



Admission into the integrated ECON/MBA degree program requires the following:

- A minimum of 90 semester hours (SH) completed
- A major in Economics (BB)
- A minimum 3.4 cumulative grade point average
- A minimum 3.0 GPA in MBA Foundation courses

1. ***Start graduate courses earlier.*** Integrated degree students may take two graduate courses during their senior year that can count toward Q1m518 455EMC m 3.0 GPA in MBA Founda

Concentration Courses² (One bridge course², plus 6 SH chosen in consultation with the MBA advisor) (9 SH)

Integrative Course (MGT 590) (3 SH)

² One bridge course would typically be used as a Directed Elective, and one would be included as a Concentration Course.

ACCT 457G/B; DS 435G/B; 490G/B; ECON 420G/B, 425G/B, 432G/B, 435G/B, 445G/B, 460G/B, 470G/B, 471G/B, 487G/B; MGT 474G/B, 481G/B, 483G/B

Students in the MBA program experience many key benefits:

- Course content that prepares MBA students for careers around the world
- Daytime and evening course schedules that fit into busy lifestyles
- Affordable tuition rates that can put an MBA degree within reach
- Internship and assistantship opportunities allow students to combine work and education
- Small classes (less than 25 students per class) taught by full-time faculty provide opportunities for building personal relationships with professors and mentors for assistance and professional development

Western's MBA has earned accreditation in both business and accounting by the AACSB International, designating Western Illinois University as among the best business schools in the world. Less than one-third of U.S. business schools and only 15% of business schools worldwide meet the rigorous standards of AACSB International accreditation. As a member institution, Western's MBA has confirmed a commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review process. AACSB International accreditation ensures that Western's MBA degree program is committed to providing the highest-calibre education and experiences for our student professionals.

Students can apply for tuition assistance via a graduate assistantship. The College of Business and Technology annually awards internal graduate assistantships to students desiring to work directly with business faculty. These assistantships are highly competitive and are awarded based on the student's GMAT score, GPA, and personal recommendations. Additional assistantships are available campuswide.