stresses the importance of critical thinking skills, effective oral and written communication, and the application of knowledge to solve business problems. Students majoring in marketing or economics are able to gain work experience related to their major through the VSU Co-op Program and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

Courses in economics (1) provide an understanding of the economic processes which provide the foundation for our business, political, and social behavior; (2) teach students how to acquire, process and analyze information; and (3) provide a rigorous preparation for management careers in business and government and for graduate study in economics, business administration, and law.

Courses in marketing enable students to (1) define marketing opportunities; (2) plan and carry out marketing strategies; (3) manage sales and salespeople; and (4) engage in professional sales activities. The marketing program prepares individuals for challenging careers in both profit and non-profit organizations.

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN MARKETING**

The marketing program has numerous desired outcomes. Examples of these outcomes include:

**Selected Educational Outcomes**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowledge of marketing and its environments, including ethical frameworks, international markets and sociocultural forces.</li> <li>2. Knowledge of buyer behavior and target market selection.</li> <li>3. Ability to motivate themselves, employees and customers.</li> <li>4. Ability to develop and implement a marketing plan.</li> </ol> |
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**Degree Requirements Bachelor of Business Administration degree  
with a Major in Marketing**

**Core Areas A-E** (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98) ..... **42 hours**

**Area F Requirements** ..... **18 hours**

- ECON 2105, ECON 2106 ..... 6 hours
- ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 ..... 6 hours
- CISM 2201 or CS 1000 ..... 3 hours
- BUSA 2106 ..... 3 hours

**Marketing Major Curriculum** ..... **60 hours**

- Required<sup>1</sup> ..... 33 hours
  - BUSA 2100, BUSA 3110, BUSA 4900, ENGL 3010,
  - FIN 3350, MGNT 3250, MKTG 3050, MKTG 4620,
  - MKTG 4650, MKTG 4680, MKTG 4900
- Any 3000 or 4000 level MKTG courses<sup>1</sup> ..... 15 hours
- Any 3000 or 4000 level BUSA, MGNT,  
CISM, ECON, MKTG, ACCT or FIN  
courses not required above<sup>1, 2</sup> ..... 6 hours
- Non-Business Electives<sup>3</sup> ..... 6 hours

<sup>1</sup> The grade in each of these courses must be a “C” or better.

<sup>2</sup> If BUSA 2106 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

<sup>3</sup> If CISM 2201 or CS 1000 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

**Total semester hours** ..... **120 hours**

The Department of Marketing and Economics assesses the extent the marketing program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques. Examples of these assessments include:

**Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Students must complete a test of conceptual knowledge in marketing in the marketing capstone course.
2. Students must prepare and present a marketing plan in the marketing capstone course.
3. Students must prepare and present a comprehensive business case in the business capstone course.

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN ECONOMICS**

The economics program has numerous desired outcomes. Examples of these outcomes include:

**Selected Educational Outcomes**

1. Knowledge of the behavior of business in supplying goods and services.
2. Knowledge of the techniques used by business to determine investment decisions.
3. Ability to use economic data to forecast aggregate economic activity.
4. Ability to predict the effects of changes in government policy on business activity.

**Requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree  
with a Major in Economics**

<b>Core Areas A-E</b> (See VSU Core Curriculum, pp. 95-98) .....	<b>42 hours</b>
<b>Area F Requirements</b> .....	<b>18 hours</b>
ECON 2105, ECON 2106 .....	6 hours
ACCT 2101, ACCT 2102 .....	6 hours
CISM 2201 or CS 1000 .....	3 hours
BUSA 2106 .....	3 hours

<b>Economics Major Curriculum .....</b>	<b>60 hours</b>
Required courses <sup>1</sup> .....	30 hours
BUSA 2100, BUSA 4900, ENGL 3010, FIN 3350, MGNT 3250, MKTG 3050, ECON 3100, ECON 3500, ECON 3600, ECON 4900	
Economics Electives <sup>1</sup> .....	12 hours
Any 3000 or 4000 level ECON course	
Business Electives <sup>1,2</sup> : .....	9 hours
Any 3000 or 4000 level BUSA, MGNT, CISM, ECON, MKTG, ACCT or FIN course not required above	
Non-Business Electives <sup>3</sup> : .....	9 hours
<b>Total semester hours .....</b>	<b>120 hours</b>

<sup>1</sup> The grade in each of these courses must be a “C” or better.

<sup>2</sup> If BUSA 2106 is not taken in Area F, it is required here.

<sup>3</sup> If CISM 2201 or CS 1000 is not taken in Area F and/or MATH 1266 is not taken in Area D, they are required here.

The Department of Marketing and Economics assesses the extent the economics program requirements create the desired outcomes by using a variety of techniques. Examples of these assessments include:

#### **Examples of Outcome Assessments**

1. Students must complete a test of basic conceptual knowledge in economics in the economics capstone course.
2. Students must prepare and present an economics research paper in the economics capstone course.
3. Students must prepare and present an analysis of a comprehensive business case in the business capstone course.