

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF (M.B.A.) [EXECUTIVE]

Program accreditation

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (<http://www.aacsb.edu/>)

Program goal

VCU's School of Business Executive M.B.A. program provides experienced managers in Virginia and surrounding states with the knowledge and skills needed to solve real-world business problems in today's complex global environment. The Executive M.B.A. program accomplishes this purpose by using an integrated curriculum with a modular, team-oriented, interdisciplinary approach that constantly challenges students to apply knowledge and skills to new and unfamiliar situations. The Executive M.B.A. program seamlessly integrates business fundamentals with hands-on experiential activities.

Student learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge from various business disciplines with a strategic executive perspective to guide teams in solving complex business problems in novel and challenging situations.
2. Exhibit advanced communication skills, encompassing both technical expertise and interpersonal essential skills, necessary for effective leadership at the executive level.
3. Demonstrate a deep understanding of ethical and social responsibility within business organizations, both in the U.S. and globally, and how these principles guide strategic decision-making.
4. Apply advanced analytical skills to interpret and leverage insights from new and unfamiliar data sets, supporting strategic problem-solving and decision-making.
5. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and application of transformative leadership to enhance effectiveness as executive leaders.

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the **Graduate School website** and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as

published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students.**

Degree candidacy requirements

A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on degree candidacy requirements.**

Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on graduation requirements.**

Other information

School of Business **policies and procedures for graduate students** are available on the school's website.

Apply online today. (<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/>)

Admission requirements

The Executive M.B.A. program is designed for students with significant work experience. The student's adviser will review the student's educational and professional background to determine the extent to which the student has satisfied the prerequisites. Those with outstanding prerequisites will be required to attend one or more training sessions to remove any deficiencies.

Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
M.B.A.	Fall only	Feb 15 (early decision)	
		Apr 15 (round two)	
		Jun 15 (round three)	

In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate->

study/admission-requirements/), applicants to the master's program in business administration must submit an up-to-date resume.

Degree requirements

In addition to the VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/>), students must complete the 42 graduate credit hours in outlined below.

Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
FMBA 601	Team Building and Leadership (course 1)	3
FMBA 602	Team Building and Leadership (course 2)	3
FMBA 603	Business Foundations (course 1)	3
FMBA 604	Analysis and Decisions (course 1)	3
FMBA 605	Analysis and Decisions (course 2)	3
FMBA 606	Analysis and Decisions (course 3)	3
FMBA 607	Global Challenges (course 1)	3
FMBA 608	Organizational Culture (course 1)	3
FMBA 609	Productivity and Innovation (course 1)	3
FMBA 610	Productivity and Innovation (course 2)	3
FMBA 611	Strategic Management (course 1)	3
FMBA 612	Strategic Management (course 2)	3
FMBA 613	Strategic Management (course 3)	3
FMBA 620	Foundational Concepts of Transformative Leadership	1
FMBA 621	Applying Concepts of Transformative Leadership	1
FMBA 622	Transformative Leadership for Organizational Excellence	1
Total Hours		42

The minimum number of graduate credit hours required for this degree is 42.

Contact

M.K. "Butch" Sarma
Executive MBA Program
mksarma@vcu.edu
(804) 828-7036

Additional contact

Bill Miller
Executive director, Business and Alumni Development
wjmill1@vcu.edu
(804) 828-3941

Program website: business.vcu.edu/academics/mba-options/executive-mba (<https://business.vcu.edu/academics/mba-options/executive-mba/>)