

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT/ ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

This two-year degree exposes students to all aspects of operating a small business with a focus on entrepreneurship. The program also prepares students for positions such as management trainee, first-line supervisor, buyers and purchasing agents, sales managers, and higher levels of management for either profit or nonprofit organizations. Focus is placed on entrepreneurship for those interested in starting/operating a business or applying this managerial approach in a medium to large organization.

Employment in this field is expected to remain steady. Prospects are very good for those who want to own and manage a business, especially if they have determination, talent and a unique service or product.

Many students will decide to begin this program by first earning a Career Pathway Certificate of Completion in Supervision or Marketing. A Certificate of Completion can typically be completed in one year. Click here to view the entire Pathway.

Students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution with the goal of completing a bachelor's degree in business should consider completing the ASOT-BUS degree and consult with business program faculty.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 94 credit hours with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the degree is awarded.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- Identify appropriate ethical and legal procedures for a small business.
- Recognize and evaluate opportunities in the global marketplace.
- Demonstrate professional decorum while employing appropriate and effective business communication skills in virtual and interpersonal environments.
- Develop critical-thinking and decision-making skills as an individual, a team member, and a leader of an organization.
- Develop and evaluate financial record keeping systems and interpret results.
- Develop and evaluate marketing strategies for a small business.
- Explore entrepreneurial potential and develop a business plan.

AWARD MAP

Pathway Option

Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Supervision

Career Pathway Certificate of Completion: Marketing

: Less Than One Year Certificate of Completion: Retail Management

Associate: Business Management/Entrepreneurship

PRE-PROGRAM COURSES

Students are required to take the following courses *prior to* the program courses, depending on students' college placement information. See advisor for details:

Code	Title	Credits
CIS90	Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency)	2
WR90R	Academic Literacy (or placement in higher writing course)	4
MTH20	Basic Mathematics (or placement in higher math course)	4

PROGRAM GUIDE

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
BA101	Introduction to Business	4
BA150	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3
CIS120	Concepts of Computing	4
WR115	Fundamentals of Report Writing (or higher) ¹	3
		Credits
		14
Winter		
AC2764 or BA211	Small Business Accounting or Principles of Accounting I	4
BA120	Leadership Development ²	3
BA223	Principles of Marketing	3
CIS125S	Spreadsheet Applications	3
MTH82	Business Mathematics ³	4
		Credits
		17
Spring		
BA156	Essentials of Economics ⁴	3
BA206	Management Fundamentals	3
BA213	Principles of Accounting III	4
BA233	E-Marketing	3
BA239	Advertising	3
		Credits
		16
Second Year		
Fall		
BA230	Business Law	4
BA238	Sales	3
BA250	Small Business Management Entrepreneurship	3
SP218	Interpersonal Communication ⁵	3
Specific Elective ⁶		3
		Credits
		16

Winter		
BA203	Intro. to International Business	3
BA205	Solving Communication Problems With Technology	4
BA222	Finance	3
PE231	Wellness for Life ⁷	3
Specific Elective ⁶		3
Credits		16
Spring		
BA224	Human Resource Management	3
BA277	Business Ethics	3
or PHL102	or Ethics	
BA280	CWE: Business Admin ⁸	3
BA292	Entrepreneurship Capstone	3
Specific Elective ⁶		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		94

¹ Writing substitutions exclude WR241, WR242, WR243, and WR250.

² BA110, BA285, PSY100, PSY201, PSY203 may be substituted for BA120.

³ MTH60, MTH65, MTH95 or higher, excluding MTH211, may be substituted for MTH82.

⁴ Four (4) credits of ECON201 or ECON202 may be substituted for BA156.

⁵ SP100, SP111, SP219 may be substituted for SP218

⁶ Specific Electives: Any AC, BA, CIS, CS, PSY, or SOC courses not required for degree; CRT2015; ECON201; ECON202; OA116; MTH65; MTH95; MTH111; MTH111H; MTH241; MTH243.

⁷ HE250 or three (3) credits of PE185 courses may be substituted for PE231.

⁸ See Internship Coordinator to schedule a month prior to term.
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* All Honors courses may substitute for their equivalent requirements.