Department of Business Management and Administration

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The Department of Business Management and Administration curricula provide students with the educational experiences of reasoning, problem solving, and decision making so that they, through balanced programs, will be qualified to accept responsible positions in business and the public sector.

Specific departmental objectives include the following: (1) To give students the historical perspective necessary to understand the evolution of business in a global, social, political, economic, and technological environment; (2) To excite students about new ideas and knowledge; (3) To help students develop understanding and skill in the practice of management; (4) To provide students with a basic understanding of management, information technology, operations management, the legal environment of business, and strategic management; (5) To develop well-informed individuals who understand their ethical and social responsibilities in business situations; (6) To enable students to understand the operation of our business and economic systems; (7) To develop the ability to think clearly, analyze carefully, and express thoughts and conclusions logically; and (8) To help students develop competence in a major field of study.

Students enrolling in the Department of Business Management and Administration must select and complete the requirements for one of the following majors: (1) business computer systems, (2) management and administration, or (3) entrepreneurship. Students majoring in management and administration may elect a concentration in human resource management or legal studies in business.

Business Computer Systems Major

Business computer systems (BCS) is an exciting field that combines people skills with technical skills. The BCS major blends the fields of business, computers, and information technology. It enables students to be successful in developing business applications using current technology where appropriate. Information is seen by business as an increasingly important resource. The BCS major teaches students how to manage this vital resource.

Graduates of the program can expect interesting and challenging job opportunities as the field changes. The BCS major can be a fast track to management positions or the basis for advanced graduate work. Typical graduates’ first jobs are in technical and information related fields or as consultants or programmers. After gaining experience, graduates develop new business applications as analysts and then assume management positions. This major prepares students for some of the nation’s fastest growing career opportunities such as systems analysis and programming.

The BCS major differs from other “computer” majors in its emphasis on human aspects and business
applications. While knowledge of computer systems is a large part of the program, a larger portion is devoted to getting the right job done.

The major develops competence in a number of areas:
1. the use of personal computers, large computers, and other technological resources,
2. managing information technology to achieve the goals of the organization,
3. programming in a variety of languages used in business, and
4. the quantitative skills needed for problem solving and decision making.

**Departmental requirements for the business computer systems major are as follows:**

Select one of the following six course groups:

1. CIS 102, BMA/CIS 275 and CS 106
2. CIS 102, BMA/CIS 275 and CIS 203
3. CIS 102, CS 106 and CS 121
4. CS 106, CS 121 and CIS 203
5. CS 106, CIS 203 and CIS 377
6. CS 106, CS 121 and CS 500

BMA 272 Management Applications of Personal Computers
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior
BMA 373 Business Data Communications
BMA 374 Database Management and Administration
BMA 375 Business Systems Analysis and Design
BMA 478 Implementing Business Computer Systems

**A recommended course sequence for business computer systems, Foster College of Business Administration, and general education courses follows.** Business computer systems majors must satisfactorily complete at least 15 hours of BMA-prefixed courses at Bradley University. Elective courses should be chosen with care to ensure that University general education and Foster College of Business Administration requirements are met. Business computer systems majors should consult with their advisor when preparing their academic schedules.

**Freshman Year**

ENG 101 English Composition .................................. 3
BUS 100 Contemporary Business .................................. 3
MTH 115 Brief Calculus with Applications I.................. 4
ATG 157 Accounting Principles – Financial.................... 3
COM 103 The Oral Communication Process.................... 3
CIS 102 Intro. to Computer Information Systems with BASIC or CS 106 Intro. to Programming and Computer Science.................................. 3
BMA 172/Competency Exam........................................ 1
General Education Courses........................................ 12

