

Accelerated Admission to the MBA or MSADA Program

Accelerated Admission to the Appalachian State University MBA or MSADA Program allows undergraduate students in their senior year to take graduate-level coursework to both forward count toward their graduate degree and backward count toward their undergraduate degree. This program is very competitive and is **restricted to rising seniors. Please ensure you read this document in full and make sure you are eligible before applying to the Accelerated MBA or MSADA Program.**

Eligible students are those who:

- Are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at Appalachian State
- Have a 3.5 GPA at the time of application *and* at the time of undergraduate graduation
- Are ready to enter their final year of enrollment in their undergraduate degree program
 - must complete 90 hours by the end of the semester in which they apply
 - at least 24 hours must have been earned at App State

Is the GRE or GMAT required for Accelerated Admissions?

- Accelerated Admission students are not required to take the GMAT or GRE; however,
- Students who do not maintain the required 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of undergraduate graduation:
 - must re-apply to the MBA or MSADA program, and test scores will be required as part of the regular admission process.
 - graduate courses taken in undergrad are not guaranteed to count in the MBA or MSADA program of study.

Other Items to note:

- Up to a maximum of 12 hours of graduate coursework taken during the student's undergraduate enrollment may be counted toward the graduate degree program. The student must have earned a grade of 'B' (3.0) or better in each graduate course taken.
- Courses may “double-count” for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees, or they may forward count only for the graduate degree.
- AA applications are due by the published deadline for the term in which the student plans to begin taking graduate courses (i.e. July 1 for fall courses, November 1 for spring courses, April 1 for summer courses)
- MBA scholarship and assistantship eligibility begins once accelerated admission students are enrolled full-time as graduate students (after their undergraduate graduation).

Accelerated Admissions Application Process

1. Prospective students should contact Cele Burt (burtcc@appstate.edu) to arrange an advising meeting.
 - a. In this meeting, the Graduate Programs team will review the student's DegreeWorks record and prepare a Supplemental Document outlining potential courses that could count at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
 - b. The WCOB Graduate Programs office will also provide a formal prerequisite letter outlining any prerequisites that are outstanding.
2. Following this meeting, if students are still interested, they must do the following:
 - a. Schedule a meeting with their undergraduate advisor to verify selected courses will count for the undergraduate degree. For WCOB majors, schedule this meeting with your assigned WCOB Advisor.
 - b. Submit a completed application through the [graduate school's website](#). ***The Accelerated Admission application term is the first term after the student's undergraduate graduation, NOT the term in which they plan to begin taking graduate-level courses.***
 - c. Obtain approvals as required. Courses in Appendix A are pre-approved, but all others require department chair approval and, when requested, instructor approval.
3. If a student receives an acceptance email from the Graduate School and accepts the offer of admission, they will also receive a new student letter from the MBA Director. This letter will provide information on upcoming required orientation, prerequisites and other helpful information. At that point, the student will set up an appointment with the MBA Advisor (Ms. Cele Burt) to review or complete the following items:
 - a. Individualized MBA Program of Study
 - b. Undergraduate Advising Director (Matt Crump) and department chair approvals for planned graduate-level courses not listed in Appendix A.
 - c. Any outstanding permits or attributes necessary for the student to register for the approved graduate courses.

Questions?

- Please contact Cele Burt (burtcc@appstate.edu)
- Link to the full Graduate School Accelerated Admissions Policy
<https://graduate.appstate.edu/faculty/program-director-and-advisor-resources/admissions/accelerated-admission>

Appendix A- Accelerated Admission Course List

The following is a list of courses proposed to forward and backward count within the MBA or MSADA Accelerated Admissions Program. Any courses not listed below must be approved by the department chair. Not all courses are offered in an online format.

Approval requests should be sent by the student to the appropriate department chair via email with the following people copied: MBA Advisor, Cele Burt (burtcc@appstate.edu), Undergraduate Advisor, Matt Crump (crumpmk@appstate.edu), and cobadvising@appstate.edu).

Computer Information Systems

Accelerated students in the undergraduate Cybersecurity concentration or minor may take up to two graduate-level dual-listed CIS courses below that also count towards undergraduate requirements, OR may count one graduate-level CIS course from the list below towards an undergraduate CIS course. Accelerated students not in the undergraduate Cybersecurity concentration or minor may only count one graduate-level CIS course from the list below towards an undergraduate CIS course.

