

# Business Administration

A Master's in Business Administration (MBA) is one of the most popular graduate degrees in the United States. Today it is most important to include a concentration with the degree, as the specialization shows your skills and interests. An MBA degree is traditionally earned in two years but can be completed in one year through accelerated programs. An Executive or Professional MBA is more tailored to those interested in managerial positions and allows students to work full time while taking graduate degree programs. In maintaining student visa status, international candidates at this level may consider internships or work from abroad to carry on professional activity during program completion. Students who are very directed towards a career in finance and financial markets may consider a Masters of Science in Finance (MSF) program rather than a more generalized MBA. An MSF is often shorter in duration and upon completion many students will chose to continue their studies in becoming a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

## Graduate Programs in Business Administration:

Business administration students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations such as accounting, corporate strategy, decision sciences, property management, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, general management, human resources, international business, marketing, information systems, telecommunication, organizational behavior and project management. A sample of courses available at the graduate level includes Business and Government, International Economics, Strategy and Negotiation, Corporate Accountability, Financial Reporting and Control, Leadership and Organization Behavior, Marketing, Technology and Operations Management.

## Occupations in Business:

With a degree in business administration, consider your professional opportunities at the Managerial or Executive level in consultancy firms, investment banks, start-up or venture firms, and other businesses in the private sector.

## Choosing a Business Administration Program:

If you are considering continuing your education in the field of business or finance, you should become familiar with academic trends and current research developments. Utilize current literature and consider the current research by professors in matching your academic and career goals with the right institutions for you. EducationUSA Centers provide advising services and a diverse collection of materials to assist students searching for schools and financial aid program. To find the nearest EducationUSA Advising Center, visit [www.educationusa.info/centers.php](http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php).

In addition to researching regionally accredited colleges and universities which offer study in business administration, prospective students can also identify academic programs with professional accreditation. Professional accrediting organizations for business administration include the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business ([www.aacsb.edu](http://www.aacsb.edu)), the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs ([www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org)), the MBA Association ([www.mbaassociation.org](http://www.mbaassociation.org)) and the Executive MBA Council ([www.emba.org](http://www.emba.org)).



**Scholarly Journals Related to the Study of Business:** Journal of Entrepreneurship, Accounting and Finance, Journal of Business Finance and Accounting, Journal of World Business.

**Graduate Program Search Print and Online Resources:**

- Peterson's Graduate Programs in the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences; Book 2
- Peterson's online at [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- MBA Association, [www.mba.us.com/guide](http://www.mba.us.com/guide)
- Foreign MBA, [www.foreignmba.com](http://www.foreignmba.com)
- AACSB's, [www.bestbizschools.com](http://www.bestbizschools.com)
- Beyond Grey Pinstripes, [www.beyondgreypinstripes.org](http://www.beyondgreypinstripes.org)
- Which MBA? The Economist. Online. [www.economist.com/whichmba](http://www.economist.com/whichmba)

**Find Scholarships to Study Business Administration:**

- EducationUSA Financial Aid links, [www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php](http://www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php)
- Funding U.S. Study, [www.fundingusstudy.org](http://www.fundingusstudy.org)
- Peterson's Scholarship Directory, [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- The Fulbright Program, <http://fulbright.state.gov/>



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