**Sophomare Year**

ATG 158 Accounting Principles – Managerial.................. 3
ECO 221, 222 Principles of Economics ....................... 6
QM 262, 263 Quantitative Analysis I and II.................... 6
BMA 272 Mgt. Applications of Personal Computers............ 3
CS 106 Intro. to Programming and Computer Science,
CIS 121 Intro. to Data Structures, CIS 203 Data
Processing with COBOL, or BMA/CIS 275 Business
Applications Using Visual Basic.................................. 3
BMA 342 Law and Legal Studies in Business.................... 3
CS 121 Intro. to Data Structures................................. 3
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior.............. 3
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making......................... 3
BUS 220 Career Planning Strategies......................... 3

**Junior Year**

ENG 300, 301, 304, or 306 Advanced Writing........... 3
FIN 322 Business Finance........................................ 3
BMA 342 Legal Environment of Business..................... 3
BMA 352 Managing in Organizations.......................... 3
BMA 372 Information Technology............................... 3
CS 106 Intro. to Programming & Computer Science,
CIS 121 Intro. to Data Structures, CS 500 Java
Processing and Web Design, CIS 203 Data
Processing with COBOL, or CIS 377 Advanced
COBOL Systems and Environments......................... 3
BMA 375 Business Systems Analysis and Design........... 3
MTG 315 Principles of Marketing.............................. 3
BUS 220 Career Planning Strategies......................... 3
Free Elective Courses........................................... 6

**Senior Year**

BMA 356 Human Resource Management.................. 3
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior............ 3
BMA 373 Business Data Communications.................... 3
BMA 374 Database Management and Administration......... 3
BMA 452 Strategic Management and Business Policy ....... 4
BMA 478 Implementing Business Computer Systems......... 3
Economics Junior-Senior Elective.......................... 3
IB 306 International Business................................ 2
Free Elective Courses........................................... 6

Management and Administration Major

The management and administration major provides a solid grounding in the skills and concepts necessary to meet the complex and challenging tasks of management. The program concentrates on developing the decision-making, problem identification, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills essential for combining the organization's resources to promote organizational effectiveness.

Students in the management and administration major are prepared for management positions in both industry and not-for-profit settings. In larger organizations, graduates typically expect to obtain entry-level management positions. Further, the major provides the background necessary to later advance to middle and upper-level management positions. In smaller firms, graduates may expect to enter middle or upper-level management positions. Students who are uncertain as to their career goals will find that the management and administration major provides excellent preparation in business for a wide range of job opportunities. Additionally, students are well prepared for graduate-level business (MBA, DBA, Ph.D.) or public administration (MPA) programs, law school, and other graduate school programs.

**Departmental requirements for the management and administration major are as follows:**

1. BMA 356 Human Resource Management
2. BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior
3. BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making
4. Twelve hours of BMA elective courses

Students may choose from a broad array of courses to satisfy their elective requirements, or they may choose one of the following concentrations: human resource management or legal studies in business. The
concentrations, each requiring fifteen to eighteen hours, can be completed with no more than one additional course beyond the required BMA elective credits. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) fulfill requirements elsewhere in either the major or the Foster College of Business Administration core curriculum. Department requirements have been included for clarity.

Human Resource Management
BMA 355 Labor-Management Relations
BMA 356 Human Resource Management*
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior*
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making*
BMA 446 Employment Law
BMA 456 Compensation Management
BMA 457 Human Resource Theory & Program Design
ECO 310 Labor Problems*
PSY 310 Industrial & Organizational Psychology* or PSY 411 Tests & Measurements*

Legal Studies in Business
BMA 342 Legal Environment of Business*
BMA 345 Legal Environment of Business*
BMA 356 Human Resource Management*
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior*
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making*
BMA 395 Real Estate Principles
BMA 446 Employment Law
and one of the following:
  ECO 352 Industrial Organization*
  ECO 362 Economics and Law*
  PLS 317 International Law
  PLS 459 Constitutional Law
  PLS 460 Constitutional Law

Management and administration majors must satisfactorily complete at least 15 hours of BMA-prefixed courses at Bradley University. Students desiring concentrations should declare their intentions as early as possible and should consult with their advisor to ensure that the correct courses are taken. Students should also note that some courses are offered only once each year.

