

## Messiah University's 4+1 MBA program

**Department of Business Majors:** For students with majors in the Department of Business, two courses (BUSA 505 Business Analytics and BUSA 501 Business Strategy and Execution) might count toward both the undergraduate degree and the MBA. Students in the 4+1 program are able to take two MBA courses in addition to BUSA 501/505 during their senior year that will count only toward the MBA.\* These four courses (12 MBA credits) will allow students to complete 1/3 of the requirements for the MBA while an undergraduate student. The remaining 24 MBA credits are billed at the MBA program rate.

\*Students in this program must be registered for between 12-15 credits of UG degree requirements per semester during their senior year in order to take 1-2 MBA courses without impacting UG financial aid.

\*\* Before dropping credits in either semester of your senior year, please contact the Financial Aid Office to discuss your situation. Financial aid can only be used for undergraduate courses.

\*\*\*The fifth year does not have a residential option. It is fully online and you are considered a GRAD student.

\*\*\*\*Even though you are accepted into the 4+1 program with the completion of this form, you will need to complete a GRAD application during your senior year of UG so that you will make the transition to GRAD status after UG graduation.

\*\*\*\*\*Caution – If you are International student here on an F1 Visa, please contact Amy Nicols, Director of International Student Programs, to review your registration plans.

Sample plan for business majors:

- Fall 4<sup>th</sup> year: BUSA 505, online MBA course and at least 9 credits of UG degree requirements
- Spring 4<sup>th</sup> year: BUSA 501, online MBA course and at least 9 credits of UG degree requirements

**Majors Outside the Department of Business:** Students with majors outside of the Department of Business can also take advantage of the 4+1 MBA, completing 1/3 of the MBA requirements as an undergraduate student. *For students with majors outside of the Department of Business, there is a new minor (Business Foundations) that provides students with an overlay to ensure that they are meeting the 4+1 MBA requirements.* These students will be able to take an additional two MBA courses during their senior year that will count only toward the MBA. This will allow students to complete 1/3 of the requirements for the MBA while an undergraduate student. Students can also take some GRAD courses that only count toward the MBA over the summer once they have achieved senior UG status.

\*Students in this program must be registered for between 12-15 credits of UG requirements during their senior year for their UG degree in order to take 1-2 MBA courses without impacting UG financial aid. The remaining 24 MBA credits are billed at the MBA program rate.

Sample plan for non-business majors:

- Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> year: ECON 120
- Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> year: ACCT 131
- Fall 3<sup>rd</sup> year: STAT 269
- Spring 3<sup>rd</sup> year: FINA 305
- Fall 4<sup>th</sup> year: BUSA 505, MRKT 515
- Spring 4<sup>th</sup> year: BUSA 501, online MBA course

**Business Foundations Minor**

Course	Course name	Credits	Pre-requisite required for course?
STAT 269 OR STAT 281 OR STAT 291	STAT 269: Introductory Statistics STAT 281: Applied Statistics for Management STAT 291: Statistics for Mathematical Sciences I	3	No
ACCT 131	ACCT 131 Survey of Accounting	3	No
ECON 120	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	No
FINA 305	Financial Management	3	ECON 120
BUSA 505	Business Analytics	3	STAT 269 or STAT 281 or STAT 291
BUSA 501	Business Strategy and Execution	3	FINA 305 AND MRKT 130 or MRKT 515
<b>Total credit hours:</b> 18-21 (with pre-reqs)		<b>Total</b> of pre-req credits not contained within minor requirements: 3 (MRKT 130 or MRKT 515, which is part of MBA program and would be taken as one of the 2 courses only counting toward the MBA that students take in their senior year)	

**List any specific information or notes to include on the advising sheet.**

Students can apply for the 4+1 program after completing one semester at Messiah University. Students who are in the 4 + 1 program will be able to take 2 MBA courses during their senior year that ONLY count toward their MBA. Students will take MRKT 515 before they take BUSA 501 if they are in the 4 + 1 program. Therefore, all students in the strategy course (BUSA 501) will have taken a Marketing course. This will also keep the minor at 18 credits since MRKT 515 will only count toward the MBA degree.

Students in the 4+1 program need to make sure they have between 12-15 UG credits per semester their senior year for their UG degree in order to take 1-2 MBA courses without impacting UG financial aid. For financial aid purposes, the students need to be full-time for the UG degree in order to take the extra MBA courses during their senior year.

BUSA 501 and BUSA 505 are the only GRAD courses that count toward the 123 UG credits for degree conferral and the MBA for degree conferral. All other GRAD courses count only for the MBA for degree conferral (meaning they do not count for free electives toward the 123 UG credit hours).

Conferral of minor depends on overlap rule with major or other UG minors.

Date:

Applicant Name:

Applicant Signature:

Graduate program Business & Leadership faculty signature:

