

Master of Business Administration

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The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is for working business professionals. The core curriculum covers the foundation of a traditional Master of Business Administration program and includes seminars in Finance, Operations, Strategic Resource Management, Marketing, and Strategic Management. Students may pursue a general MBA degree or focus their studies on one of seven concentrations: Project Management, Organizational Leadership, Finance, Supply Chain Management and Logistics, Construction Management, Energy Management or Technology Management.

The MBA program is offered by the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies in partnership with the School of Business, is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs, formerly known as the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The mission of the ACBSP is to establish, promote, and recognize educational standards that contribute to the continuous improvement of business education and to recognize business schools that adhere to these standards.

At the center of the MBA program is a rigorous academic environment emphasizing use of the case study in an interactive e-learning environment, mentoring relationships with faculty, and extensive experiential learning. The program develops traits common among leaders in every profession — discipline, integrity, confidence, critical thinking, and adaptability.

Program Outcomes

Subject Knowledge:

- Develop a working knowledge of the key concepts of strategic resource management, managerial finance, marketing management, operations management, and strategic management.
- Understand and apply key concepts from primary functional areas of business management.

Business Problem Solving:

- Acquire the critical and creative thinking skills to identify business problems and recommend implementable solutions that meet business objectives.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the process for solving business problems and making sound business decisions.
- Effective Written and Oral Communication:
- Gain the ability to write and orally present ideas and proposals persuasively and effectively.
- Follow the principles of effective communication when writing reports and making oral presentations.

Requirements

Curriculum Map/Plan of Study

Term 1

GB 511	Strategic Resources Management	6
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Term 2

GB 522	Managerial Finance	6
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Term 3

GB 532	Strategic Marketing & Operations Management	6
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Term 4

One concentration course		6
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Term 5

One concentration course		6
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Term 6

One concentration course		6
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GB 561	Assessment Exam	0
GB 595	Residency ¹	0
Total Cr.		36

¹ Students are required to attend a one-week, on campus Residency Conference the June following or concurrent with their final course.

Curriculum Requirements

The MBA program is made up of six eleven-week seminars of six credits each. The seminars must be taken in the order presented and are strategically sequenced to build context as students move through the program. Following completion of the core courses, students may choose from seven concentration areas, each of which consists of three seminars (18 credits): General MBA, Project Management, Finance, Organizational Leadership, Supply Chain Management and Logistics, Construction Management, Energy Management or Technology Management. The program culminates with a one-week Residency and graduation ceremony at Norwich University in June.

Core Seminars

GB 511	Strategic Resources Management	6
GB 522	Managerial Finance	6
GB 532	Strategic Marketing & Operations Management	6

Culminating Academic Requirement

GB 561	Assessment Exam	0
GB 595	Residency	0
Total Cr.		18

Concentration Seminars

General MBA Seminars

GB 552	International Business Management	6
Select two of the following:		12
GB 547	Supply Chain Management Strategy, Planning and Operations	6
GB 544	Project Management Techniques, Tools and Practices	6
GB 560	Strategic Management	6
OL 530	Leading Change in Organizations	6
Total Cr.		36

Project Management Seminars

GB 544	Project Management Techniques, Tools and Practices	6
GB 554	Project Management Leadership, Communications and Teams	6
GB 564	Strategic Management in Project Management	6
Total Cr.		18

Finance Seminars

GB 545	Multinational Business Finance	6
GB 555	Investments and Portfolio Management	6
GB 565	Strategic Management in Finance	6
Total Cr.		18

Organizational Leadership Seminars

OL 530	Leading Change in Organizations	6
OL 550	Strategic Organizational Behavior	6
OL 560	Strategic Organizational Leadership & Developing a Learning Organization	6
Total Cr.		18

Supply Chain Management Concentration

The Supply Chain Management concentration focuses on three key areas of study:

- Supply chain management: strategy planning and operation
- Supply chain management: logistics design and execution
- Supply chain management: optimization

These three seminar will explore key supply chain concepts related to strategy, planning, processes, technologies, warehousing, distribution, transportation, procurement, contracts, networks, inventory, capacity, business operations, tools supply and demand, forecasting, and the language of supply chain management. Studies in these three seminars will provide a graduate MBA student with a solid foundation of supply chain management concepts, principles, application and assessment, with a focus on continuous improvement. In effect, addressing three important business questions related to supply chain management:

"What are we going to do?" (Strategy)

"How do we implement?" (Logistics)

"How do we improve upon what we are doing?" (Optimization)

