
ACCELERATED BACHELORS/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREES

The School of Business offers accelerated bachelors/Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees. Since the MBA is a professional master's degree that assumes no specific bachelor's-level preparation, students can pair study for any HPU bachelor's degree with study for the MBA degree.

Students admitted to the program take a combination of bachelors and MBA courses during their final semester of study. The four MBA courses, 12 hours, can count as undergraduate elective hours or as substitutes for undergraduate business courses as follows: Accelerated progress is made possible as follows:

Fall Session 1 MBA Courses

ACC 5311 Managerial Accounting Strategy can substitute for ACC 3331 Managerial Accounting. MGT 5317 Entrepreneurship can substitute for MGT 4341 Entrepreneurship.

Fall Session 2 MBA Courses

MGT 5322 International Business can substitute for BUS 3335 International Business. MKT 5311 Marketing Management can substitute for MKT 3301 Marketing Management.

Spring Session 1 MBA Courses

FIN 5313 Financial Management can substitute for FIN 3301 Financial Management. MGT 5314 Business Ethics can substitute for BUS 3351 Business Ethics.

Spring Session 2 MBA Courses

MGT 5312 Management can substitute for MGT 3303 Management. MGT 5322 Legal Environment of Business can substitute for BUS 3311 Business Law.

The above substitutions work because the MBA course covers essentially the same discipline-specific content as the related undergraduate course both:

- in a different manner, and
- at a higher level of rigor.

The four MBA courses, 12 hours, that a student will take during his/her final semester of undergraduate study depends on whether that final semester is in the fall or spring. To maximize substitutions for existing undergraduate business degree requirements, students will need to plan ahead. Students will then have six MBA courses, 18 hours, remaining to complete MBA degree requirements.

Students can start the accelerated program once they have completed 90 bachelor's-level hours. Since students have already been admitted to HPU for bachelor's degree studies, students will apply for admission to the accelerated program by completing the standard MBA application in the semester the student will reach the 90-hour threshold. On the MBA application students will select the combined undergraduate-MBA option. Students applying for admission to the accelerated program must have an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00. A student pursuing a major under the accelerated Bachelor's/MBA program will be considered an undergraduate until all undergraduate degree requirements are completed. The Bachelor's degree will be conferred at the completion of all undergraduate degree requirements and the completed degree added to the graduate's transcript. **Through strict advising practices, students will be enrolled only in sufficient hours to complete, and not exceed, undergraduate degree requirements.** A maximum of 12 hours of graduate course credits may be used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements for students accepted into a master's degree program. Students must complete their undergraduate degree requirements (Bachelor's) and be making satisfactory progress in their graduate degree coursework to continue studies toward the MBA degree.