BUSINESS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The concentration in human resource management gives students a broad overview of the knowledge base and applications used by professionals in the field. Students receive exposure to a wide range of topics reflecting the body of knowledge required for the Professional in Human Resources certification exam administered by the HR Certification Institute. After graduation, students are prepared for employment in the public or private sector as human resource management generalists or as specialists in human resource management functions such as recruiting, compensation management or benefits administration.

Learning goals
The goal of the curriculum for the human resource management concentration is for students to understand human resource management concepts and principles needed to design and implement policies and practices that enhance an organization’s ability to attract, motivate, develop and retain effective employees.

1. General management competencies
   Graduates will develop skills in managing people and other resources to help achieve organizational goals.

2. Analytical competencies
   Graduates will have quantitative and analytical skills that can be applied to the solution of managerial problems.

Learning outcomes
Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following:

1. Depth of knowledge
   Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts of management that relate to the shaping of employee behaviors toward the achievement of organizational goals.

2. Communication skills
   Communicate a personal leadership vision that reflects self-awareness, knowledge of leadership theories and concepts, and appropriate oral communication skills.

3. Analytic skills
   Use knowledge of human resource management concepts and data to suggest solutions to management problems.

4. Quantitative skills
   Identify and use relevant data to help make informed decisions about management issues.

Special requirements
The foundation program specifies course work required during the freshman and sophomore years. Students are eligible for admission into the advanced business program with a major in the School of Business upon meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirement and successful completion of:

- ACCT 203 & ACCT 204: Introduction to Accounting I and II (6 credits)
- BUSN 201: Foundations of Business (3 credits)
- BUSN 225: Winning Presentations (3 credits)
- ECON 210: Principles of Microeconomics (3 credits)
- ECON 211: Principles of Macroeconomics (3 credits)
- INFO 160: Digital Literacy: Computer Concepts, Internet, Digital Devices (1 credit)
- INFO 161: Digital Literacy: Word Processing Skills (1 credit)
- INFO 162: Digital Literacy: Spreadsheets Skills I (1 credit)
- Another INFO 16X course (1 credit)
- SCMA 212: Differential Calculus and Optimization for Business (3 credits)
  or MATH 200: Calculus with Analytic Geometry (3 credits)
- UNIV 111: Focused Inquiry I (3 credits)
- UNIV 112: Play course video for Focused Inquiry II (3 credits)
- UNIV 200: Inquiry and the Craft of Argument (with a minimum grade of C) (3 credits)

The admission requirements for the School of Business (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/business/undergraduate-information/academic-policies) detail the deadlines for students to be admitted to the advanced business program with a major in the school. At least 30 hours of the required business courses for the Bachelor of Science must be taken at VCU.

All baccalaureate degree programs in the School of Business require successful completion of the business knowledge exam as administered in BUSN 499.

Students may need to take additional mathematics courses as prerequisites to SCMA 212 or MATH 200. These credits will count as electives in the foundation program. The sample curriculum outline includes SCMA 171 since many of our students will need to complete this course.

The INFO 160, INFO 161, INFO 162 and INFO 165 requirements may be waived upon successful completion of a Knowledge Equivalency Test administered by the Office of Undergraduate Studies. No more than two additional credits may be applied to the degree from the INFO 16x series.

No more than four credits in physical education courses may be applied to the degree.

INTL 493 may not be counted toward a business degree.

Credit for SPCH 121 or SPCH 321 will substitute for BUSN 225, and no more than three credits of these courses may be applied toward a business degree. Credit for STAT 210 or STAT 212 will substitute for SCMA 301. Students who earned a minimum grade of B in ECON 203 at VCU may substitute that credit for ECON 210.

A minimum of 54 credits in the foundation program
Degree requirements for Business, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a concentration in human resource management

### Business foundation (60 credits minimum)

#### General Education requirements (34 credits minimum)

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**Total Hours**: 23-26

1. Students may complete additional course work (if needed) in electives to total 60 credit hours in business foundation.
2. Students who receive waivers to these required courses must complete additional business general education electives to reach the 34-credit minimum.

## Advanced business program (60 credits minimum)

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Any foreign language course

Any honors-designated course taught outside of the School of Business

Any of the following UNIV courses:

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BUSN 401 International Consulting Practicum 3
ECON/INTL 329 International Economics 3
MGMT/INTL 418 International Management 3
MGMT/INTL 446 International Human Resource Management 3
MKTG/INTL 320 International Marketing 3

Approved human resource electives
FIRE 449 Employee Benefit Planning 3
MGMT 403 Human Resource Development 3
MGMT/FIRE 444 Occupational Safety, Health and Security 3
MGMT 447 Human Resource Information Systems 3
MGMT 493 Internship in Management 3
PSYC 310 Industrial Psychology 3

