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I. Philosophy of the University of Michigan Masters Programs

The demands of a global economy have changed the requirements for personal and business success. As a result, the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan is leading an industry redefinition of traditional business education. Leveraging its academic depth, an international network of corporate partners, and a diverse, cooperative culture, Michigan delivers a distinctive leadership and management educational experience. Graduates of our standard-setting Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs, our Master of Accounting (MAcc) program, our Master of Supply Chain Management (MSCM) program, and our Master of Management (MM) program combine knowledge with action, gaining skills that produce results and improve business.

The Ross School of Business offers an array of opportunities for education, personal and career development, community involvement, and social interaction. In the classroom, students get the latest in both theory and practical applications from top teachers and scholars. In our MBA program, traditional management education is complemented with high-impact, hands-on professional development. Michigan MBAs work within businesses and develop valuable skills in areas like leadership, teamwork, and decision-making. And, no matter what the setting, Michigan MBAs, MAccs, MSCMs, and MMs learn from each other. The Michigan programs produce graduates who set a standard for leadership and effectiveness.

II. Statement of Community Values

As a member of both the Ross School of Business and the University of Michigan communities, MBA/MAcc/MSCM/MM students are responsible for reading the Ross Statement of Community Values and the University of Michigan Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

A. Ross Community Values

All members of the Ross community agree to abide by the Ross School of Business Statement of Community Values. It is a hallmark of how we study and work together. The Statement of Community Values states:

“We, the members of the Ross School of Business community – students, faculty, and staff – shall work together in striving for excellence in every aspect of our School’s activities. We seek to be a model of how members of an academic community can combine their spirit and talents to achieve such institutional excellence.

We understand that in striving for excellence, our personal and institutional integrity is our most precious asset. Accordingly, we accept accountability for our behavior and will not knowingly act in ways that might damage that integrity.

We commit ourselves to performing our work and fulfilling our responsibilities honestly and professionally. In particular, we will not tolerate cheating of any sort by any member of our community in any situation.

We shall treat each other with respect, honoring the dignity and value of each member of our community. We will cooperate with each other and fulfill our mutual commitments. We will extend these same courtesies to our guests.

We pledge to share community assets, such as facilities, library materials and information technology resources, in ways that are responsible, that comply with established policies and that reflect the principle of fairness.

We accept adherence to these values as a condition of membership in the Ross School of Business community.”

Accompanying the Statement of Community Values are the Ross [Academic Honor Code](#) and the [Code of Student Conduct](#). Students are expected to abide by those Codes. To report allegation of misconduct, use the [CVC Violation Reporting Form](#).

B. UM Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities

<https://oscr.umich.edu/statement>

The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (the University) is dedicated to supporting and maintaining a scholarly community. As its central purpose, this community promotes intellectual inquiry through vigorous discourse. Values which undergird this purpose include civility, dignity, diversity, education, equality, freedom, honesty, and safety.

When students choose to accept admission to the University, they accept the rights and responsibilities of membership in the University's academic and social community. As members of the University community, students are expected to uphold its previously stated values by maintaining a high standard of conduct. Because the University establishes high standards for membership, its standards of conduct, while falling within the limits of the law, may exceed federal, state, or local requirements.

Within the University, entities (such as schools and colleges, campus, professional, and student organizations) have developed policies that outline standards of conduct governing their constituents and that sometimes provide procedures for sanctioning violations of those standards. This [Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) (the Statement) does not replace those standards; nor does it constrain the procedures or sanctions provided by those policies. This Statement describes possible behaviors which are inconsistent with the values of the University community; it outlines procedures to respond to such behaviors; and it suggests possible sanctions which are intended to educate and to safeguard members of the University community.

The Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR) also publishes a list of policies which govern non-academic student conduct on campus. For additional policy statements, see: <http://www.studentpolicies.dsa.umich.edu>.

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C. Ross School of Business Statement on Professionalism

The Ross School of Business's Statement of Community Values describes "personal and institutional integrity as our most precious asset." We as community members "commit ourselves to performing our work and fulfilling our obligations honestly and professionally." Ross School of Business expects every student in and out of the classroom to engage in conduct consistent with the professional and ethical behavior that a business organization would expect of its employees.

As part of their academic progress while enrolled at Ross School of Business, students are expected to act professionally in all courses and in their contact with faculty members, other students, University personnel, and the community at large. Professionalism is primarily expressed through how we act and interact with others. This concern for others is particularly important in the context of business education, which relies upon professional interactions within the cohort and with employers.

Professionalism, or lack thereof, is considered part of students' academic progress and demonstrated lack of professionalism may result in academic discipline. For example, when in meetings or gatherings, professionals pay attention to one another, listen, and actively engage in discussions. Professionals are responsive, prepared, punctual, and keep their commitments. Professionals treat others with respect and work to foster an environment free of harassment. **Any dishonest, harassing, unethical, irresponsible, or criminal behavior, whether it takes place on or off campus, may be viewed as unprofessional.**

Ross School of Business may institute academic discipline proceedings and/or subject a student to academic probation, academic review, suspension, or dismissal from a program in any of the situations outlined above. These academic proceedings may be instituted concurrently with or in addition to other proceedings under the Ross School of Business's Code of Student Conduct or other applicable University policies. Likewise, any academic discipline imposed pursuant to the School of Business' academic standards may be imposed separately from, and/or in addition to, sanctions arising from student conduct proceedings under other applicable University codes of conduct or policies.

III. Student Records

Ross students have a student records file, which is stored electronically with secured access. This file contains admissions material, test scores, unofficial copies of academic records, memoranda, correspondence, and notes that Academic Advisors have made about their conversations with a student. Information of a sensitive nature may be removed from the academic advising file at the discretion of the School Registrar or at the request of the student and placed into a confidential file. Confidential files are also created for those students charged with some form of academic misconduct and for other serious violations.

Students have the right to examine most materials in their own academic files. Students who wish to review their files may do so by scheduling an appointment with the School Registrar. Details regarding student access to file material are also noted on the University of Michigan Registrar's website: <http://www.ro.umich.edu/ferpa/>.

Students may obtain copies of their transcripts free of charge through Wolverine Access, with details available at <http://www.ro.umich.edu/>. An electronic (PDF) transcript order allows for attachments to be uploaded and sent along with the transcript. Rush processing and expedited delivery options are now available online as well. The Ross School of Business does not issue transcripts directly.

Access to individual student files is restricted to Ross staff whose job responsibilities include managing student records and academic advising. Third parties, including family members or caregivers, faculty, recruiters, and graduate school admission committees, do not have access to student advising files except as allowable by the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) and UM student record privacy policy.

Ross School of Business deletes all student files seven years after a student has graduated from their program, including all confidential materials, unless the student has a violation sanction explicitly stating that the file is to be kept indefinitely. If a student does not graduate, the files are destroyed seven years after the last term of enrollment.

IV. Financial Aid

The Ross School of Business Office of Financial Aid (a satellite office of the University of Michigan Office of Financial Aid) is responsible for processing and awarding all Ross MBA financial aid. This aid includes federal and private loans, and scholarships.

Ross scholarships are applied to tuition and fees only. You must successfully complete your first year in good academic standing (minimum of a 2.0 cumulative VPA) to retain your scholarship in your second year. The scholarship may be canceled at any time in the event of an Honor Code or Student Code of Conduct violation.

Awarded Ross scholarships are equally split between the Fall and Winter terms. Students must be enrolled full-time to receive the funds. An exception to the payment and enrollment policies may be made in the final term leading to graduation – for this exception students need to contact the Ross Financial Aid office for assistance.

Dual degree students receiving a Ross scholarship should contact the Ross Financial Aid office if other tuition and fee awards are expected to be received, or if you plan to defer your first year at Ross to attend your dual school.

The Ross Financial Aid office can be reached at rossfinaid@umich.edu or 734-764-5139. More information can be found at <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpack/financial-aid>.

V. Curriculum Planning and Options

Outside of the core coursework, responsibility for planning the elective content of the academic program rests with students. Thorough familiarity and understanding of the regulations contained in this Bulletin are essential for sound planning.

Degree requirements checklists are available online for students to monitor their academic progress: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpack/academics/degree-requirements>. Students may also access a live degree advisement report (audit) via Wolverine Access.

A. Academic Advising

The Ross School of Business provides academic advising to assist graduate students in developing meaningful educational plans that satisfy their academic goals, as well as provide support for unanticipated circumstances or students who are placed on academic probation. Students in the Full-time and Evening MBA programs are especially encouraged to meet with an academic advisor because of the flexible nature of their curriculum. Students are encouraged to choose elective courses that will best meet their individual goals for their degree and may schedule an appointment to discuss their course plans with an academic advisor.

Appointments are scheduled online:

<http://www.bus.umich.edu/impact/CounselingCalendar/AcademicServices/>.

Those students unable to visit our office during regular business hours may hold appointments via phone, Google Hangouts, or Skype.

The academic advising staff helps graduate students:

- select appropriate courses and other educational experiences
- develop suitable educational plans
- understand institutional requirements
- understand available resources for assistance within and outside of the business school
- develop personal and educational goals and evaluate their progress

Academic advisors and staff also provide support for degree progress functions such as:

- degree audits

- dropping/adding classes
- core course waivers
- dual degrees or graduate certificate programs
- independent studies

The Ross Registrar's Office manages pre-registration into core courses and provides support for course bidding for business elective classes. Students should be sure to regularly check web pages at <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/Academics> and watch for emails throughout the school year regarding course registration processes.

B. Elective Options

1. **Non-Business Courses**

The rich variety of courses available at the University of Michigan allows each student expanded, unparalleled opportunities to develop a program of study to fit personal career objectives. Students may select coursework in other units at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, according to degree program guidelines.

Registration guidelines include:

- To determine if a course is offered for graduate-level credit, students should consult an academic advisor and/or the Rackham Graduate School:
https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/academic_information/programs/.
- Students should consult the academic calendar of the course's unit for drop/add deadlines and course attendance policies.
- MBA students may complete up to ten credit hours of graduate-level courses in other units at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor while enrolled in the MBA program.
- MBA candidates may not be concurrently enrolled in another degree program unless participating in an approved dual degree program.
- The one exception to this policy occurs when PhD students are admitted from non-Business graduate programs into the Evening MBA program. These students may continue their enrollment in the other PhD program, with the approval of that program.
- The Ross School of Business cannot transfer credit from other universities or colleges nor can it give credit for practical experience, participation in musical or athletic organizations, or for physical education or performance courses.

Additional details are available online:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/MBA-nonbusiness-electives>

2. **Independent Study Projects**

The Ross Independent Study policies are currently under review. An updated version of the policies will be posted on the Ross iMpact website

(<https://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/independent-study>).

Individual academic research opportunities, supervised by faculty, are available to graduate business candidates. Non-business master-level students may also complete research projects.