The following sequences of courses are recommended for students majoring in management and administration. Course sequences for freshman and sophomore years are similar regardless of any concentration selected.

Freshman Year
BUS 100 Contemporary Business ......................3
ENG 101 English Composition .......................3
MTH 115 Brief Calculus with Applications I ........4
ATG 157 Accounting Principles – Financial ..........3
COM 103 The Oral Communication Process ..........3
PSY 104 Principles of Psychology ..................12
General Education Courses ........................12
BMA 172/Competency Exam ............................1

Sophomore Year
ATG 158 Accounting Principles – Managerial ......3
BUS 210 Team Dynamics ................................1
ECO 221, 222 Principles of Economics ................6
QM 262, 263 Quantitative Analysis I and II ........6
General Education, behavioral science, or elective course outside FCBA .......................15

The remaining semesters will vary depending upon the concentration selected. Courses marked with * are required for the particular concentration listed.

Human Resource Management

Junior Year
Fall:
BMA 342 Legal Environment of Business ................3
BMA 352 Managing in Organizations ................3
FIN 322 Business Finance ................................3
MTG 315 Principles of Marketing .....................3
PSY 310 Industrial & Organizational Psychology* or PSY 411 Tests & Measurements ................3

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Spring:
BMA 356 Human Resource Management* ............3
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior ......3
BMA 372 Information Technology ........................3
BUS 220 Career Planning Strategies ..................1
IB 306 Intro. to International Business ..............2
ENG 300, 301, 304, 305, or 306 Advanced Writing ....3

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Senior Year
Fall:
BMA 353 Operations Management ........................3
BMA 355 Labor-Management Relations* ............3
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making ................3
ECO 310 Labor Problems* ................................3
BMA 457 Human Resource Theory & Program Design ....3

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Spring:
BMA 446 Employment Law* .............................3
BMA 452 Strategic Management & Business Policy ....4
BMA 456 Compensation Management* .................3
Free Electives (3 hours must be outside the college) ..6

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Legal Studies in Business

Junior Year
Fall:
BMA 342 Legal Environment of Business ............3
BMA 352 Managing in Organizations ................3
FIN 322 Business Finance ................................3
MTG 315 Principles of Marketing .....................3
Behavioral Science or free elective course ...........3

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Spring:
BMA 345 Law of Business* ..............................3
BMA 356 Human Resource Management* ............3
BMA 357 Leadership & Interpersonal Behavior ......3
BMA 372 Information Technology ........................3
BUS 220 Career Planning Strategies ..................1
ENG 300, 301, 304, 305, or 306 Advanced Writing ....3

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1 Hour does not count toward 124 needed for graduation.
Senior Year
Fall:
BMA 353 Operations Management ....................3
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making ................3
BMA 395 Real Estate Principles* .......................3
BMA Elective ...........................................3
Free Elective outside FCBA ..............................3

Spring:
BMA 446 Employment Law* .............................3
BMA 452 Strategic Management & Business Policy .....4
IB 306 Intro. to International Business ................2
*Choice of ECO 352, ECO 362, PLS 317, PLS 459,
  PLS 460 ..............................................3
ECO Jr.-Sr. Elective or free elective outside FCBA ......3

Those not choosing a concentration may choose from
a broad array of courses to satisfy the twelve hours of
BMA electives and the economics junior-senior elective.