Approved University Core Education Curriculum courses 6

Term Hours: 15

Freshman year
Fall semester
INFO 160 Digital Literacy: Computer Concepts, Internet, Digital Devices 1
INFO 162 Digital Literacy: Spreadsheets Skills I 1
SCMA 171 Mathematical Applications for Business (or other business general education elective) 3
UNIV 101 Introduction to the University (satisfies open elective) 1
UNIV 111 Play course video for Focused Inquiry I 3

Approved University Core Education Curriculum courses 6

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
BUSN 225 Winning Presentations 3
INFO 161 Digital Literacy: Word Processing Skills 1
INFO 165 Digital Literacy: Spreadsheets Skills II 1
SCMA 212 Differential Calculus and Optimization for Business 3
UNIV 112 Play course video for Focused Inquiry II 3

Approved University Core Education Curriculum course 3
Open elective 1

Term Hours: 15

Sophomore year
Fall semester
ACCT 203 Introduction to Accounting I 3
BUSN 201 Foundations of Business 3
ECON 210 Principles of Microeconomics 3
UNIV 200 Inquiry and the Craft of Argument 3

Business general education elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
ACCT 204 Introduction to Accounting II 3
BUSN 323 Legal Environment of Business 3
ECON 211 Principles of Macroeconomics 3
MGMT 301 Marketing Principles 3
SCMA 301 Business Statistics I 3

Term Hours: 15

Junior year
Fall semester
BUSN 325 Organizational Communication 3
FIRE 311 Financial Management 3
MGMT 310 Managing People in Organizations 3
MGMT 331 Human Resource Management 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
MGMT 303 Creativity and Ideation 3
MGMT 319 Leadership 3
MGMT 333 Compensation Management 3
SCMA 302 Business Statistics II 3
Approved human resources elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Senior year
Fall semester
INFO 360 Business Information Systems 3
MGMT 332 Staffing Organizations 3
SCMA 320 Production/Operations Management 3
Approved human resource elective 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Spring semester
BUSN 499 Business Knowledge Exam 0
MGMT 431 Strategic Human Resource Management 3
MGMT 434 Strategic Management 3
Approved global elective 3
Approved general management elective 3
Open elective 3

Term Hours: 15

Total minimum requirement 120 credits

MGMT 291. Topics in Management. 1-3 Hours.
Variable hours. Variable credit. Maximum of 3 credits per topic.
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. An in-depth study of selected business topics. Graded as pass/fail at the option of the department.

MGMT 303. Creativity and Ideation. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Course explores the individual, social and institutional contexts for creativity and ideation. Students will examine four specific concepts in support of exploration in these areas: knowledge, curiosity, creativity and ideation.
MGMT 310. Managing People in Organizations. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This course is restricted to students who have completed at least 54 credits (junior standing). Introduces students to the management of people in organizations, focusing on the managerial skills, knowledge and activities needed for a successful business operation. Topics include planning, organizing, staffing and leading; effectively utilizing human capital to achieve an organization's objectives in today's competitive environment.

MGMT 313. Entrepreneurial Finance. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: FIRE 311 or permission of instructor. Enrollment is restricted to students who have completed at least 54 credit hours (junior standing). This course emphasizes financial management needs for entrepreneurs or persons who expect to be employed in closely held corporations.

MGMT 319. Leadership. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 310. This course is restricted to students who have completed at least 54 credit hours (junior standing). Coverage of the major approaches to leadership considering individual, team, organizational and cultural perspectives. Emphasis on self-assessment and on historical and contemporary leadership cases.

MGMT 321. Survey of Entrepreneurship. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Underlying concepts in entrepreneurship; the importance of entrepreneurs and the problems they face; entrepreneur characteristics and competencies; what makes an idea entrepreneurial; managing relations, ethics and sustainability; opportunity recognition, critical thinking and emphasis on innovative concept development; detailed concept feasibility analysis.

MGMT 331. Human Resource Management. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: SCMA 301, STAT 210 or STAT 212. This course is restricted to students who have completed a minimum of 54 credit hours (junior standing). Introduces students to the role of human resource management in attracting and retaining a productive workforce. Includes human resource planning, recruitment and selection; employee diversity and development; performance appraisal and reward systems; labor and employee relations; and public policy related to HRM practices.

MGMT 332. Staffing Organizations. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 331. Planning and executing a strategy to attract, select, hire and retain the talent needed to support the organization's mission and enhance performance.

MGMT 333. Compensation Management. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 331. The design and implementation of compensation and reward systems that both support an organization's strategy and enhance organizational effectiveness.

MGMT 389. Managerial Skills Development. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 310. A practicum in the development of personal, interpersonal and team-management skills as applied to leadership and teamwork.

MGMT 403. Human Resource Development. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: junior standing. Designed to improve qualifications of those seeking employment in the human resources field. Focuses on human resource development and organization development and their relationship to human resource management.

MGMT 418. International Management. 3 Hours.  
3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: junior standing. The study of the environment of international business, ethics and social responsibility in international settings, culture and its effect on behavior and management practice, and the strategies and management practices of firms engaged in international activities. Aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and sensitivities needed to be effective managers in the international business environment. Crosslisted as: INTL 418.