To select a project, students should consult the appropriate professor about the nature of the work and the number of credit hours it would earn. Appropriate forms must be completed and processed, indicating faculty, Department Chair, and Dean's Office approval of the project. Proposals are due at the beginning of the semester in which the student will complete the majority of the credit and enroll in the course. Deadlines will be posted at <https://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/independent-study>).

For each project, the student will submit a final paper to the faculty supervisor who will evaluate the character and quality of the work and render a grade. The paper will be stored by the Kresge Business Administration Library using the University's [Deep Blue](#) Service. The student must submit the paper to the faculty member no later than exam week of the term in which the project was elected.

3. Credit for Foreign Language Study

With special permission, MBA students may earn degree credit for undergraduate language courses at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. To request credit for undergraduate language study, students should complete the request form through the Ross Registrar's Office.

Registration guidelines include:

- Credit for undergraduate language courses is awarded on a 2 for 1 credit basis. Students may receive one graduate credit hour for every two undergraduate credit hours earned with a grade of "B" or better.
- A maximum of six graduate credit hours will be counted toward the degree. These credit hours are not included in calculation for academic honors.
- Please note that during the first year of the Full-time MBA program, only students who have waived one or more core classes will have room in their schedules to add an undergraduate language class as their elective.

Details and forms are available online:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/credit-foreign-language-study>

4. Elections by Students Enrolled in Other Units

Graduate students enrolled in other divisions of the University may elect most courses in the Ross School of Business, if they obtain faculty approval, satisfy course prerequisites and space permits. These students should note that if they become MBA, MAcc, MCSM, or MM degree candidates at a later date, credit hours taken while enrolled in another degree program at the University do not count toward the Ross degree.

C. Special Programs

Eligibility and registration policies are managed carefully by the Ross Registrar's Office. Course availability and offerings are subject to change.

For a full list of Institutes and Centers, see:

<http://www.bus.umich.edu/FacultyResearch/ResearchCenters/>

1. Dual Degrees

The Ross School of Business offers over 20 established dual degree programs at the MBA level, enabling qualified students to pursue concurrent work in business administration and other disciplines within the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Students may enroll in dual degree programs after being accepted to both the Business School and the other school or college in which they are interested. Separate applications must be made to both schools—acceptance to either school is not contingent upon the other. MBA students also have the option to create and pursue a dual degree with another graduate/professional program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor not on the list of established dual degree programs. These students pursue two graduate degrees simultaneously, working toward a "Student Initiated Dual Degree (SIDD)". Students who are admitted to the non-Ross school first should note that if they are admitted and matriculate into the MBA/MSCM/MM program at a later date, credit hours taken while enrolled in their other degree program do not count toward the Ross degree.

Students should see an academic advisor to determine an appropriate plan of study, keeping the following Ross policies in mind:

- Each term, students must be enrolled for all classes under just one school's registration in Wolverine Access (regardless of the courses taken), with the exception of Law & Medicine.
- Full-time MBA dual degree students must enroll under the Business Administration career in Wolverine Access for a minimum of 3 terms of full-time enrollment (full-time enrollment is defined as 9.00 credit hours or more of coursework per term).
- Part-Time: Evening MBA dual degree students must register for a minimum of 45.00 credits worth of courses under the Business Administration career.

For information, see:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/mba-dual>

2. Real Estate Certificate Program

The Real Estate Development Certificate is a graduate certificate program offered through the [A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning](#), and administered by the [Rackham Graduate School](#). Current UM non-Rackham graduate students (e.g. MBAs) are eligible to

apply, but the program also considers applications from individuals who are not current UM graduate students. Current UM graduate students must submit a separate application to the Rackham Graduate School for admission to the certificate program.

The certificate requires a minimum of 17.00 credits. Once admitted, current UM graduate students are permitted to double-count some credits from their primary degree (e.g. MBA) with the certificate program, but will need to complete additional stand-alone credits, registered under the Rackham Graduate School. For a Full-time MBA student, the certificate can be completed during the two year MBA program, but this does require careful planning. Students who are considering pursuing the certificate should start to plan their schedule accordingly in their first term at Ross.

For information, see:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/real-estate-development-certificate>

3. Healthcare Management Concentration

The concentration complements the Full-time MBA curriculum with electives both at Ross and at top-rated schools throughout the university, along with healthcare-related activity outside the classroom. This combination gives you the multidisciplinary background to become a true leader in the healthcare industry.

In the concentration, you will take 12 credits of healthcare coursework. You may complete the concentration within the 57 credits required for your MBA. Interested students should email MBAProgramOffice@umich.edu.

For information, see:

<http://michiganross.umich.edu/programs/full-time-mba/curriculum/healthcare>

4. Business and Sustainability Concentration

The concentration complements the Full-time MBA curriculum for students interested in addressing extant and emerging sustainability challenges, with electives both at Ross and at top-rated schools throughout the University. Coursework will be augmented by co-curricular activities through the Erb Institute, Net Impact, the Energy Club, and other units on campus.

In the concentration, you will take 12 credits of coursework; at least 6 credits must be taken within Ross, and at least 3 credits must be taken in a U-M school other than Ross. You may complete the concentration within the 57 credits required for your MBA. Interested students should email MBAProgramOffice@umich.edu. Evening MBA's with flexible schedules to accommodate day classes may also pursue the concentration.

5. Data and Business Analytics Concentration

The [Data and Business Analytics Concentration](#) is designed for students looking to hone their analytical skills in an effort to provide data-driven business recommendations.

To complete the concentration, students will be required to take a total of 12 credits of analytics related courses, which can be completed within the 57 credits required for your MBA. If interested, email an academic advisor at MBAProgramOffice@umich.edu.

6. Tauber Institute for Global Operations

The MBA Tauber program prepares students to assume leadership roles and to move toward general management positions. In addition to the "core courses" that are typical of many MBA programs, students also gain a knowledge of operations through selected classes in product design, process design and optimization, project management, and operations technology management. For information, see: www.tauber.umich.edu.

7. Washington Campus

BL 688: Washington Campus is an intensive, one-week course held in Washington D.C., that provides participants with first-hand exposure to the decision-making processes in federal government and an understanding of how they impact business. Sessions are typically held January – August. Course content and guest speakers will vary based on faculty director and current events.

Eligibility requirements include:

- All applicants must be in good academic standing.
- All applicants must have active degree candidacy at the time of participation; alumni are not eligible to participate.
- Prior completion of some coursework. Full-time MBA students must have successfully completed the first Fall term. Evening MBA students must have successfully completed a minimum of 15.00 credits.
- Students will register for 3.00 credit hours of BL 688. Students must reserve space in their schedule to add this course. As part of the 3.00 credit hours, students will be required to complete an exam, group project, individual public policy analysis research paper, and attend all sessions while in Washington D.C.
- No other conflicts or commitments at the time of the chosen session.

For information, see: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyIMPact/academics/washingtoncampus>

8. Study Abroad

The Ross School of Business offers many opportunities for international involvement. Many term-specific courses may incorporate some type of international experience. Curriculum offerings are subject to change each term; refer to online course descriptions for more information: <http://www.bus.umich.edu/Courses/default.aspx>

The Ross School of Business consistently offers the following international opportunities:

a. MBA Short-Term Opportunities

BUSABRD 520: Short-term opportunities for MBA students are available via BUSABRD 520 Global Immersion offerings. Through these, students gain an in-depth understanding of an international business topic by actively engaging in company visits, cultural activities, and interactive lectures from business professors and professionals currently working in the field. The location, content, and schedule for these courses vary year to year and typically are announced in the Fall Term. Past countries have included China, Israel, and Germany.

For more information see:

<https://michiganross.umich.edu/programs/global-student-experiences/graduate-opportunities/global-course-electives>.

Applicants must be in good academic standing, and be an MBA1 or Evening MBA at time of participation. Please see the Global Initiatives website for Weekend MBA and Global MBA-specific opportunities. Typically students will travel abroad and take classes for two weeks in May though additional offerings may be available in January and August. Students apply via M-Compass and will be granted permission to enroll.

For detailed course descriptions and applications see <https://mcompass.umich.edu/>.

Your participation in BUSABRD 520 is not contingent on the completion of any prerequisites. If questions arise regarding how BUSABRD 520 may fit into your degree completion plan, please see your academic advisor. For program-specific questions, please contact a Global Education Advisor by emailing ross-globalinitiatives@umich.edu.

b. MBA Global Semester Exchange

During their second year, Ross MBA students have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our distinguished partner schools in diverse cities from Shanghai to Buenos Aires. Our exchange partnerships allow students to learn about business from a different perspective, experience another culture, and network with students, faculty, and professionals from around the world. Students can choose to participate in half (Winter A only) or full-semester exchange programs during the winter semester of their second year depending on which option best suits their academic or professional plans.

Students apply and are selected through Ross and are then nominated to the partner school where they take courses alongside local students. Students enroll into a full course load at one of the partner schools and receive general business elective credit. For details of the program as well as list of the partner schools, visit:

<https://michiganross.umich.edu/initiatives/mba-global-semester-exchange-program>

Eligibility requirements include:

- All applicants must be in good academic standing.
- All students must be Evening MBA or MBA2 at the time of participation.
- All program requirements, including Business Law, and Competing in the Global Business Environment, and Management Communication competency must be completed prior to departure for full Winter term programs. Students participating in Winter A programs are not required to complete Business Law or the Management Communication competency prior to participation. However, MBA2 students must complete these requirements upon returning to Ann Arbor for Winter B.
- Students will register for 6.00 –18.00 credit hours of BUSABRD. Students must pass each of their courses abroad per the host school's grading policy and grades will appear on the University of Michigan transcript as Pass/Fail. In the event that a student receives a failing grade, they will not receive the proportionate number of Ross credits for that course and it will be recorded as a Fail on their transcript.

c. HTH Insurance

Students will be charged the mandatory HTH Insurance fee when they register for BUSABRD study abroad course. This is an automated process and will be used to purchase the health insurance on behalf of the student; the charges will be issued to the student account.

d. Program Commitment

Once a student accepts their offer to study abroad, the spot will be considered filled and it will not be offered to another student. Students will be removed from the Ross course bidding process for that term as it is assumed you will be spending it abroad.

Students who withdraw from the program after fully committing must e-mail Global Initiatives, describing in full the reasons for the late withdrawal. Students who withdraw late will be charged a fee reflecting recouping costs associated with late withdrawals. Costs are determined by the withdrawal date:

- \$500 – withdrawals in September
- \$1,000 – withdrawals in October or November
- \$1,500 – withdrawals in December

Additionally, outgoing exchange students will be removed from the Ross course bidding process and will register into BUSABRD for their term abroad. Students who withdraw from the program late will receive no bid points and will be required to register for Ross courses for that term. Students who withdraw late will also need to drop BUSABRD.

For information on the above international opportunities, see:

<https://michiganross.umich.edu/programs/global-student-experiences/graduate-opportunities>

VI. Registration

Graduate business students register for courses using several different methods. It is always the student's responsibility to review their actual schedule in Wolverine Access and confirm that they are registered for the correct classes. The student is expected and required to make any adjustments to their schedule within the stated timelines and guidelines.

