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Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Mission
The mission of the MBA program is to prepare students from many cultural backgrounds for responsible positions in domestic and international business, in government, and in not-for-profit organizations. The program emphasizes the integration of business principles with Christian principles and philosophy to prepare students for leadership roles which require clear and critical thinking, wise judgment, effective communication, integrity in all actions, and recognition of opportunities for service.

MBA Program
With the appropriate business background, the MBA at Andrews University can be completed in three semesters. However, the MBA is also designed for students with any bachelor's degree. Students who enter the program without prior course work in business must take a two-year (5-semester) degree program, as prerequisites in the common body of knowledge are required to bring the student up to the minimum expectations of our graduate faculty. These prerequisite courses may be waived for students with appropriate undergraduate course work from an accredited institution. If the prerequisite courses are more than five years old or the grades earned are below C, students may be required to repeat these courses.

The prerequisite courses provide an introduction to the broad field of business administration. Such courses must be taken by the time the student has completed no more than 50% of his/her course work for the master's degree. The following courses constitute the prerequisites for the MBA degree: ACCT121, 122; BSAD341, 355, 475; ECON225, 226; FNCE317; INFS215; MKTG310; STAT285. Competency in computers is assumed.

The graduate courses, which approximate three semesters of work, are divided into two groups, required and elective; 21 credits are in courses required of all students, and 12 credits are in elective courses. These advanced courses emphasize the understanding of administrative processes in resolving problems faced by business executives. All advanced courses are offered only at the graduate level.

Authorization for Portland MBA Extension Program
The School of Business Administration is a unit of Andrews University and is authorized by the State of Oregon to offer and confer the Master of Business Administration degree described in this bulletin, following a determination that State academic standards will be satisfied under OAR 583-030. Inquiries concerning the standards or school compliance may be directed to the Office of Degree Authorization, 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401.

MBA Course Work—33

Core Requirements—24
These courses help the student view the business enterprise as an integrated unit operating in a complex economic, political, and social system: ACCT620; BSAD515, 620, 689; ECON525, 530; FNCE675; MKTG680.

Elective courses—9
ACCT586, 615; BSAD530, 545, 560, 615, 670; FNCE526, 680; INFS510; MKTG540.

Standards of Scholarship. All graduate students are expected to maintain a 3.00 GPA in all graduate courses that apply to the degree requirements.

No grade of D or F (or U) may be used to satisfy degree requirements; however, these grades are included when computing the cumulative GPA and, if they occur in courses normally meeting degree requirements, the degree GPA.

The GMAT is required for regular admission status. The student may not enroll for more than 9 credits of graduate work before the GMAT requirement is met.

Students admitted under provisional status must make regular progress toward achieving regular enrollment status and toward completion of their selected graduate degree. If insufficient progress is made, provisional status will be revoked after four enrolled semesters.

Regular admission status must be met no later than the semester before the last semester in which the student expects to enroll.

Only courses numbered above 500 may be used to meet MBA requirements. Other graduate programs in the School of Business Administration may include a limited number of 400-level swing courses.

A maximum of 6 credits in approved courses may be taken off-campus or in another school of the university.

English Language Proficiency Requirements. The School of Business Administration does not permit students to register for graduate classes unless they have met the University requirements for Regular Admission Status for English proficiency (i.e. TOEFL=550(213) or MELAB=80). The School of Business Administration also does not permit graduate students to register for prerequisite courses for the MBA or MSA programs unless they are at the Advanced Level in ELI.

Master of Science in Administration (MSA)
The Master of Science in Administration program is designed to prepare students for leadership in various industry-specific settings. The MSA degree is offered in church administration.
Church Administration
The MSA degree in church administration is for students seeking management roles in church or church-related organizations. Offered jointly by the School of Business Administration and the Theological Seminary, the program blends business management and church management.

Students must take any lacking prerequisite courses in addition to the 33 graduate credits required for the MSA degree.

Prerequisites
BSAD355 Management and Organization 3
MKTG310 Principles of Marketing 3

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School of Business Administration core—9
BSAD515 Organizational Behavior 3
BSAD620 Christian Ethics, Business & Society 3
MKTG680 Marketing Strategy 3

School of Business Administration electives—6
(choose two courses)
ACCT620 Financial Statement Analysis 3
BSAD530 Management of Not-for-Profit Organizations 3
BSAD560 Intercultural Business Relations 3
BSAD670 Human Resources Seminar 3
FNCE680 Investment Strategy 3
MKTG540 Marketing for Non-Profit Organizations 3

Seminary Courses
Core—15–18 credits
CHMN526 Conflict Management in the Church 2–3
CHMN543 Christian Leadership in a Changing World 3
GSEM541 Spiritual Formation 3
MSSN646 Ministry in Cultural and Religious Context 3
THST615 Doctrine of the Church 2–3
THST643 Christian Professional Ethics 2–3

Electives—0–3 credits
CHMN503 Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships 3
CHMN552 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry 2
CHMN630 Leadership Development 2–3
GSEM626 Contemporary Adventist Theological Issues 2–3
MSSN630 Cross-Cultural Leadership Development 2–3
THST634 Christian Social Ethics 2–3