MGMT 419. Doing Business in Europe. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: junior standing and permission of instructor. Designed primarily as a core integrative course for students enrolled in the Certificate in International Management Studies, but other students are welcome. The course has three goals: a) integration of foreign languages, European studies and international management; b) infusion of other business areas relevant to doing business in Europe (such as international marketing, finance law and economics); and c) the development of cultural sensitivity and social responsibility. The course will be organized as a series of seminars with faculty and other speakers from the above disciplines. Crosslisted as: INTL 419.

MGMT 423. Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Enrollment restricted to students who have completed at least 54 credit hours (junior standing). An advanced management course in promoting societal good through entrepreneurial activities. Students will learn the various forms of entrepreneurship that benefit society, developing an understanding of the many contexts in which such entrepreneurship occurs and its impact on society. Students will identify issues of societal/environmental marginalization, ideate potential solutions, generate in-depth research relevant to course projects and take part in presentations regarding their findings and the development of a socially conscious venture.

MGMT 431. Strategic Human Resource Management. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 332 or MGMT 333, with a minimum grade of C. Enrollment restricted to students with a minimum of 85 credit hours (senior standing). Design and execution of human resource management strategies to achieve a competitive advantage; proper internal alignment of activities within the HRM function as well as external alignment of HRM activities with organizational goals, strategy and competitive environment.

MGMT 434. Strategic Management. 3 Hours.  
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisites: MGMT 310; MKTG 301; FIRE 311; SCMA 301, STAT 210 or STAT 212; and SCMA 325. This course is restricted to business majors with senior standing. Integrative course to analyze policy issues at the overall management-level involving functional areas such as production, finance and marketing, in context with the economic, political and social environment.

MGMT 435. New Venture Strategy and Initiation. 3 Hours.  
Continuous courses; 3 lecture hours. 3-3 credits. Prerequisites: MGMT 321; completion of MGMT 435 to enroll in MGMT 436. First semester: provides students with an integrated strategic analysis of entrepreneurial firms and how they establish competitive advantage. Second semester: engages students in intensive development of a comprehensive business plan using knowledge and skills from MGMT 435. Students should take MGMT 436 immediately following MGMT 435.
MGMT 436. New Venture Strategy and Initiation. 3 Hours.
Continuous courses; 3 lecture hours. 3-3 credits. Prerequisites:
MGMT 321; completion of MGMT 435 to enroll in MGMT 436. First
semester: provides students with an integrated strategic analysis of
entrepreneurial firms and how they establish competitive advantage.
Second semester: engages students in intensive development of
a comprehensive business plan using knowledge and skills from
MGMT 435. Students should take MGMT 436 immediately following
MGMT 435.

MGMT 444. Occupational Safety, Health and Security. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Covers the principles and
practices, and regulatory dimensions of occupational safety, health
and security. Causes of workplace health hazard exposures, accidents
and domestic and international industrial violence are studied with
an emphasis on prevention. Characteristics of effective occupational
safety, health and workplace security programs are studied to facilitate
understanding and application in the workplace. Crosslisted as: FIRE 444.

MGMT 446. International Human Resource Management. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 331,
INTL/MGMT 418 or ECON/INTL 329. Covers the application of human
resource management activities in an international context. Highlights
similarities and differences with domestic methods; current practices in
the selection, development, compensation and maintenance of parent-
country, host-country and third-country nationals; and the impact of
regulatory and cultural differences between countries. Crosslisted as:
INTL 446.

MGMT 447. Human Resource Information Systems. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. Prerequisite: MGMT 331.
This course is restricted to students who have completed at least 54
credit hours (junior standing). Covers contemporary human resource
information software used in the primary activities of human resource
management involving recruitment, selection, performance appraisal,
employee benefits, pay administration, safety and health, human
resource development, job analysis, human resource planning and job
structuring. Emphasis is on introducing the software and practical
application through hands-on experience in the computer laboratory.

MGMT 491. Topics in Management. 1-3 Hours.
Semester course; variable hours. Variable credit. Maximum of 3 credits
per course; maximum total of 6 credits for all topic courses. Prerequisite:
junior standing. An in-depth study of a selected business topic, to be
announced in advance.

MGMT 492. Independent Study in Management. 1-3 Hours.
Semester course; 1-3 credits. Maximum total of 3 credits. Prerequisites:
junior or senior standing as a major in a business curriculum and
approval of adviser and department chair prior to course registration.
Intensive study under supervision of a faculty member in an area not
covered in-depth or contained in the regular curriculum.

MGMT 493. Internship in Management. 3 Hours.
Semester course; 3 credits. Prerequisites: senior standing in the major
offering the internship and permission of the department chair. Intention
to enroll must be indicated to the instructor prior to or during advance
registration for semester of credit. Involves students in a meaningful
experience in a setting appropriate to the major. Graded as pass/fail at
the option of the department.