The Ross Registrar's Office works with the advising team to provide students with registration information before the registration period begins each term:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/registration>

Students must check the registration dates and deadlines for each specific term:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/times-dates>

A. Modifying Class Selections

All graduate degree students except Evening MBAs are pre-registered into the majority of their core courses, and are expected to take all core courses in their proper sequence and in their assigned cohort group.

Students are not allowed to drop a pre-registered core course unless they have waived that core course. For more information on core course waivers, see:

[Section X, D, Course Waiver Information](#) and

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/core-curriculum/core-course-waivers>.

Students may use Wolverine Access to add or drop elective classes prior to the start of the term and during the drop/add period.

B. Permissions

A permission, or override, allows students to enroll in a class if there are certain restrictions active in the system that block them from enrolling.

Students must contact the instructor of the course to request permission to register. A student would need to obtain instructor permission in the following instances:

- A class is closed:
 - Class is set up as permission of instructor only
 - Class is full, but instructor is willing to admit students above capacity, or there is a waitlist and seats become available.
- A class is open, but the student does not meet the requirements for enrolling in the course:
 - Student does not meet the listed prerequisites
 - Student does not match the degree program for which seats are reserved

For more information:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/permissions>

C. Drop/Add Deadlines

The drop/add deadlines for Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer (14-week and 7-week) courses are available online: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/registration-dates>. Note that different dates may apply for intensive or alternatively scheduled course offerings; check the class listing and registration deadlines for details.

For more information regarding the Drop/Add process, see:

<http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/how-add-drop-classes>

D. Modifying Class Selections Before the Drop/Add Deadline

Prior to the published Drop/Add Deadline for the given term, students may modify their class schedules through Wolverine Access. The student's revised course schedule must meet the enrollment regulations of their program by the Drop/Add Deadline (see [Section VII, A, Credit Hours Guidelines](#)). Prior to these deadlines, approval from the Ross Registrar's Office is not required to drop/add and no 'W' will be posted on the student's transcript for courses dropped.

Students should be aware of class attendance policies; if adding a class after the first week, students are encouraged to discuss with the instructor the impact of classes missed up to that point and must obtain the instructor's permission prior to adding the class.

E. Modifying Class Selections After the Drop/Add Deadline

After the published Drop/Add Deadline for the given term, students may not modify their class schedule without special permission and extra processing. **The final deadline to request a Late Add or Drop for a course is posted to the Registration Dates page in iMpact: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/registration-dates>. Please note that courses with irregular meeting patterns will require students to drop no later than the last meeting.**

Students should complete a Late Add/Drop Request in Wolverine Access to add or drop a class after the Drop/Add Deadline. To submit such a request, the student should proceed through the standard registration steps to add or drop a class. Once these steps have been completed, the student will receive an error message with an embedded option to Request a Late Add/Drop. Students will be prompted to complete a brief questionnaire before submitting their requests. The request will then pass through four approval levels before the late add/drop is processed. The request will be time-stamped from the student's initiation of the request, and the student can track the progress of the request in their Student Center in Wolverine Access. The student can cancel the request via their Student Center at any point before the final approval. Note that the Late Add/Drop Request option in Wolverine Access will not be available after the Late Drop/Add Deadline for the class in question.

F. Considerations for Late Adds

- Regardless of seat capacity in the class, Adds after the first class meeting must have the full support of the instructor.
- Students must meet all prerequisites for the desired class.

- Adding credits may affect tuition. For more information, contact the Tuition and Fees Department at the Office of the Registrar : <http://www.ro.umich.edu/tuition/tuition-fees.php>.
- Students must have room in their schedule to add the desired class:
 - Full-time graduate students are capped at 18.00 credits in a full term. Late Adds may not exceed this limit.
 - Evening MBA students adding credits above 7.50 in the Fall or Winter terms or 4.50 in the Spring or Summer terms need to contact the Ross Registrar's Office for special permission (see [Section VII, 2](#)).

G. Considerations for Late Drops

- Core courses may not be dropped. Only Evening MBA students are exempt from this rule.
- Elective courses may be dropped only up to [the Late Drop/Add Deadline](#).
- Failure to submit the drop request by the deadline for that class means the class will remain on the student's record and a grade will be assigned.
- If the course to be dropped is the only class for which a student is registered during the term (or similarly the student wishes to drop all courses registered for a term), the student should not submit a Late Drop Request but rather follow procedures for a Term Withdrawal. See: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpact/academics/register>.
- When a course is dropped after the deadline, a "W" notation appears on the student's transcript indicating that the student elected the course and dropped it after the deadline, even if the student never attended the class. This "W" has no effect on VPA.
- Tuition charges are not reduced by a late drop if the student has other courses remaining on their schedule. For tuition policies and applicable deadlines, see: <http://www.ro.umich.edu/tuition/>.
- Dropping a course may affect current financial aid and/or future financial aid eligibility. For further information, students should contact Ross Financial Aid (rossfinaid@umich.edu; 734-764-5139).
- International students who wish to drop below full-time status should contact the International Center. Full-time for visa purposes is 8.00 credits for graduate students.

Requests for late drops not covered by the above guidelines will be reviewed only in cases of grave personal emergency.

H. Term Withdrawal

Term withdrawal means dropping all courses for a given term after the term has begun. This can also come in the form of dropping the "last" course registered. Students wishing to withdraw from all classes for the term will need to contact the Ross Registrar's Office because Wolverine Access will not allow a student to drop their last course for a semester. Students who register and subsequently withdraw after the term begins will be responsible for the registration/disenrollment fee, regardless of their class attendance. For tuition policies and applicable deadlines, see: <http://www.ro.umich.edu/tuition/>.

Before the first day of classes for a term, students may drop their last course or all courses at once by contacting Student Services at the Central Registrar's Office (ro.registration.questions@umich.edu; 734-647-3507).

See also: [Section VII, C. Maintenance of Active Degree Candidacy and Readmission](#).

VII. Degree Progress Regulations

A. Credit Hours Guidelines

1. Full-Time MBA, MAcc, MSCM, and MM Guidelines

For full-time students, a full load is considered to be around 15.00 credits per term, and students are discouraged from exceeding this - especially during their first term in the program. The University registration system will allow students to select up to 18.00 credits per term. MBA1 students should not register for more than 9.00 credits in any half (A/B) term, and MBA2 students should not register for more than 10.50 credits in any half (A/B) term.

MBA2 students with a high Value Point Average (VPA) equivalent may ask to enroll in more than 18 credits in one semester; contact the Ross Registrar’s Office for information. MBA1 students are not permitted to exceed 18 credits in any term.

Students must enroll in a minimum of 9.00 credit hours in the Fall and Winter semesters to be a full-time student. Dropping to part-time status (fewer than 9.0 credits per semester) may impact financial aid, degree progress, and immigration status.

2. Evening MBA Guidelines

Fall/Winter Terms	Spring/Summer Terms
Elect up to 7.50 credit hours	Elect up to 4.50 credit hours
Request to increase credit limit up to 9.00 credit hours, without documentation*	Request to increase credit limit up to 7.00 credit hours, without documentation*
Request to elect more than 9.00 credit hours, with documentation**	Request to elect more than 7.00 credit hours, with documentation**

a. Credit Limit Increases Not Requiring Documentation*

Prior to the start of a term, Evening MBA students may request to have their credit hours increased up to 9.00 credit hours in Fall/Winter terms, and up to 7.00 credit hours in Spring/Summer terms. Students must be in good academic standing and not in their first term of the program. A request is made by e-mailing RossRegistrarsOffice@umich.edu, including the student’s full name, UMID, term, and the number of credits needed.

b. Credit Limit Increases Requiring Documentation

Prior to the start of a term, Evening MBA students who have a reduced workload or are no longer employed may be eligible to request more than 9.00 credit hours in Fall/Winter terms, and more than 7.00 credit hours in Spring/Summer terms. A request is made by e-mailing RossRegistrarsOffice@umich.edu, including the student’s full name, UMID, term, and the number of credits needed. It should also include documentation from the student’s employer confirming that they know of the student’s plan to take on the increased course load and are

supportive of that plan, or confirmation that the student is no longer working. All requests requiring documentation are carefully reviewed by the Ross Registrar's Office.

Evening students who have the flexibility to do so can register for a Full-time MBA elective class with instructor permission, within these credit limit guidelines. Because Full-time students have first priority for day classes, however, availability may be limited. Full-time students have the same flexibility for Evening classes with similar restrictions on availability.

B. Time Limit for Completing Degree Requirements

Students must complete the requirements for the MBA, MAcc, MSCM, or MM degree within 10 years of their initial enrollment. Students who desire more time must submit a written petition to the Ross Registrar's Office, including the reasons for the request and specific plans for the completion of the degree program.

C. Maintenance of Active Degree Candidacy and Readmission

Students must attend and complete courses during the term they are first admitted to the program. If a student is admitted, but withdraws from the program in their first term without completing a course, the student will be required to reapply to the program. In addition to this guideline requiring completion of coursework in the initial admit term, University policy requires students to complete at least one course within any consecutive twelve-month period to maintain active degree candidacy. If no academic work has been completed within a twelve-month period, the student becomes ineligible to continue.

Candidates who have completed one or more terms may temporarily withdraw from the program, but must reapply for a term in which classes appropriate for the completion of their degree are available. **Readmission is not guaranteed.** Readmitted students must comply with the degree requirements in effect at the time of their readmission. Admission to the school is highly competitive, and applications for readmission are decided based on the standard for the term in which the former student wishes to enroll.

D. Program Transfer Requests

All students should plan on graduating from the program to which they have been admitted. Program transfer is generally not an option. When a student's circumstances unexpectedly change, the Ross Registrar's Office and our academic advisors are available to help students map adjustments to their academic studies to allow progression through the degree. In addition, career consultants are available to coach students as they consider different approaches to career decisions.

More specifically within our Weekend MBA program, sometimes a student's work or living situation has an unanticipated, significant change which raises the question of program shift to our Evening MBA program. In these circumstances, immediate and careful discussion with the Evening/Weekend MBA Program Director, academic advisors, and the Ross Registrar's Office will help determine the best course of action.

E. Class Attendance

At the discretion of the instructor, students may be dropped from a class if they do not attend the first class meeting for a once-a-week class, or the first two class meetings for a twice-a-week class. In addition, based on the pedagogical needs of any particular class, an instructor may set specific attendance guidelines. If a student is considering missing classes, or wishes to add a class after it has started meeting, they are responsible for contacting the instructor in advance to confirm that it is permissible to add the class late, and to agree to a plan for catching up on missed material. Students are responsible for reviewing the Canvas site, class syllabus, and e-mails sent from the instructor for additional attendance guidelines regarding each class.

F. Retaking Courses

A student may repeat a course in which a passing grade was received if the desire is to strengthen knowledge or improve the grade, but only if classroom seats are available after students wishing to attempt the course for the first time have registered. The old and new grades are used to compute the student's average, but the credit hours for a passing grade are counted only once toward degree requirements. Both the initial and the second course registration will be displayed on the student's transcript.

