Facilities for Graduate Work

Facilities for graduate study in business include state-of-the-art classrooms and seminar rooms, which are equipped with multimedia and computer terminal facilities. Computer classrooms, computer laboratories, a Financial Trading and Technology Center, and a behavioral science laboratory are also available. A variety of special collections and databases are available for research and study. In addition, there are extensive study and research facilities for individual and group projects.

Library holdings in business, economics, and related areas are unusually comprehensive; the University has several noteworthy collections, such as those on Latin America and Texas, that are of special interest to business students. Also available are personalized reference services, including library instruction classes, web-based subject and course guides, and an extensive array of online business and statistical databases; a tax collection; and a large selection of materials to aid in productive problem solving. These holdings are located in the Perry-Castañeda Library and are available through the University Libraries website.

Other facilities of interest, especially to students of international business, include the Center for International Business Education and Research, the Benson Latin American Collection, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Center for East Asian Studies, the South Asia Institute, and the Population Research Center. Additional opportunities for research are provided by the AIM Investment Center; the Center for Business, Technology, and Law; the Center for Customer Insight and Marketing Solutions; the Real Estate Finance and Investment Center; the Center for Research in Electronic Commerce; the EDS Financial Trading and Technology Center; the Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Center for Private Equity Finance; the Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship; the IC2 Institute; the Supply Chain Management Center of Excellence; the Center for Energy Finance Education and Research; the Center for Risk Management and Insurance; the Energy Management and Innovation Center; and the Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs.

The McCombs School of Business has its own computer network that links the school's laboratories and other computing resources. The network is also connected to the University's computing infrastructure. All Master of Business Administration (MBA) students are required to own a laptop computer.

The MBA Program Office provides information, academic advising, and student services to MBA students; contact information is given on the top of this page.

Areas of Study

Graduate study is offered in the following areas: accounting; business, government, and society; finance; information, risk, and operations management; management; marketing; and technology commercialization. Students in the full-time program may concentrate their coursework in one of these areas by choosing from among 22 available tracks of elective coursework. The track selected by a student determines whether their degree program is Business Administration, Business Administration-Management Science and Quantitative Methods or Business Administration-Financial Mathematics. The latter of these programs are classified as STEM Designated Degree Programs by the Department of Homeland Security for the purposes of the 24-month STEM optional practical training extension.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2023 semester.
Admission Requirements

Several scheduling options are available to students seeking the MBA: full-time, executive, and evening programs in Austin; weekend programs in Dallas and Houston.

Admission decisions for all programs are based on the applicant’s test scores, academic and professional background, letters of recommendation, and other factors.

With the following exceptions, all applicants must submit a valid score from the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Records Examination General Exam (GRE).

The admissions committee may consider waiving the GMAT/GRE requirement in the executive MBA programs in Austin when one of the following conditions is met: (1) 15 years of postgraduate work experience, (2) five years of people/project management experience, (3) an advanced degree, (4) an expired GMAT or GRE.

TOEFL or IELTS scores are required of all applicants who are not United States citizens or permanent residents, and for those who received their undergraduate education in a country where English is not the official language.

Upon admission to the program, students must pay a nonrefundable enrollment deposit to indicate that they accept the offer of admission. The deposit is applied to the payment of tuition when the student enrolls. The deposit is also required of students admitted to the dual degree programs.

More information about the admission process for each program is published by the McCombs School online.