

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION (MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

Application Deadlines

Applications for this program are accepted throughout the year in fall, spring, and summer.

Application Materials Required for the MBA Degree

Applicants for the MBA must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcript(s) from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the University.)
4. Official test scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) (<https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/>). The GMAT must be taken within the five year time frame immediately preceding enrollment. Note: A minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required.
Students whose undergraduate degree is from an AACSB-accredited business program are exempt from the GMAT as long as their overall graduating GPA is at least a 3.00. All other applicants are required to take the GMAT and score at least 400 for admission consideration.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credits are accepted from AACSB International accredited schools only. No transfer credit(s) will be accepted once students are enrolled in the MBA program, except in cases of extreme hardship to be determined by the Graduate Business Programs Coordinator and the Dean of Graduate Students.

Admission Requirements for the MBA Degree

All students seeking admission to the MBA program must have completed the application process and been admitted to the program prior to enrolling in MBA classes. Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade-point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA.

Students Accepted for Entry into the Program

To obtain admission into the MBA program, students must meet one of the following formula requirements:

- Have an undergraduate degree from an AACSB-accredited business program with at least an overall graduating 3.00 GPA.

or

- Have an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution with at least an overall graduating 3.00 GPA or already hold a post-graduate degree, and submit an official GMAT score of at least 400.

Or meet one of the following requirements:

- 200 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 950 points.
- As a requirement for admission, a minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required. This is in addition to the current formula score.

OR

- 200 times the undergraduate GPA on the last 64 hours attempted toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 1000 points.
- As a requirement for admission, a minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required. This is in addition to the current formula score.

All applicants who are admitted to the MBA program but do not have adequate undergraduate business preparation will be required to complete up to 9 semester hours of foundation business or economics courses. These courses can be found under the Foundation Courses section. Applicants who have not fulfilled the undergraduate equivalents of these foundation courses will be admitted on a conditional basis.

4+1 Program Applicants

Jacksonville State University applicants admitted under the 4+1 program can be accepted for entry into the program without submitting a GMAT with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.

Jacksonville State University Undergraduate Applicants

Applicants whose undergraduate degree is from Jacksonville State University can be accepted for entry into the program without submitting an official GMAT score if their undergraduate GPA is at least 3.0 and they have satisfied the undergraduate equivalents of the foundation courses listed under the Foundation Courses section.

Conditional Admission

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for admission, as defined above, may be considered for conditional admission if the student meets the following requirements:

- 200 times the GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 850 points.

- A minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is also required. This is in addition to the current conditional formula score as indicated above.

Students who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted within the time frame specified in the student's admissions letter. Failure to comply will result in the student being dropped from the program.

All applications will be reviewed by the Graduate Business Programs Coordinator for the College of Business and Industry. The Graduate Business Programs Coordinator will submit to the Dean, Graduate Studies its recommendation on the admission of each applicant. The Dean of Graduate Studies, in conjunction with the Graduate Business Programs Coordinator, will make the final decision on the admission of the student.

Minimum Requirements for the MBA Degree

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

The MBA degree with a Healthcare Administration concentration consists of 30 semester hours of graduate business courses. Students without adequate undergraduate preparation will be required to take up to 9 semester hours of foundation courses for a total of 39 semester hours for the general concentration program.

Foundation Courses:

Credit for foundation coursework may be given for courses already completed as part of a baccalaureate degree. Students without adequate undergraduate preparation are required to complete the 9 semester hours of foundation business and economics courses listed below. The Graduate Business Programs Coordinator will evaluate each student's undergraduate coursework to determine which foundation courses are required prior to the student taking MBA courses. A student must earn a grade of "B" or above in each of these specified, required courses if they are taken after the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Course	Title	Credits
BA 500	Statistics and Quantitative Methods	3
BA 502	Contemporary Economic Fundamentals	3
BA 511	Concepts of Finance and Accounting	3
Total Hours		9

Students who have satisfied the foundation requirements or who have earned a grade of "C" or better in the equivalent undergraduate courses may enroll in MBA courses. The Graduate Business Programs Coordinator will determine which courses are equivalent to foundation courses.

MBA Concentration: Healthcare Administration

Course	Title	Credits
ACC 512	Accounting Information Analysis	3
BA 530	Business Analytics	3
BA 587	Business Policy and Strategy	3
EC 515	Managerial Economics	3
FIN 515	Financial Management	3
MGT 537	Business Leadership	3

MKT 513	Marketing Analysis & Strategy	3
Electives		
Select nine hours of electives ¹		9
Total Hours		30

¹Electives may be selected from the following list of courses: BA 505 Overview of the U.S. Healthcare System; BA 520 Healthcare Analytics; BA 525 The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Healthcare; and EC 465 Healthcare Economics

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

No comprehensive exam is required for this degree. All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.