In general, classes numbered 742 through 745 are designated "Special Topics" and may be retaken as the course content varies from term to term. However, because this is not always true, it is important for the student to verify that the class is indeed different from when it was taken previously to receive credit for it.

A student will be required to repeat a core course in which a failing grade was received. Both the original failing grade and the grade received when the course is retaken are used to determine the student's academic standing and honors. For more information on retaking courses in cases of academic review, see [Section VIII, H. Academic VPA Requirements & Academic Probation/Review](#).

G. Course Level and Student Standing

1. 100-300 Level Courses

MBA, MAcc, MSCM, and MM students may not receive credit for undergraduate courses, with the exception of Foreign Language coursework. MSCM and MM students should check with their program director regarding foreign language courses. Note that Executive MBA and Weekend MBA students do not have access to take undergraduate foreign language coursework.

Credit for undergraduate language courses is awarded on a 2 for 1 credit basis. For example, a 4.00 credit undergraduate language course would earn 2.00 graduate credits. Students must achieve a course grade of B or better. There is a maximum of 6.00 graduate credit hours that may be earned through undergraduate language study. These credit hours are not included in calculation for academic honors. Students must [submit a form](#) to the Ross Registrar's Office requesting to receive credit for undergraduate language courses.

2. 400 Level Courses

Because some 400-level courses are approved for graduate study, MBA, MAcc, and MSCM students are allowed to take up to a maximum of six credit hours of 400-level graduate courses in their entire degree program. Students must check the [Rackham Graduate School](#) website to confirm if a 400-level class counts as graduate credit. It is recommended that students also confirm the course is graduate-level with their academic advisor.

Some of these approved 400-level courses may require that a graduate student do more work in the course in order to earn graduate level credits. This may vary from course to course. Even when extra work has not been completed, however, if a course is marked for graduate level, its grade and credit hours will compute into a student's VPA.

3. 590 Level Courses

Courses numbered between 590 and 599 are core courses for the Global MBA program and are restricted to those students only.

4. 800-level and 900-level Courses

800-level and 900-level courses are graduate courses primarily intended for doctoral candidates. Refer to each course listing for specific requirements.

5. EMBA and WMBA Courses

These courses are restricted to Executive MBA (EMBA) and Weekend MBA (WMBA) students respectively.

H. Auditing (Visiting) Classes

Students are expected to elect courses for credit. Occasionally, however, a student may wish to attend a course but not elect it for credit. This arrangement can take the form of an official audit (sometimes called Visitor status).

To audit a course, the following conditions must be met:

- Course may not be a core course
- Student must obtain written permission from the instructor to audit the course, via instructor e-mail.
- Space must be available in the class. (If a class has a limited enrollment, students who take the class for credit will receive priority, meaning the student may be asked to drop the course to accommodate another student from the waitlist.)
- Student must register for the course and present the approved DROP/ADD form (or "University Election Worksheet") completed by the Ross Registrar's Office to the University Registrar's Office before the close of business on the Drop/Add deadline. Students will not be allowed to register for a Class Audit through Wolverine Access.

Audited courses will count toward the student's credit capacity for the term, but will NOT count toward the degree. Tuition and regular course fees apply. An official audit obligates a student to attend classes regularly and complete course requirements (e.g., papers, assignments, tests, and the final examination). When the student has satisfactorily completed a course for an official visit, the course will be listed on the permanent academic record with the notation "VI" in place

of a grade. If the student does not complete the course to the satisfaction of the instructor, the course will be entered on the record with the notation "F" or "ED" (unofficial drop) and calculated as a failing grade.

Changes from audit to credit and credit to audit are not permitted after the drop/add deadline for the class. Because this choice of Audit vs. For Credit becomes final after these deadlines, students are advised to plan carefully before requesting these changes.

I. Taking Courses Prior to Enrollment in Degree Program

Coursework completed prior to enrollment in a Ross School of Business degree program cannot be applied towards the current degree. This policy applies to any courses taken before the first term of the current degree program, including courses taken at another university, the University of Michigan, and the Ross School of Business.

J. Taking Courses after Completion of Degree Requirements

Ross alumni who wish to take a course at the Business School after graduating must (1) apply for admission as a "special or non-degree student" and (2) must also have permission from the faculty to take the course. Please note that approval for Ross alumni may be restricted by course availability and current degree student enrollments.

Contact RossRegistrarsOffice@umich.edu for information about the guest student application process for Ross alumni.

Requests for guest student admission from non-Ross alumni are more restricted and require review of prior academic records, test scores, and a brief application process.

All persons considering enrolling as a guest student are encouraged to review Ross tuition rates (viewable at <http://ro.umich.edu/tuition/>) before applying. For further information, contact the Director of the Ross Registrar's Office via RossRegistrarsOffice@umich.edu.

VIII. Grading Policies

A. Grading Scales & Distribution

The Ross School of Business uses a five-level grading scale for all MBA, MAcc, and MSCM students. The following grading policy applies to all core coursework taken while enrolled in the Business School:

Excellent (EX): Performance that is of superior quality. No more than 25% of the students in a core course shall receive this grade.

Good (GD): Performance that exceeds all the standard requirements of the course. No more than 35% of the students in a core course shall receive this grade.

Pass (PS): Performance that meets all the standard requirements of the course. No more than 35% of the students in a core course shall receive this grade.

Low Pass (LP): Performance that minimally meets the standard requirements of the course. Approximately 5% of the students in a core course will receive LP or F.

Fail (F): Performance that does not satisfy the minimal requirements of the course and is deficient on significant dimensions. No credit toward the degree will be granted for the grade of "Fail," but the grade will be used to evaluate academic standing.

These grading standards differ slightly for elective classes. In MBA, MAcc, and MSCM elective classes, a maximum of 35% of students will receive a grade of "excellent," and grades of "excellent" and "good" combined will be no greater than 75%.

There are no honor points associated with the grade designations and no value point averages appear on transcripts. Some courses may be graded under other University school or college guidelines and some may be graded on a mandatory Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, Pass/Fail, or Credit/No Credit basis.

B. Non-Graded (Pass/Fail) Courses

Neither business courses nor courses in other divisions of the University may be taken on an optional Pass/Fail basis. Only courses with mandatory Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory and Credit/No Credit grading are allowed this grading basis. Students may elect only one mandatory P/F, S/U, or CR/NC course per term and only three throughout their entire degree program.

Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, and Credit/No Credit grades do not count when calculating academic honors.

C. Grades for Coursework Taken in Other University Units

Grades appear on the transcript in accordance with the grading system designated for that course. The grading systems used in the University and accepted for Business Administration graduate level students are letter ("A" through "E"), mandatory Pass/Fail, and mandatory Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. For the purpose of evaluating academic standing, graduate-level grades from Rackham and other University of Michigan schools will be treated as follows:

A+, A	=	Excellent
A-	=	Good
B+, B	=	Pass
B-, C+, C, C-	=	Low Pass
D, E, ED, NR	=	Fail

D. Grades for Coursework Taken on an International Exchange Program

Students who participate in the Ross School of Business Exchange Programs register for 6.00 –18.00 credit hours of BUSABRD coursework. Students must pass each of their courses abroad per the host school's grading policy, and grades will appear on the University of Michigan transcript as Pass/Fail. In the event that a student earns a failing grade, they will not receive the proportionate number of Ross credits for that course, and it will be recorded as a Fail on their transcript.

Dual degree students are expected to enroll in their BUSABRD coursework under their GBA career.

E. Special Grades

1. I = Incomplete:

An incomplete should be assigned when a particular student has not completed all necessary coursework by the appropriate deadline set for the entire class, and the quality of the work actually completed is at least of Low Pass (C-) quality or better. This includes instances when a faculty member may approve delaying a final project or paper, or when an instructor may allow a later final exam. This also includes instances where the student provides documentation (medical or other) of the reason for the incomplete. The "I" grade simply denotes that the course was finished later than the normal class deadline.

In all instances, once the work is complete and evaluated, the "I" will remain on the student's record with the final grade appended (e.g. "IPS"). In this case, the final grade will determine academic honors/academic standing, and the "I" will not be calculated.

Grades of "I" must be resolved and corrected within four weeks following the last day of classes of the term in which they were earned. If the grades are not corrected within this period, they automatically are lapsed to failing grades ("ILF"). These failing grades will stand unless the instructor allows the student to complete all requirements at a later time.

Students who are not able to finish the work within the allowed period may apply to the Academic Standards Board for an extension of the incomplete deadline. In order to qualify for an extension, the student must present documented unexpected circumstances that prevented completion of the course within the allotted time period.

2. NR = No Grade Reported:

NR should be assigned when one of the following scenarios occur:

- Student never attended class
 - Pending Community Values Committee (CVC) investigation
- If not replaced by a passing grade, the “NR” will also lapse to “ED” (fail) four weeks after the end of the term.

3. Y = Extended Course:

Y is assigned when a course is approved to extend beyond one term. This code is rarely applicable. Contact RossRegistrarsOffice@umich.edu for more information. A notation of “Y” will lapse to “ED” one year after the end of the term, at which point it will be computed into academic standing as a failing grade.

4. NG or ## = No Grade Reported:

An NG or double pound is assigned by the Office of the Registrar when a change is made after the grade roster has been created (the student enrolls, or changes the credit hours or a grading basis on an enrolled course). A notation of “NG,” “##,” or a missing grade will lapse to “ED” one year after the end of the term, at which point it will be computed into academic standing as a failing grade.

F. Grade Modification Policy

Changes in grading basis (e.g., from audit to credit or from credit to audit) are not permitted after the drop/add deadline for the class. Students are advised to plan carefully before requesting a change in grading basis, and should review the requirements regarding auditing and pass/fail grading. See [Section VII, H, Auditing \(Visiting\) Classes](#), and [Section VIII, B, Non-Graded \(Pass/Fail\) Courses](#).

G. Dispute of Final Grades

Term grades are posted on Wolverine Access shortly after grades are submitted online by instructors. Occasionally, after a faculty member determines a final grade, a student may feel it necessary or appropriate to question or dispute that grade. Students should review the [procedures for student disputes with an instructor](#) and proceed to the first step: discussing the issue with the instructor (in person).

Any grade dispute must be initiated within three (3) weeks of the grade being posted on Wolverine Access.

H. Academic VPA Requirements & Academic Probation/Review

1. Effective Fall 2013 for All Masters Programs:

Under certain circumstances, students may be put on either academic probation or disciplinary probation. (The conditions related to disciplinary probation are covered in this Bulletin under [Section II, Statement of Community Values](#).) This section covers academic probation. If a student is put on academic probation, they are not in good academic standing, and are not eligible to graduate until they meet conditions of good academic standing.

Note that either academic probation or disciplinary probation status may impact scholarship support.