Junior Year
Fall:
BMA 342 Legal Environment of Business ..............3
BMA 352 Managing in Organizations ..................3
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making ................3
FIN 322 Business Finance ................................3
MTG 315 Principles of Marketing .......................3

Spring:
BMA 356 Human Resource Management ..............3
BMA 357 Leadership & Interpersonal Behavior ........3
BMA Elective ...........................................3
BUS 220 Career Planning Strategies ...................1
ENG 300, 301, 304, 305, or 306 Advanced Writing ....3
Economics Junior-Senior Elective .......................3

Senior Year
Fall:
BMA 353 Operations Management ....................3
BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making ................3
BMA electives ..........................................6
Behavioral science or free elective outside FCBA ....3

Spring:
BMA 452 Strategic Management & Business Policy .....4
BMA 372 Information Technology ........................4
BMA electives ..........................................6
IB 306 International Business .........................2
Free elective outside the FCBA ........................1

Spring:
BMA 446 Employment Law* .............................3
BMA 452 Strategic Management & Business Policy .....4
IB 306 Intro. to International Business ................2
*Choice of ECO 352, ECO 362, PLS 317, PLS 459,
  PLS 460 ..............................................3
ECO Jr.-Sr. Elective or free elective outside FCBA ......3

Those not choosing a concentration may choose from
a broad array of courses to satisfy the twelve hours of
BMA electives and the economics junior-senior elective.

Requirements for the entrepreneurship major are as
follows:
BMA 382 Entrepreneurship
BMA 383 Small Business Management
BMA/FIN 384 Entrepreneurial Finance, or
ATG 204 Cost Accounting
BMA 356 Human Resource Management
MTG 381 Integrated Marketing Communications,
MTG 393 Retailing, or MTG 410 Services Marketing

Two of the following:
BMA 385 Technology Entrepreneurship
BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior
BMA 488 Internship in Entrepreneurship
BMA 489 Topics in Entrepreneurship

One of the following:
ECO 335 Managerial Economics
ECO 310 Labor Problems

Entrepreneurship majors must satisfactorily complete
at least 15 hours of BMA-prefixed courses at Bradley
University. Students should note that some courses are
offered only once each year. Students should consult with
their advisor to ensure that the correct courses are taken.
The following sequence of courses is typical for students
majoring in entrepreneurship.
Management Minor
The minor in management provides students with essential background, understanding, knowledge, and skill in the practice of management. The minor in management will provide students with foundations and skills to complement the focus area of their respective majors and, importantly, enhance personal career plans.

The minor is comprised of 15 semester hours of study. The 15-hour minor includes required management foundations (9 hours) and selected management electives (6 hours). The requirements for the minor are outlined below.

Students whose major is from the Foster College of Business Administration must have at least 12 hours in courses that are unique from those used to fulfill their major requirements.

Required Management Foundations:
- BMA 352 Managing in Organizations .................. 3
- BMA 356 Human Resource Management ............... 3
- BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior .......... 3

Elective Courses (Choose two from the following):
- BMA 272 Mgmt. Applications of Personal Computers .... 3
- BMA 342 The Legal Environment of Business .......... 3
- BMA 353 Operations Management .................... 3
- BMA 355 Labor Management Relations .................. 3
- BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making ................. 3
- BMA 382 Entrepreneurship ................................ 3
- BMA 383 Small Business Management .................. 3
- BMA 446 Employment Law ................................ 3
- BMA 456 Compensation Management ................... 3
- BMA 459 Topics in Management ......................... 3

Students who desire to minor in management must be approved by the chair of the Department of Business Management and Administration prior to enrolling in the program. The chair must also approve recording the completion of the minor on the transcript. Transfer policies for minors are the same as those for Foster College of Business Administration majors. Prior approval of transfer credit must be secured from the chair of the Department of Business Management and Administration.

Course Descriptions

BMA 172 Business Computer Skills & Applications 1 hr.
Implementation of spreadsheet software to solve business problems covering both introductory and intermediate skills. Review and extension of presentation skills using common presentation software. Use of linking functionality between varied applications to create integrated presentations. Brief introduction to the data analysis functions of spreadsheet software and specialized statistical analysis software. May not be counted for degree credit in the Foster College of Business Administration. Pass/Fail. Prerequisite: business major or minor or consent of department chair.

