# **Programs**

## Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

## (30 credits)

The Master of Business Administration (MBA), under the Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership, is a graduate professional degree designed for the working professional. The MBA provides a scientific, data-driven foundation for making business decisions. The program will provide students with a practical approach to analyzing and presenting data and a strong conceptual foundation for the successful management of business, with an emphasis on the advanced skills needed at the intersection of business management, analytics and strategy. The MBA provides the opportunity to profit from practical work-related experiences through collaborative learning and student interaction.

The culmination of the program allows students to select from a variety of ways in which to demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge acquired in the program, including a comprehensive experiential capstone project, a case-study seminar, or the development of a working business plan for an entrepreneurial endeavor or business consulting activity.

Upon completing the program of study in Business Administration, students will:

- Demonstrate advanced skills in analytical thinking as well as interpreting and presenting analytical results.
- Demonstrate advanced understanding of concepts in the functional areas of business.
- Demonstrate an ability to apply business analytics techniques and tools to real-world management challenges.
- Demonstrate a capacity for informed moral decision-making in the business environment.

## Admission Requirements

- A completed application form and a non-refundable \$50 application fee.
- Bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
- Official transcripts from all degree-granting institutions attended that are nationally or regionally accredited and recognized by the USDE or CHEA.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8.\*
- Proficiency in essential software and tools, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), data analysis tools (such as Excel or statistical software), and communication platforms (e.g., Zoom, Google Meet).
- For non-native English-speakers, a minimum TOEFL score of:
  - **5**50 (paper-based)
  - 80 (internet-based)
  - 213 (computer-based)

- Proof of identity.
- Applicants using VA benefits may be required to submit additional documentation, such as a Certificate of Eligibility, upon matriculation to the school certifying official.
- An essay (of 500-600 words, double-spaced) on their professional career interests, reasons for entering the program and expectations of the program.
- Two letters of recommendation from former professors or professional associates.
- \* Applicants who do not meet the above GPA requirement may be admitted to the program on a provisional basis. You may be required to complete preparatory courses or to earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA in 6 credits before being fully admitted to the program.

#### **Transfer Credits**

Albertus Magnus College will accept a maximum of 6 graduate hours from nationally or regionally accredited institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) toward satisfying the program requirements. Such credits must have been completed prior to entrance into the program and must satisfy degree requirements. Transfer credits must have been completed with a minimum grade of 3.0 within the last five years. Transfer credits will be considered on an individual basis. Students must submit an official transcript showing proof of completion of the course(s) to be transferred. All requests to transfer credits must be completed prior to starting the program. Internal transfer students from other Albertus graduate programs must complete at least 50% of their requirements (15 credits) in the Albertus MBA program.

#### Tuition and Fees

- Application Fee: \$50.00
- Tutorial Surcharge: \$500.00 (for student requested tutorial)
- Thesis Continuation Fee: \$250.00 per registration period (within seven years of matriculation) until completion of the thesis.

Fees and rates are subject to change.

#### Accreditation

Albertus Magnus College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

The Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership at Albertus Magnus College has received specialized accreditation for the Master of Business Administration through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) located at 11960 Quivira Road in Overland Park, Kansas, USA. The IACBE grants accreditation for business management, public administration, accounting and finance programs only. Locations for program offerings are at the sole discretion of the Member.

The Master of Business Administration is accredited by the State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

## Program Format

Classes are offered in five, eight-week modules during the calendar year. All classes are fully online. On-ground courses may be offered when demand suffices.

#### Academic Advisement

Admitted students are assigned a faculty advisor, typically the program director. Together the student and advisor will develop a program of study. Throughout the program the advisor will assist students with course planning, registration and regular academic review.

#### Course Load

Students may register for no more than 6 credits per mod.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Students are responsible for reviewing the program requirements for their specific catalog year, fulfilling those requirements, and maintaining regular communication with the program director. To earn a graduate degree from Albertus Magnus College, students must successfully complete all program requirements and achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. All requirements must be completed within seven years of matriculation, beginning with the module or semester in which the student starts their first course in the program. Graduate courses that exceed the time limit no longer count toward meeting program requirements, including transferred courses.

#### Graduation with Honors

Master's degree candidates who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.90 are awarded honors and will have the notation included on their transcript and diploma.

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY

#### REQUIRED CORE (30 credits)

MB 512	Ethical Issues in Business
MB 515	Managerial Economic Analysis
MOL 506	Organizational Behavior
MB 507	Business Analytics
MB 611	Quantitative Research for Managers
DAT 500	Applied Data Science
MB 636	Legal Issues in Business
AC 638	Financial Statement Analysis
MB 660	Management and Business Strategy Capstone
Select one:	

MP 504	Labor-Management Relations
MB 518	Marketing Concepts and Strategies

MB 580 Internship

MB 614 Information Systems Issues for Managers

## 4 + 1 Program: BS to Master of Business Administration

The 4+1 Master of Business Administration (MBA) program is designed for high-achieving **traditional undergraduate** students who seek to complete both a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration in an accelerated timeframe.

A minimum of 150 credits are required to earn both degrees: 120 undergraduate credits and 30 graduate credits. During their senior year, students enroll in two graduate-level courses, which count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements. These graduate credits are offered at no additional cost during the undergraduate phase for students formally accepted into the 4+1 program.

Students must apply to the MBA program during the spring semester of their junior year and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 to be considered for admission. Upon acceptance, students are assigned a graduate faculty advisor in addition to their undergraduate faculty advisor to support their academic progression through the program.

This program provides an efficient pathway to advanced business education, equipping students with the strategic and managerial skills needed for leadership roles across a variety of industries.

<sup>\*</sup>MB 580 - Internship is not eligible to students who hold an F-1 Student Visa.