2. Term VPA/Cumulative VPA

The Ross School defines good academic standing as a 2.000 or higher value point Average (VPA). If either the Term VPA or Cumulative VPA falls below 2.000, the student's academic record will be reviewed and they will be placed on academic probation.

To evaluate records for academic standing, the following equivalencies apply:

Excellent	=	A+, A	=	4 value points
Good	=	A-	=	3 value points
Pass	=	B+, B	=	2 value points
Low Pass	=	B-, C+, C, C-	=	1 value point
Fail	=	D, E, ED, NR	=	0 value points

A student whose Term VPA or Cumulative VPA falls below a 2.000 in a given term will be placed on probation for the following term or may be denied permission to register. A student whose Cumulative VPA is below 2.000 for two successive terms of enrollment will have a hold placed on their registration. To continue enrollment, the student must complete a petition and may, upon the recommendation of the Academic Review Board, be granted a final opportunity to correct the academic deficiency. A student whose cumulative value point average is below 2.000 for three successive terms will not be permitted to enroll again and, further, may be required to withdraw from the University.

3. Evening MBA

As of the second term of enrollment, a student whose Cumulative VPA falls below a 2.000 in a given term will be placed on probation for the following term or may be denied permission to register. A student whose Cumulative VPA is below 2.000 for two successive terms of enrollment will have a hold placed on their registration. To continue enrollment, the student must complete a petition and may, upon the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee, be granted two additional terms of enrollment to correct the academic deficiency. A student whose cumulative value point average is below 2.000 for four successive terms will not be permitted to enroll again and, further, may be required to withdraw from the University.

4. Failure of Core Courses

If a student fails a core course, the student is expected to repeat the course the next time it is offered. Students have one opportunity to retake the core course and receive a passing grade. If the core class is failed a second time, the student will not be permitted to enroll again and will be unable to complete the degree. Appeals may be reviewed if there are extenuating circumstances.

5. Timing of Academic Review

The Ross Registrar's Office reviews the academic record of all students at the end of each semester.

6. Returning to good academic standing

A student who is on probation and then meets all requirements for good academic standing will be returned to good academic standing.

7. Progress toward the degree

Students who are not making satisfactory progress toward their degree are subject to a review by the Academic Standards Committee and may not be permitted to register in subsequent terms.

8. Suspension

A student suspended from their program may apply for readmission after a minimum of one academic year on leave. If readmitted, the student must earn a 2.000 VPA in subsequent terms or will face dismissal.

9. Graduation

A student must have a Cumulative VPA of 2.000 or higher to graduate

I. Academic Honors at Graduation

Academic achievement is recognized through designations in the granting of degrees and membership in several honorary organizations.

1. Graduation "With Distinction" or "With High Distinction"

Degrees with distinction are awarded based on final value point averages. For the purpose of determining academic honors for MBAs, MAccs, MSCMs, and MMs, grades are converted into value points, and an average is computed for each student. Students who qualify for honors will receive their degree "With High Distinction" or "With Distinction". The University posts the award on the transcript and diploma when the degree is conferred. The point conversions for honors for all MBA, MAcc, and MSCM students range as follows:

High Distinction: 3.500 to 4.000

Distinction: 3.250 to 3.499

To evaluate records for academic honors, the following equivalencies apply:

Excellent	=	A+, A	=	4 value points
Good	=	A-	=	3 value points
Pass	=	B+, B	=	2 value points
Low Pass	=	B-, C+, C, C-	=	1 value point
Fail	=	D, E, ED	=	0 value points

Note that value points as listed are not a grading scale, but are solely used to determine academic honors. To determine the average, total the equivalent value points for each grade earned and divide by the total number of class credits earned in those graded classes (CTP). Some student records may include grades earned under both the Business School grading system and the grading scales used by other University of Michigan schools and colleges. Note that grades earned on a Pass/Fail grading basis and those earned in undergraduate level language courses are not included when calculating academic honors. **Class rank is not computed.**

2. Honor Societies

a. Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honorary business administration society. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest international recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or graduate program in business or management accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 10 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, or upper 20 percent of the graduating masters class (as of the end of the Fall term prior to graduation for seniors and master's students). Beta Gamma Sigma contacts eligible candidates for admission.

b. Financial Management Association National Honor Society

The Financial Management Association is a professional organization that sponsors a national honor society for finance students. Membership requires outstanding scholastic achievement in both finance and accounting courses. While Ross Business School does not have a Chapter of this organization, information about the organization can be found at their website <http://www.fma.org/>.

J. Full-Time MBA Students: Dean's List Recognition of Academic Achievement

For our Full-time MBA students, Ross provides a term-specific recognition of students who have performed exceptionally well in their academic coursework. This Dean's List designation is recorded on the student's unofficial transcripts. At the conclusion of each Fall and Winter term, students in the top 10% of their group will receive this designation. Full-time MBA2 students are not considered for the Dean's List in their final term. Instead, they are reviewed for official Academic Honors at Graduation (i.e., With Distinction, With High Distinction). Groups are defined as follows:

1. Full-time MBA1 (includes Tauber, Global, any Dual Degree considered MBA1 and registered under Ross for the term evaluated) – term-based VPA review.

2. Full-time MBA2 (includes Tauber, Global, any Dual Degree considered MBA2 and registered under Ross for the term evaluated) – term-based VPA review.

Eligibility requirements:

- 9.00 or more credits completed in graded courses (pass/fail, credit/no-credit, satisfactory/unsatisfactory graded courses are not included).
- Credits must be in courses which would be applied toward the MBA degree (e.g., ELI courses not accepted for credit, undergraduate classes, undergraduate foreign language courses approved for half credit).
- All eligible credits must have grades recorded on transcript within one month of the end of the full term.

IX. Graduation

Diplomas indicate graduation with a Master of Business Administration degree (for Full-time, Evening, Executive and Weekend MBA students), a Master of Accounting degree (for MAcc students), a Master of Supply Chain Management degree (for MSCM students) or a Master of Management degree (for MM students).

Follow the steps below to prepare for graduation.

A. Review Degree Audit

The Ross Registrar's Office completes an official audit for the purpose of degree confirmation. At any time in their student careers, students may complete a preliminary degree audit by making an appointment with an Academic Advisor or by doing a self-audit.

Appointments with advisors can be made online through iMpack:
<http://www.bus.umich.edu/CounselingCalendar/AcademicServices/>.

Students may also track their own progress by examining their own degree audit in Wolverine Access (under Academic Requirements). In addition, Ross posts Degree Requirements Checklists online: <http://www2.bus.umich.edu/MyiMpack/academics/degree-requirements> .

B. Apply for Graduation in Wolverine Access

Students apply to graduate in Wolverine Access, confirm how they want their name to appear on the degree list and diploma, and provide a diploma address. Dual degree students must apply for graduation for each program separately. Students who fail to apply by the deadline may miss name inclusion in the commencement program and degree awarding processes. Please note that applying for graduation does not require a student to participate in Commencement ceremonies.

If a student does not successfully complete all degree requirements by the end of the semester for which they have applied to graduate, the student will not be awarded their degree. Students must reapply to graduate in the subsequent term in which the work is actually completed. Graduates may not continue taking classes at Ross in future terms unless they are enrolled as a student in another graduate-level program within the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor or reapply as a non-degree student.

C. Complete Exit Interview

Graduating students who have borrowed through the Federal Direct Loan Program are required by Federal Law to complete an Exit Interview. The Exit Interview is a 20-30 minute online counseling session about loan debt management and loan repayment. Graduating students will be sent an email notification approximately six (6) weeks before their expected graduation date.

D. Commencement

The Ross School of Business offers a formal Commencement ceremony after the Winter term (in late April or early May). Only those students who are graduating within one semester of the

Winter term (either in the Fall term immediately before or the Summer term immediately following) may participate in the event. Students who are graduating in the Fall term following the Commencement ceremony are not eligible to participate. Students may also participate in the University Commencement ceremonies at the end of the Fall and Winter terms if they have completed their graduation requirements in the previous, current, or following term.

Tickets are required for the University commencement ceremonies in December and April and will be issued only to students who meet the above criteria. Tickets are not required for the Ross commencement ceremony in April. For more information regarding commencement, see: <http://michiganross.umich.edu/about/events/commencement> and <http://commencement.umich.edu/>.

E. Delaying Graduation

Students who finish their program requirements may request to extend graduation until a later term. These students should discuss their plans with an Academic Advisor, and then 'apply' for the desired term in Wolverine Access.

Please note the following:

- Any eligible credits taken during the additional term(s) will count towards the degree and be added to final CTP.
- Any eligible grades received during the additional term(s) will be factored into final VPA and degree honors calculations.

X. Full-Time and Evening MBA Programs

A. Full-Time MBA Core Curriculum

To make the first year of study cohesive and meaningful, the School divides each entering Full-time MBA class into cohorts of approximately 80 people. During the initial year of the program, these 80-85 students form a section: attending the same classes, working on group projects, encouraging each other, debating with each other, and providing each other with a stable intellectual context and social network. Students may not change their designated sections.

The Full-time MBA curriculum consists of 57.00 semester hours completed over two full academic years in residence. Students enter in early September, complete the first year in late April of the following year, and have a four-month summer period before returning in September for the second year of the program. The curriculum reflects flexibility through modular scheduling, allowing both seven- and fourteen-week courses, and gives students the opportunity to waive core courses if they have previous academic experience in the area.

A normal full-time course load is about 15.00 credit hours a term, with a maximum of 18.00 credit hours and a minimum of 9.00. Going below full-time (9.00 credits) affects financial aid, degree progress, and (for international students) immigration status. To register for fewer than 9.00 credits in a full term, a student must request approval. In addition, students should not register for more than 9.00-10.50 credits in any half (A/B) term. To calculate half term credits, divide any full-term class credits in half and add to the half term totals.

1. First Year

The MBA program is organized around a core of required courses, which must be taken in the prescribed order. **Students cannot drop required core courses unless waived.** Courses taken in the first year of the program establish a basic understanding of the functional responsibilities of an organization.

Full-Time MBA Program: First Year			
Fall A Courses	Credits	Winter A Courses	Credits
ACC 502: Principles of Financial Accounting	2.25	ACC 552: Management Accounting (available in either Fall B or Winter A)	1.5
BE 502: Applied Microeconomics	2.25	TO 552: Operations Management	2.25
TO 502: Applied Business Statistics	2.25	Optional: Business Electives or Core Degree Requirements	varies
STRATEGY 502: Corporate Strategy	2.25		
Fall B Courses	Credits	Winter B Courses	Credits
FIN 503: Financial Management	2.25	BA 553: Multidisciplinary Action Projects	7.50
MKT 503: Marketing Management	2.25		
MO 503: Leading People and Organizations	2.25		
Optional: Business Electives or Core Degree Requirements	varies		
ACC 552: Management Accounting (available in either Fall B or Winter A)	1.5		

During Winter B of the first year, students participate in BA 553: Multidisciplinary Action Projects (MAP). MAP may involve domestic, international, entrepreneurial, or experimental projects. Placement into specific MAP programs is determined by an application process during the Fall term. Students do not take additional coursework while enrolled in MAP due to time obligations and intensive group work, regardless of the MAP assignment location.

