Why the ILLINOIS MBA?

Flexibility.
Prepare yourself for the business world with a diverse curriculum. Pursue a traditional MBA. Combine business with your passion for another academic field. Design your own internship. Study abroad. Launch a business.

Along with exceptional opportunities inside the classroom, the ILLINOIS MBA gives you the flexibility to choose how best to put those opportunities to work for you. So you can tailor your curriculum to match your career objectives.

Our goal is to connect our dynamic MBA students to the companies that will hire them, the cultures that will inspire them, and the friends and colleagues who will guide them to a fulfilling professional career.

Here’s how we do it:

- **Unique customization:** Meet your career objectives by utilizing the vast academic resources of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Combine business and non-business courses to truly differentiate yourself.

- An emphasis on global experiential learning: We provide exceptional opportunities for you to gain real-world, global experience beyond the classroom.

- **Our program is consistently named one of the Top MBA Schools** in the United States by US News & World Report, and that recognition gets the attention of prospective employers.

- We have the world’s largest alumni network, which translates into vast opportunities for you to make valuable business connections.
Global Consulting Program

MBA students have the exclusive opportunity to engage in consulting projects with companies in emerging markets, specifically Brazil, China, India, and South Africa. This opportunity complements theoretical concepts learned in the classroom and gives students real-world experience. Students will work remotely with an international client and travel to the designated country to meet with and present to the client.

Benefits of participating in the Global Consulting Program include:

- Real-world, value-added consulting experience
- Unparalleled professional development
- Weekly interactions with clients
- Professional networking opportunities with clients, corporate executives, and Illinois alumni
- Results-driven success stories
- Once-in-a-lifetime travel and cultural experiences that are exclusive to Illinois MBA students

In addition to formal meetings with international clients, students will receive inside exposure to international culture, history, industries, economy, commercial leaders, local citizens, Illinois alumni, and more! Each 10-day trip will be composed of client meetings, company visits, and cultural activities.

“I joined the MBA program to refine my professional skills before moving to the next phase of my career. I also wanted to explore the consulting field and ILLINOIS has one of the best ways to do that through Illinois Business Consulting.”

Brett Havens, 2010
Director – Innovation at AT&T
What are we looking for?

We’re looking for leaders and innovators who bring ambition, passion, experience, and a strong work ethic to the table. Our admissions process considers much more than a test score – and our program delivers much more than a degree.

Class of 2014 Profile

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Undergraduate Majors

- Business: 32%
- Economics: 6%
- Engineering: 20%
- Humanities: 16%
- Info Sys/CS: 10%
- Math/Phy Sci: 13%
- Other: 3%

Hiring Companies (Full-time Positions)

- Allstate Insurance Company
- Archer Daniels Midland
- AT&T
- Bank of America
- Citibank
- Cooper Industries
- Cummins, Inc.
- Deloitte Consulting
- Exxon Mobile
- Ford Motor Company
- Grant Thornton
- IBM Consulting
- Intel Corporation
- Johnson & Johnson
- Nestle USA
- PolyOne Corporation
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Samsung
- Sara Lee Corporation
- Sears Holdings Corporation
- Social Security Administration
- Target Corporation
- West Monroe Partners

*Sample list of hiring companies
Customized Curriculum

At Illinois, we teach you the business fundamentals that will prepare you for the competitive global workplace, and we offer you the flexibility to personalize your MBA curriculum to meet your needs.

The first-year core curriculum focuses on essential business topics that provide a solid foundation so you can tackle more complex business challenges.

During the second year, you have the flexibility to customize your area of concentration by taking business and non-business courses.

First Year: Core Curriculum

First Semester 20 credit hours

MBA 501 Foundations of Business I • First 8 weeks
Accounting I, Marketing, Economics, Data Analysis, and Leadership & Ethics (10 hours)

MBA 502 Foundations of Business II • Second 8 weeks
Accounting II, Marketing, Organizational Theory & Design, Manufacturing & Service Processes, and Professional Communication (10 hours)

Second Semester 20 credit hours

MBA 503 Principals and Processes of Management I • Third 8 weeks
Finance I, Managing People & Organizations, Business Strategy (6 hours)

MBA 505 Topics in Management
Each topic completed constitutes 2 hours of credit. Examples of topics include Management of Technology, Project Management, Sustainable Marketing Enterprises, Strategic Thinking, Global Economy (4 hours)

MBA 504 Principles and Processes of Management II
Fourth 8 weeks
Finance II and Global Strategy (4 hours)

MBA 505 Topics in Management
Each topic completed constitutes 2 hours of credit. Examples of topics include Decision & Risk Analysis, Operations Analysis, Negotiations, Quantitative Methods in Finance, and Enterprise IT Strategy (6 hours)

Second Year: Customized Curriculum

During your second year, you will take a minimum of 32 hours. Of those 32 hours, 16 must be business courses and the other 16 hours can be earned by taking business or non-business courses.

Having the option to take courses outside the College of Business is what makes the Illinois MBA so unique. The University of Illinois is home to many top-ranked academic programs such as Engineering, Agriculture and Consumer Economics, and Law, and we want you to take advantage of all that our institution has to offer!

The second-year flexible curriculum empowers you to be creative and develop skills and in-depth knowledge that will prepare you for a successful career.

Sample Concentrations

Finance
Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability or Public Service
General Management
Strategic Management
Human Resources
Marketing
Operations Management
Information Technology
The Business Instructional Facility opened in 2008. This state-of-the-art facility is home to the College’s MBA program.