- CIS 5450: Project Management & Visualization for CIS elective or COB elective
- CIS 5620: IS Strategy, Policy, and Governance for CIS elective or COB elective
- CIS 5630: Data Management for CIS Elective or COB elective
- CIS 5760: Global Blockchain for Business
- CIS 5860: Applied Analytics Project for CIS Elective or COB elective
- CS 5710: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery in Scientific Data for CIS Elective or COB elective
- MBA 5230: Fundamentals of Business Analytics for CIS elective or COB elective
- MBA 5260: Intro to Business Analytics and Information Systems for CIS elective or COB elective
- MBA 5660: Web Analytics, Data Privacy and Security for CIS Elective or COB elective

Economics

- ECO 5530: UN Climate Negotiations for ECO 4530: UN Climate Negotiations (Global Issues), for economics elective or COB elective
- ECO 5621: Environmental Economics and Policy for ECO 4621: Environmental Economics and Policy or for economics elective or COB elective
- ECO 5640: International Macroeconomics for ECO 4640: International Macroeconomics (Global Issues) or for economics elective or COB elective
- ECO 5660: Benefit-Cost Analysis for ECO 4660: Benefit-Cost Analysis or for economics elective or COB elective
- ECO 5740: Forecasting and Time Series Models for ECO 4740: Forecasting and Time Series Models or for economics elective or COB elective
- MBA 5110 Economics for Decision Making for Economics elective or COB elective
- ECO 5720 Applied Econometrics for ECO 4720: Applied Econometrics, or for economics elective or COB elective

Finance

- FIN 5850: FINTECH/INSURETECH for FIN 4850: FINTECH/INSURETECH (F&B Elective Set 1)
- MBA 5320: Managerial Accounting for F&B Elective Set 2
- FIN 5610: Commercial Bank Management for FIN 4610: Commercial Bank Management (F&B Elective Set 1 or Set 2)
- FIN 5548: Risky Decisions for FIN 4548: Risky Decisions (F&B Elective Set 1 or Set 2)

Marketing

- MBA 5420: Marketing Strategy for MKT 4650: Strategic Marketing Management, marketing elective or COB elective
- MKT 5050: Marketing Analytics for marketing elective or COB elective
- MKT 5550: International Marketing for MKT 4550: International Marketing (Global Issues) or marketing elective or COB elective
- MBA 5821: Digital Marketing Strategy for marketing elective or COB elective
- MBA 5920: Strategic Branding in the Realm of AI for marketing elective or COB elective

Management

- MGT 5040 Employment Law for MGT 3680 or for management elective or COB elective
- MGT 5570: Compensation for MGT 4570: Compensation or for management elective or COB elective
- MGT 5770: Business Ethics for management elective or COB elective
- MGT 5630: Labor Relations for MGT 4630: Labor Relations or for management elective or COB elective
- MGT/PSY 5660 Staffing for management elective or COB elective
- MGT/PSY 5661 Performance Management for management elective or COB elective (prerequisite: PSY 5660)
- MGT 5671: Training and Development for management elective or COB elective

Supply Chain Management

- MBA 5250: Strategic Sourcing and Logistics Management for SCM 3720: Strategic Procurement and Global Sourcing or Supply Chain Elective
- MBA 5680: Six Sigma, Lean and Quality Management for SCM 3670 or for supply chain elective or COB elective
- MBA 5870: Analytical Models for Supply Chain Management for Supply Chain Elective or COB elective
- ECO 5740: Forecasting and Time Series Models for ECO 4740: Forecasting and Time Series Models or for economics elective or COB elective
- MBA 5220 Operations & Supply Chain Management for SCM 3650: Production and Operations Management, Supply Chain elective or COB elective
- MBA 5690: Global Supply Chain Management for SCM 3690: Global Supply Chain and Logistics, Supply Chain elective or COB elective

Other courses to consider:

- MBA 5020: International Experience to count for Global Issues, Free Elective, or COB elective
- Graduate level courses may also count for Honors courses
- Graduate level internationally-focused courses may also count toward global issues requirement