2. Additional Full-Time MBA Core Degree Requirements

The following courses may be completed in the first or second year:

- **Competing in the Global Business Environment:** Strategy 503 (1.50 credits) must be completed by the end of Winter A in the MBA2 year, or can be waived the summer prior to the MBA1 year. This course is a prerequisite for some strategy electives.
- **Business Law Requirement:** This requirement can be met by waiver request or with coursework at any time during the two years. Students who have earned a Juris Doctor degree are automatically waived from this requirement. Full-time MBAs admitted in 2016 or later will have the option to complete the Business Law Requirement in one of three ways:
 1. Professional Designation: Enrollment in JD/MBA program or prior award of a JD.
 2. Academic Experience: Successful petition for waiver based on completion of qualifying graduate coursework.
 3. For-Credit Coursework: Successful completion of one of the following courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BL/ES 504	Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship	2.25
BL 507	Legal Issues in Finance and Banking	1.50
BL 509	Intellectual Property Law	2.25
BL 512	Foundations of Business Law	1.50
BL 513	Law of Marketing	1.50
BL 514	Employment Law for Managers	1.50
BL 517	Law of Business Organizations	2.25
BL 582	Real Estate Law	3.00

Please note the following courses are electives, only, and do **not** fulfill the Business Law requirement:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BL 506	Corporate Governance	2.25
BL 510	Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	2.25
BL 511	Legal Environment of Business	3.00
BL 515	International Business Law	1.50
BL 516	Law of Enterprise Organization	1.50
BL 530	Business and Human Rights	1.50
BL 536/NRE 512	Ethics of Corporate Management	1.50
BL 555	Ethics and Negotiations for Accountants	3.00
BL 688	Washington Campus	3.00

- **Communication Requirement:** To help develop communication skills, all students must fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Full-Time MBA Management Communication Competency Guidelines:

During the summer prior to the MBA1 year, students submit writing and speaking communication samples for evaluation. Based on summer assessment scores, students place in one of three groups:

1. Students who place in Group 1 will receive a personalized email at the end of August that includes assessment scores/profile and an attached list of classes/other opportunities to enhance management communication competency at Ross. After that point, the Management Communication Competency Requirement has been met.
2. Students who place in Group 2 or 3 may fulfill the Management Communication Competency with one of two options:
 1. **Non-Credit Option:** Must opt-in by Oct 1 and complete all steps by Jan 31
 - Meet with a Communication Coach to review assessments
 - Complete online learning modules in Canvas
 - Submit writing/speaking samples for peer-review in Volute
 - Complete peer review(s) of other students' work in Volute
 - Students in Group 3 must also submit reassessment sample(s) by Jan 31
 - Students who fail the re-assessment are required to take and pass an approved course
 2. **For Credit Option:** Register and pass an approved BCOM course

The approved classes are listed below:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BCOM 521	Writing Fundamentals for Entrepreneurs	1.50
BCOM 522	Managerial Writing Fundamentals	1.50
BCOM 524	Persuasive Management Communication	1.50
BCOM 561	Management Presentations	1.50

Please note the following course is an *elective*, only, and does not fulfill the Management Communication Competency:

Course Number	Course Title
BCOM 530	Positive Business Communication

3. Second Year

During the second year of the program, students integrate concepts learned in the first year and take electives in their area(s) of interest while completing any additional core degree requirements.

Students must take enough coursework to complete 57.00 total graduate credit hours during their two years in the program.

Of the 57.00 credits, at least 25.00 may be taken as electives. Business elective classes may be 1.50, 2.25, or 3.00 credits. Students may choose to focus on one functional area or may tailor their experience by combining various functions for a more broad-based management curriculum.

At least 47.00 of the 57.00 credits must be Business Administration coursework. MBA students may choose to broaden their experience by electing up to ten credit hours of graduate-level courses in other units at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

B. Evening MBA Core Curriculum

The Evening MBA program consists of 60.00 credit hours in residence. Students generally take about four years to complete the Evening MBA Program and must meet the degree requirements in effect when they entered the program. If course or curriculum changes take place after a student commences the program, every effort will be made to implement the changes in the student's best interest, while still maintaining the most current program standards.

The core coursework establishes a basic understanding of the functional responsibilities of an organization. After completing the core course requirements, students integrate the concepts learned and take electives in their area(s) of interest while completing the additional core degree requirements. Students must also fulfill the Communication requirement as well as the Law/Ethics requirement and Strategy 503 if admitted Fall 2005 or later. Note that some elective classes can be taken earlier in the program, depending on course prerequisites.

The curriculum reflects an increased flexibility through modular scheduling, allowing both seven- and fourteen-week courses as well as courses offered in an intensive style. Core and elective degree requirements are summarized below.

See course descriptions for details:

<http://www.bus.umich.edu/CourseManagement/CourseDescriptions.asp>.

Core Curriculum

Evening MBA Program		
Core Requirements with no Prerequisites	Credits	
ACC 501: Principles of Financial Accounting	3.00	
BE 501: Applied Microeconomics	3.00	
MKT 501: Marketing Management	3.00	
MO 501: Human Behavior and Organization	3.00	
STRATEGY 503: Competing in the Global Business Environment	1.50	
TO 501: Applied Business Statistics	3.00	
TO 601: Information Systems	3.00	
Communication Requirement	Varies	
Law/Ethics Requirement	Varies	
Core Requirements with Prerequisites	Credits	Prerequisite

ACC 551: Principles of Managerial Accounting	3.00	ACC 501
FIN 551: Financial Management & Policy	3.00	ACC 501 & TO 501
TO 551: Introduction to Operations	3.00	TO 501
STRATEGY 601: Corporate Strategy	3.00	ACC 501

NOTES:

- All students will complete a minimum of 25.50 credit hours in elective coursework. Business elective courses may be 1.50, 2.25, or 3.00 credit hours.
- At least 50.00 of the 60.00 required credits must be Business Administration coursework. MBA students may choose to broaden their experience by electing up to ten credit hours of graduate-level courses in other units at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- Because ACC 501 and TO 501 are prerequisites for other core classes, it is strongly recommended to take these early in the program to allow maximum flexibility in choosing courses.

C. Additional Degree Requirement Information**1. Business Law Requirement**

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BL/ES 504	Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship	2.25
BL 506	Corporate Governance	2.25
BL 507	Legal Issues in Finance and Banking	1.50
BL 508	Securities Law	1.50
BL 509	Intellectual Property Law	2.25
BL 511	Legal Environment of Business	3.00
BL 512	Foundations of Business Law	1.50
BL 513	Law of Marketing	1.50
BL 514	Employment Law for Managers	1.50
BL 515	International Business Law	1.50
BL 516	Law of Enterprise Organization	1.50
BL 517	Law of Business Organizations	2.25
BL 536/NRE 512	Ethics of Corporate Management	1.50
BL 582	Real Estate Law	3.00

Please note that the following courses are electives only and **DO NOT** meet the Law/Ethics requirement:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BL 510	Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	2.25
BL 530	Business and Human Rights	1.5
BL 555	Ethics and Negotiations for Accountants	3.00
BL 688	Washington Campus	3.00

2. MBA Communication Requirement**a. Evening MBA Communication Requirement**

The MBA Communication Requirement can be fulfilled through coursework or a waiver exam. Unlike other MBA waivers, however, students have more than one opportunity to take the test, or to try the test again should they not pass the first time. This flexibility in test taking, as well as flexibility in course options, allows students to select the option that best fits their curriculum objectives.

Option 1: Take one of the following courses and receive a passing grade:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BCOM 520	Managerial Writing	3.00
BCOM 521	Writing Fundamentals for Entrepreneurs	1.50
BCOM 522	Managerial Writing Fundamentals	1.50
BCOM 524	Persuasive Management Communication	1.50
BCOM 560	Communication Management	3.00

Please note the following course is an elective, only, and does not fulfill the Communication Requirement:

Course Number	Course Title
BCOM 530	Positive Business Communication

Option 2: Take the Waiver Exam and receive a passing score:

- A Waiver Exam is offered near the start of each Fall term (typically in July/August). The Waiver Exam presents a specific management situation and requires a written persuasive response. The written response is evaluated for clarity of thought, organization and development of ideas, audience awareness, persuasive appeal, and English usage.
- Evening MBA students may take the Communication Waiver Exam at any point during their education in the MBA program, and may attempt to pass the exam more than once. Those who have not successfully completed the assessment will need to fulfill the Communication requirement with coursework.

b. Communication Consultants

Communication Consultants are available to all graduate students. The consultants can help students with a variety of writing needs, from assignments and class work to employment applications and other materials. The consultants are available several hours each week, and students can sign up for a consultation online:

<http://www.bus.umich.edu/iMPact/CounselingCalendar/WritingProgram/>.

D. Course Waiver Information

The MBA core courses are a set of integrated courses designed by teams of faculty to develop a foundation for efficient and effective leadership and decision-making. They provide a foundation

of core concepts and tools that students will use as they progress through the program and their careers. Some core courses, however, may be waived.

Students in the Full-time MBA and Evening MBA Programs may waive designated core course requirements in two ways:

1. Waiver requests must be submitted to the MBA Program Office (Full-Time MBA's), or the Ross Registrar's Office (Evening MBA's) for consideration by the designated department representative during the prescribed review time. Depending on the particular course, waivers may be accepted based on one or more of the following criteria:
 - Prior academic experience: Coursework previously completed at other institutions and documented on a transcript and syllabi from those courses.
 - Prior course completion: Successful completion of the core course at the Ross School of Business within two years of entering the MBA program, with a minimum course grade of "Pass"; such courses may not be repeated for additional credit toward the MBA degree.
 - Professional experience, as documented on a resume or other relevant documentation.
 - Professional designation: Examples include CPA, CA, CMA and JD; relevant documentation must be provided.
2. Successful performance on a waiver exam offered by the respective department at the beginning of the academic year.

Waivers earn no credit toward the MBA degree. Students must substitute another course to replace the core course credits. Students who test or waive out of a core class may choose, however, to enroll in the core course for credit if their waiver was not based on previous credit completion of the course at our school. Exceptions to this rule are noted below:

- Students who have a CPA or CA certificate will be automatically waived from the Financial Accounting (ACC 501 or 502) and Managerial Accounting (ACC 551 or 552) courses, provided they submit a core course waiver request and a copy of their license or certificate. These students may not elect to take ACC 501 or 502 for credit; however they may take ACC 551 or 552 for credit if they so choose.
- Students who have a CMA certificate will be automatically waived from the Managerial Accounting (ACC 551 or 552) course, provided they submit a core course waiver request and a copy of their certificate. These students may take ACC 551 or 552 for credit if they so choose.
- Students enrolled in the dual JD/MBA program, or who already have a Juris Doctorate will be automatically waived from the Business Law/Ethics requirement, provided they submit a core course waiver request and relevant documentation of their degree or current enrollment in the dual program. These students may not take most courses that meet the Business Law/Ethics Requirement for credit (see [Section X.C.2.a, Business Law/Ethics Requirement](#))

Detailed information regarding waivers is posted online in the summer prior to entrance to the program.