Strategic Supply Chain Management Seminars		
GB 547	Supply Chain Management Strategy, Planning and Operations	6
GB 557	Supply Chain Management Logistics, Design and Execution	6
GB 567	Supply Chain Management Assessment, Integration, and Optimization	6
Total Cr.		18

Construction Management Concentration

The Construction Management concentration focuses on three key areas of study:

- Project Management - Techniques, Tools, and Practices
- Contracts and Insurance in Construction
- Project Finance and Accounting

These three seminar will explore key construction management concepts related to strategy, planning, processes, technologies, project management framework, project life-cycle, project process, and key project management areas. Additionally, project integration, scope, time, cost, quality, resource, and schedule management will be studied. Other key areas of focus will be project management procurement, and overall project communication requirements, risk characteristics of various construction contracts delivery methods, contractual format/forms, and the place that insurance and surety plays in the AEC arena. The emergence of new contractual forms from AIA, DBIA, and the ConsensusDocs require a new perspective on contracts and project organization. This concentration will develop a strategic understanding of contract variables that span plans and specs to Project Delivery, construction project finance, accounting, and risk across all project stakeholders. Also addressed will be traditional financial arrangements as well as new models such as Public Private Partnerships and other unique joint ventures, and the language of supply chain management and logistics. Studies in these three seminars will provide a graduate MBA student with a solid foundation of construction management concepts, principles, application and assessment, with a focus on continuous improvement.

Construction Management Seminars		
GB 544	Project Management Techniques, Tools and Practices	6
CE 539	Contracts and Insurance	6

CE 559	Project Finance and Accounting	6
Total Cr.		18

Energy Management Concentration

The Energy Management concentration focuses on three key areas of study:

- Energy Resources and Markets
- Managing Energy Savings and Efficiency Projects
- Managing Corporate Energy Needs

The three seminars will explore key energy management concepts related to strategy, planning, processes, technologies, resources, distribution, transportation, procurement, contracts, networks, markets, energy operations, energy supply and demand, regulations, and forecasting corporate energy needs. Studies in these three seminars will provide an MBA student with a solid foundation of energy management concepts, principles, application and assessment, with a focus on continuous improvement. In effect, they will address three important business questions related to energy management:

"What are we going to do?"

- Develop strategic solutions for corporations or institutions on their energy needs.

"How do we implement it?"

- By analyzing all options in energy markets and developing a specific procurement plan for the organization.

"How do we improve upon what we are doing?"

- By learning to achieve a systematic and continuous energy auditing inside the organization in order to optimize its use in all processes.

Energy Management Seminars

GB 548	Energy Resources and Markets	6
GB 558	Energy Saving Efficiency Proj	6
GB 568	Managing Corporate Energy Needs	6
Total Cr.		18

Technology Management

The Technology Management concentration focuses on providing students with the knowledge and skills required to be an effective business leader within all areas of business with specialized expertise in technology management. Courses in this concentration focus on technology management strategy and decision-making, the role research and development plays with regard to technology management strategies, technology project management, and technology absorption, diffusion, and margining within organizations. The Technology Management concentration focuses on providing students with the knowledge and skills required to be an effective business leader within all areas of business with specialized expertise in technology management.

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GB 549	Technology Management Strategy	6
GB 544	Project Management Techniques, Tools and Practices	6
GB 547	Supply Chain Management Strategy, Planning and Operations	6
Total Cr.		18

Assessment Exam

Taking an outcomes assessment exam is a requirements of the Master of Business Administration program. A completed assessment exam is a graduation requirement.

The assessment exam covers business concepts discussed throughout the program. The dates for the exam will be provided by Norwich staff during the last seminar of the program.

One-Week Residency

All degree candidates of the Master of Business Administration are required to attend a one-week Residency Conference (<http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2020-2021/onlineprogramscatalog/academicpolicies/graduationrequirements/>) on the Norwich University campus, during which they may attend professional presentations, participate in roundtable discussions with faculty, and present papers. The one-week residency is a degree requirement.

Faculty

Faculty Member	Institution at which highest degree was earned
Jose Cordova, PhD (Program Director)	Ohio University
B. Dean Angell, DBA	Capella University
Andrew Bargerstock, PhD	Maharishi International University
Caryn Crump, MBA	University of Chicago
Bob Deemer, MBA	Pepperdine University
Kim Gallagher, MBA	Northeastern University
Jean Gordon, DBA	Nova Southeastern University
Tracey Green, DBA	Argosy University
Christopher Roe, MBA	Keller Graduate School of Management
Michael Savidakis, MBA	Norwich University
Juan Stegmann, PhD	University of Warsaw
Gregory VanderPal, DBA	Nova Southeastern University
Keith Wade, PhD	North Central University