XI. Weekend MBA Program

The Weekend MBA Program is a structured, cohort-based, 60.00 credit-hour degree program that meets every other weekend and completes in 24 months.

The first year of coursework (May through April of the following year) establishes a basic understanding of the functional responsibilities of an organization. These core courses lead into the Ross Multidisciplinary Action Project (MAP) experience to finish the first calendar year of this program.

The second calendar year focuses coursework in three modules of topics relevant to today's business needs. Students complete the program in April of their second year. Unlike our Full-time or Evening MBA programs, the Weekend MBA is a "lock-step" program.

All students admitted in Spring/Summer 2017 complete the following courses:

Weekend MBA Program: First Year					
Spring/Summer 2017 (May – August)	Credits 9.75	Fall 2017 (September – December)	Credits 9.75	Winter 2018 (January – April)	Credits 10.5
WMBA 501: Principles of Financial Accounting	2.25	WMBA 505: Corporate Strategy	2.25	WMBA 509: Human Behavior and Organization	2.25
WMBA 502: Applied Microeconomics	2.25	WMBA 506: Financial Management	2.25	WMBA 510: Multidisciplinary Action Projects (MAP)	6.00
WMBA 503: Applied Business Statistics	2.25	WMBA 507: Managerial Accounting	2.25	WMBA 512: The World Economy	2.25
WMBA 504: Marketing Management	2.25	WMBA 508: Operations Management	2.25		
WMBA 525: Communicating to Connect	0.75	WMBA 526: Communicating to Convince	0.75		

Weekend MBA Program: Second Year					
Spring/Summer 2018 (May – August)	Credits 9.75	Fall 2018 (September – December)	Credits 9.75	Winter 2019 (January – April)	Credits 10.5
WMBA 519: Business Law and Ethics	2.25	WMBA 605: Coaching & Mentoring in Orgs	0.75	WMBA 513: C-Level Thinking	3.00
WMBA 527: Communicating to Lead	0.75	WMBA 612: Bargaining and Influence Skills	2.25	WMBA 604: Leadership Development	2.25
Theme: Strategic Management		Theme: Operations Management		WMBA 615: Global Strategy	1.50
WMBA 601: Strategic Market Planning	2.25	WMBA 611: Global Supply Chain Management	2.25	WMBA 621: New Age of Innovation	2.25
WMBA 602: Strategies for Growth	2.25	WMBA 617: Project Management	2.25	WMBA 631: Corporate Governance	1.50
WMBA 614: Competitive Tactics and Policies	2.25	WMBA 623: Applied Business Analytics for Decision Making	2.25		
Theme: Entrepreneurship		Theme: Financial Management			
WMBA 606: Entrepreneurship	2.25	WMBA 603: Valuation	2.25		
WMBA 607: Strategic Marketing for Entrepreneurs	2.25	WMBA 613: Strategic Cost Management	2.25		
WMBA 608: Venture Capital	2.25	WMBA 618: Capital Markets and Investment Strategy	2.25		

All students admitted in Spring/Summer 2018 complete the following courses:

Weekend MBA Program: First Year					
Spring/Summer 2018 (May – August)	Credits 9.75	Fall 2018 (September – December)	Credits 9.75	Winter 2019 (January – April)	Credits 10.5
WMBA 501: Principles of Financial Accounting	2.25	WMBA 505: Corporate Strategy	2.25	WMBA 509: Human Behavior and Organization	2.25
WMBA 502: Applied Microeconomics	2.25	WMBA 506: Financial Management	2.25	WMBA 510: Multidisciplinary Action Projects (MAP)	6.00
WMBA 503: Applied Business Statistics	2.25	WMBA 507: Managerial Accounting	2.25	WMBA 512: The World Economy	2.25
WMBA 504: Marketing Management	2.25	WMBA 508: Operations Management	2.25		
WMBA 525: Communicating to Connect	0.75	WMBA 526: Communicating to Convince	0.75		

Weekend MBA Program: Second Year					
Spring/Summer 2019 (May – August)	Credits 9.75	Fall 2019 (September – December)	Credits 9.75	Winter 2020 (January – April)	Credits 10.5
WMBA 519: Business Law and Ethics	2.25	WMBA 605: Coaching and Mentoring in Organizations	0.75	WMBA 513: C-Level Thinking	3.00
WMBA 527: Communicating as a Leader	0.75	WMBA 612: Bargaining and Influence Skills	2.25	WMBA 604: Leadership Development	2.25
Theme: Strategic Management		Theme: Operations Management		WMBA 615: Global Strategy	1.50
WMBA 601: Strategic Market Planning	2.25	WMBA 611: Global Supply Chain Management	2.25	WMBA 621: New Age of Innovation	2.25
WMBA 602: Strategies for Growth	2.25	WMBA 617: Project Management	2.25	WMBA 631: Corporate Governance	1.50
WMBA 627: Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Development	2.25	WMBA 623: Applied Business Analytics for Decision Making	2.25		
Theme: Entrepreneurship		Theme: Financial Management			
WMBA 606: Entrepreneurship	2.25	WMBA 603: Valuation	2.25		
WMBA 607: Strategic Marketing for Entrepreneurs	2.25	WMBA 613: Strategic Cost Management	2.25		
WMBA 608: Venture Capital	2.25	WMBA 618: Capital Markets and Investment Strategy	2.25		

XII. Master of Accounting Program (MAcc)

In recognition of the increasing complexity of the business environment, virtually all states (including Michigan) now require that individuals complete 150.00 semester hours (five years) of college education to obtain licensure as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

The Stephen M. Ross School of Business offers a one year Master of Accounting (MAcc) program that follows the completion of a four year undergraduate degree. The MAcc degree provides students with the appropriate number of business and accounting credits required to sit for the CPA exam and, more importantly, provides students with the educational background needed to be an effective business professional in the twenty-first century. A dual degree between MBA and MAcc is not allowed.

The MAcc curriculum consists of thirty credit hours of core and elective courses completed over one full academic year in residence. Students enter in early September and complete the program in late April or early May. The core curriculum consists of a series of accounting and financial reporting courses. The graduate research seminar allows students to develop expertise in reading, interpreting, and conducting highly relevant accounting-based research on the important contemporary issues facing accounting and business. As electives, a variety of business courses are available including, but not limited to, corporate strategy, finance, marketing, international business, economics, and public policy. In addition, graduate level courses may be taken outside the Business School for students wishing to study non-business areas such as law, public policy, communications, or engineering.

A. Undergraduate Prerequisites

Applicants are required to take the equivalent of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's Principles of Financial Accounting, Principles of Managerial Accounting, Intermediate Financial Accounting, Principles of Microeconomics, and Statistics.

B. MAcc Curriculum

Fall Term Courses	Credits	Winter Term Courses	Credits
ACC 555: Corporate Financial Research and Reporting	2.25	ACC 565: Financial Instruments and Structured Finance	2.25
ACC 561: Federal Taxation I	3.00	ACC 625: Advanced Financial Accounting	2.25
ACC 601: Accounting Information System Design	1.50	ACC 630: Auditing and Assurance	1.50
ACC 630: Auditing and Assurance	1.50	Electives	9.00
ACC 695: MAcc Graduate Research Seminar	3.00		
Electives	3.75		

In choosing electives, students must include at least ONE of the following choices if any of the above core courses are not waived, or TWO of the following choices if any of the above core courses are waived:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
ACC 620	Federal Taxation II	2.25
ACC 640 ¹	Designing Competitive Organizations: Internal Control	1.50
ACC 650	Designing Competitive Organizations: Cost Management	1.50
ACC 711	Financial Statement Analysis	2.25
ACC 713	Business Forecasting and Equity Valuation	2.25
ACC/FIN 725 ²	Managing the Maize and Blue Fund	1.50
ACC/FIN 726	Managing the Maize and Blue Fund	1.50
BL 555	Ethics and Negotiations for Accountants	3.00

Students may include one of the following accepted Law School tax courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
LAW 691	International Tax	3.00
LAW 726	Partnership Tax	3.00
LAW 746	Tax of Financial Instruments	1.00
LAW 747	Taxation of Individual Income	4.00
LAW 749	Corporate Taxation	4.00

The University registration system will allow students to select up to 18.00 credits per term. MAcc students should not register for more than 9.00 credits in any half (A/B) term.

C. Independent Study Projects

MAcc students may take up to 3.00 credit hours of independent study work. No more than one project per term and two projects total may be completed.

For information, see:

[Section V, B. Independent Study Projects.](#)

D. Additional MAcc Degree Requirements and Options

- MAcc students must earn a minimum of 30.00 credit hours.
- MAcc students may take a maximum of 6.00 credits of approved 400-level graduate courses.
- MAcc students may take a maximum of 6.00 graduate credits outside the Business School, in other graduate units at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.
- No mandatory Pass/Fail, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, or Credit/No Credit coursework may be taken within the 30.00 required credit hours.
- No optional Pass/Fail coursework may be taken within the 30.00 required credit hours.
- Students may petition to take an undergraduate language course for half-credit. Students must receive at least a "B" to get these credits.

¹ If ACC 640: Advanced Management Accounting and ACC 650: Cost Management Systems are chosen, both must be taken for a total of 3.00 credits (1.50 credits each).

² If ACC/FIN 725: Managing the Maize and Blue Fund and ACC/FIN 726: Maize and Blue Fund are chosen, both must be taken for a total of 3.00 credits (1.50 credits each).

- The University registration system will allow students to select up to 18.00 credits per term. MAcc students should not register for more than 9.00 credits in any half (A/B) term.

XIII. Master of Supply Chain Management Program (MSCM)

The Stephen M. Ross School of Business offers a one-year Master of Supply Chain Management (MSCM) program. The MSCM degree provides students with a distinctive educational experience and unsurpassed preparation to assume a leadership role in supply chain management.

A. Undergraduate Prerequisites

Admission is open to graduates of accredited colleges and universities who have the equivalent of a US bachelor's degree in virtually any area of study (this degree must be awarded by the time the MSCM program begins). Previous coursework in engineering, science, and mathematics is important but not essential.

B. MSCM Curriculum

Beginning with the students admitted in Summer 2017, the Master of Supply Chain Management degree consists of a Summer, Fall, and a Winter term.

MSCM Program: Summer Term		Credits
TO 505: Business Fundamentals Bootcamp (three sections of 1.00 credit each)		3.00
TO 736: Supply Chain Management Colloquium		2.00
Total Credits		5.00

MSCM Program: Fall Term		Credits	
TO 605: Manufacturing and Supply Operations		3.00	
TO 618: Applied Business Analytics and Decisions		3.00	
Fall A		Fall B	
TO 624: Strategic Sourcing	2.25	TO 616: Project Management	1.50
Elective(s)		varies	
Total (Core) Credits		9.75	

MSCM Program: Winter Term		Credits	
TO 685: Supply Chain Consulting Studio		6.00	
Winter A		Winter B	
TO 620: Global Supply Chain Management	2.25	TO 621: Logistics	2.25
TO 623: Information Technology Strategy in Supply Chain and Logistics	1.50		
TO 640: Big Data Management Tools	2.25		
Elective(s)		varies	
Total (Core) Credits		14.25	

Electives:

Students will need to complete at least one credit of graduate-level electives throughout their academic career to earn the 30.0 required credit hours, as core classes amount to 29.00 credit hours.

The University registration system will allow students to select up to 18.00 credits per term. MSCM students should not register for more than 9.00 credits in any half (A/B) term.

C. Independent Study Projects

MSCM students may take up to 3.00 credit hours of independent study coursework. No more than one project per term and two projects total may be completed. For information, see:

[Section V. B. Independent Study Projects.](#)

D. Additional MSCM Degree Requirements and Options

- Mandatory 1.00 credit (minimum) of electives in addition to elective credits taken to replace waived core.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including 2.00 Term GPA each semester)
- The University registration system will allow students to select up to 18.00 credits per term. MSCM students should not register for more than 9.00 credits in any half (A/B) term.

XIV. Master of Management Program (MM)

The Stephen M. Ross School of Business offers a ten-month Master of Management (MM) program. The MM degree is designed to help liberal arts, science, and engineering students expand their leadership skills and obtain a solid grounding in business fundamentals.

A. Eligibility

Admission is open to graduates of accredited colleges and universities with non-business undergraduate degrees. Those with an undergraduate business degree are not eligible. Students with a business minor, however, are eligible to apply.

All applicants must have completed their undergraduate degree no more than two years prior to enrolling in the MM program. The program is designed for candidates with little to no full-time work experience. Candidates with some (e.g., one year to 18 months) work experience are eligible to apply. Candidates with more work experience are encouraged to apply to our other graduate degree programs.

Applicants must have successfully completed either a pre-calculus or statistics course during their time as an undergraduate with a grade of "B-" or higher. This prerequisite must have been taken at an accredited institution of higher education. The course should be equivalent to a pre-calculus or introduction to statistics course here at the University of Michigan. Please contact the MM program office to make sure the course meets our requirements.

B. MM Curriculum

To fulfill MM degree requirements, students must successfully complete 30.75 credit hours of approved Business courses: 24.75 credits of core courses and 6.0 credits of approved elective courses. Students enter the program in June and should complete their degree 10 months later.

MM Program: Summer Term	
Courses	Credits
ACC 557: Evaluating Financial Performance	2.25
BCOM 557: Business Communication for Managers	1.50
FIN 557: Financial Management	2.25
MKT 557: Marketing Management	2.25
Total Credits:	8.25

MM Program: Fall Semester			
Fall A Courses	Credits	Fall B Courses	Credits
STRATEGY 557: Strategy	2.25	BE 557: Applied Microeconomics	2.25
TO 557: Applied Business Statistics and Analytics	2.25	MO 557: Positive Leadership and Organizing	2.25
Optional: Approved Electives			0.00 – 6.00
Total Credits (approximate):			11.25

MM Program: Winter Semester			
Winter A Courses	Credits	Winter B Courses	Credits
BL 557: Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	1.50	STRATEGY 558: World Economy	1.50
TO 558: Operations Management	2.25	ACC 558: Cost Measurement & Control	2.25
Approved Electives			1.50-6.00
Total Credits (approximate):			11.25

Approved Electives:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BA 415	Advanced Business French	3.00
BA/BUSABRD 425	Global Practicum: Study Abroad	3.00
BA/STRATEGY 445	Base of the Pyramid	3.00
BA 453	Capstone MAP (Multidisciplinary Action Projects)	3.00
BA 499	Doing Business in German	3.00
BA 557	MM-SJTU Capstone Action-Based Learning Experience Project	3.00
BCOM 430	Positive Communication	3.00
ES 414	Entrepreneurship Practicum	3.00
ES 444	Introduction to Microfinance	3.00
FIN 408	Capital Markets and Investment Strategy	1.50
FIN 409	Fixed Income Securities and Markets	1.50
FIN 412	International Finance Management I	1.50
FIN 414	International Finance Management II	1.50
FIN 415	Corporate Investment Decisions	3.00
FIN 425	Entrepreneurial Finance	3.00
FIN/TO 428	FinTech: Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, and Other Technology Innovations In and Out of Finance	3.00
FIN 440	Financial Trading	1.50
FIN 466	Real Estate Finance and Investments	3.00
FIN 480	Options and Futures in Financial Decision Making	3.00
MKT 401	Marketing Management II	3.00
MKT 408	Pricing	3.00
MKT 409	Social Media Marketing	3.00
MKT 411	Advertising Management	3.00
MKT 418	Marketing Research and Analytics	3.00
MKT/ES 425	New Product and Innovation Management	3.00
MO 414	Managing Change	3.00
MO 415	Introduction to Managing Human Capital	3.00
MO 455	Foundations in POS (Positive Organizational Scholarship)	3.00
MO 463	Creativity at Work: Theories and Practices	3.00
MO 468	Thriving at Work	3.00
MO/STRATEGY 470	Strategic Management of Knowledge in Professional Service Firms	3.00
STRATEGY 411	The Corporation in Society	3.00
STRATEGY 491	Business Model Innovation	3.00
STRATEGY 492	Dynamic Capabilities Through Corporate Development	3.00

TO 411	Decision Support with Excel	3.00
TO 412	Big Data - Tools for Data Management and Acquisition	3.00
TO 414	Advanced Analytics for Management Consulting	3.00
TO 415	Advanced Excel Skills with VBA	3.00
TO 426	Mobile Innovation Development	3.00

Students in the MM-SJTU cohort have slightly different requirements given that they typically enter the program in August, missing Summer core courses. They also complete 3.0 credits of their electives requirement with BA 557 in the Spring/Summer term. This cohort begins in August and ends the following Summer term (late August).

C. Additional Grading Policies

Master of Management students are graded on two types of scales:

- The Ross School of Business uses a five-level grading scale in our 500-level and above courses: Excellent (EX), Good (GD), Pass, (PS), Low Pass (LP), and Fail (F). (see [VIII. A. Grading Scales and Distribution](#))
- In Ross 400-level courses, students are graded on a “letter” scale with possible grades to include A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, and E.

**Note that grades for courses taken outside of Ross will be converted to the Ross scale. Please see section [VIII.C](#) for the conversion scale.

There are no honor points associated with the grade designations, and no value point averages appear on transcripts. No optional Pass/Fail coursework may be taken within the 30.75 required credit hours.

For further details on Ross grading, see [VIII. Grading Policies](#).

D. MMs in Graduate-Level Business Elective Courses

MM students may enroll in 500- or 600-level Ross courses that are open to other UM Graduate Students (MSW, MPH, etc.) if all of the following conditions are met:

- The student must have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA (using the VPA GPA Calculation Method) as of the end of the prior semester. All grades must be submitted before a permission would be generated.
- The student must be registered for at least one 400-level approved MM elective during the same semester / term they wish to take a 500- or 600-level course to maintain continued satisfactory academic progress toward degree completion in the Master of Management program.
- Students may enroll in no more than one 500- or 600-level non-MM Core course each semester.

Credits earned in these courses may not be used toward the 30.75 credits required for the MM degree.

All MM students are required to complete 6 credits of 400-level business electives from an approved list. Under no circumstances will 500- or 600-level business electives be used to substitute for the 6 credit 400-level business electives requirement.

MM students will not be permitted to enroll in 500- or 600-level business electives that are closed to MM students even if the instructor of class is agreeable.

XV. Global and Executive MBA Programs

Global MBA and Executive MBA programs have distinct sets of Academic Rules and Regulations that are maintained and monitored by the respective Program Directors.

For information, see:

Global MBA: <http://michiganross.umich.edu/global-mba>

Executive MBA: <http://michiganross.umich.edu/executive-mba>

XVI. Community Membership

There are many services and programs available across campus. Below are listed a few resources which Ross Masters students routinely use. For others, please search from the UM homepage.

A. Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

G-664 Haven Hall, 505 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045

ssdoffice@umich.edu

Phone: 734-763-3000 (voice)

734-615-4461 (TDD)

734-619-6661 (VP)

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) provides services to students with visual impairments, learning disabilities, mobility impairments, or hearing impairments. They also work with students who have chronic health problems or psychological disabilities. SSD offers services which are not provided by other University offices or outside organizations. SSD provides such services as accessible campus transportation, adaptive technology, sign language and oral interpreting, readers and other volunteers, guidance for course accommodations, and requests to modify degree requirements. The services are free of charge.

Before and after a student enrolls at the University, SSD staff is available to answer questions and provide referrals concerning admission, registration, services available, financial aid, etc. In addition, SSD can help assess the need for modified housing, attendants, interpreters, transportation, classroom accommodations, note-takers, and adaptive equipment.

Some might be particularly interested in the Volunteer Reader Program, which is run by SSD. It consists of students reading material onto cassette for use by students with visual impairments or print disabilities. The primary qualification the reader must have is a clear speaking voice. Volunteers are also needed to edit scanned printed materials to be put onto disk. The primary qualification for this task is strong text editing skills.

B. Counseling and Psychological Services

Tappan Auxiliary Building, 609 Tappan Street (near the Ross Building)

<https://caps.umich.edu/>

Life threatening emergencies: 911

Business Hours

Counselor-on-Duty: 734-764-8312

Dean of Students: 734-764-7420

After Hours

U-M Psychiatric Emergency (24-hours): 734-996-4747

Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (24-hours): 734-936-9333

Dept of Public Safety: 734-763-1131

Counseling and Psychological Services is committed to creating an environment based on our values of multicultural, multi-disciplinary and multi-theoretical practices that allow our diverse student body to access care, receive high quality services and take positive pathways to mental health. We also strive to find creative ways of reaching out to students and the UM community to nurture and develop a proactive, renewed sense of engagement throughout the campus.

Every day, CAPS is involved in activities and services that strengthen our campus to be supportive, engaged and, ultimately, connected around student mental health. Our work revolves around:

- [clinical service delivery](#)
- [prevention and education](#)
- [mental health wellness](#)
- [research and data work](#)
- [training a new generation of professionals](#)

Our work also involves information, services, and tools to help students, staff, faculty, and family members. Together, we can achieve a campus climate of mental 'health' where each student can engage thoughtfully as an active community member and to help their fellow students.

For more information please see the CAPS [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

CAPS @ Ross

Free and confidential counseling services are available with a CAPS counselor here at Ross for all undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in the Ross School of Business. Services include initial consultation, individual therapy, consultation with students, staff, and faculty, referrals to other U-M resources and community services, drop-in workshops, and outreach presentations.