BMA 272 Management Applications of Personal Computers 3 hrs.
Survey of computer applications in business, personal computers, and business information systems. Emphasis on personal computer applications from the perspective of the individual user. Intermediate-level software packages. Prerequisite: BMA 172 or successful completion of Foster College of Business Administration computer proficiency exams.

BMA 275 Business Applications Using Visual Basic 3 hrs.
Object oriented business application development using Visual Basic. Emphasis on object classes, events and properties, and data structures, controls, and objects. Prerequisites: CIS 102, BMA 272; or consent of instructor.

BMA 315 Risk Management & Insurance Issues & Practice 3 hrs.
The fundamental aspects of risk management and insurance (RMI). Emphasis on understanding the nature of risk assessment, control, and financing activities for organization. RMI policy issues impacting the firm (e.g., discrimination, health care and financing, environmentalism). Cross-listed as RMI 315. Prerequisites: junior/senior standing.

1Hour does not count toward 124 needed for graduation.

BMA 345 Law of Business 3 hrs. Principles of law in commercial paper, agency, business organizations, sales, and contracts, with application of the commercial code. Prerequisite: BMA 342.


BMA 353 Operations Management 3 hrs. Survey of issues and methods related to designing, implementing, and controlling production systems. Project management, production planning, quality control, just-in-time techniques, and strategic importance of operations management. Prerequisites: QM 263; BMA 352.

BMA 355 Labor-Management Relations 3 hrs. Collective bargaining as a social innovation in labor-management relations. Current public policy, major substantive issues in management and union policies, and tactics in collective bargaining and dispute settlement. Case studies. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing; BMA 352 or consent of BMA department chair.


BMA 357 Leadership and Interpersonal Behavior 3 hrs. Recognition, development, and practice of organizational leadership skills. Enhancing interpersonal dynamics and relationships. Organizational politics and interpersonal influence, creativity and innovation, negotiation and conflict resolution. Handling problem situations; effectively utilizing diverse talents and personalities. Introduction to major leadership and interpersonal development techniques. Case studies. Prerequisite: BMA 352.

BMA 358 Managerial Decision Making 3 hrs. Descriptive and prescriptive approaches; formal and informal methods. Emphasis on subjective judgments and choices. Prerequisites: BMA 352 or 6 hours psychology and/or sociology; a 3-credit-hour course in statistics.

BMA 372 Information Technology 3 hrs. Technological advances in information systems. Awareness of and sensitivity to the effects of information technology on organizations. Management of information resources. Access to and use of information for competitive and strategic purposes. Industry trends, technological innovations, and issues of information literacy including identification of and access to information resources. Prerequisites: junior/senior standing; Foster College of Business Administration computer skills proficiency requirement. (Not open to students with 3 hours credit in BMA 172.)

BMA 373 Business Data Communications 3 hrs. Study of the theories, design and technologies utilized in modern business data communications networks. Study of the functionality, performance and management of multiple network designs. Prerequisites: BMA 272 and junior/senior standing.


BMA 375 Business Systems Analysis and Design 3 hrs. Information systems in business applications. Emphasis on relationship of information systems planning to overall business goals, policies, plans, management style, and industry condition; analysis, design, and implementation of information systems. Overview of future trends in data management. Prerequisites: BMA 272 and junior/senior standing.

BMA 382 Entrepreneurship 3 hrs. Activities involved in starting, financing, growing, and harvesting a new business venture. Entrepreneurs and their behavior, analysis of opportunities, obtaining capital, and venture strategies. Prerequisite: BMA 352. (Not open to students who have had BMA 359.)

BMA 383 Small Business Management 3 hrs. Management and operation of a small business. Marketing, human resources, financing, and administration plans directly related to the small company. Prerequisite: BMA 352. (Not open to students who have had BMA 451.)

BMA 384 Entrepreneurial Finance 3 hrs. Planning and strategies involved in starting or expanding a business. Emphasis on capitalization, record keeping, liquidity management, fixed asset management, financial analysis, expansion strategies, establishing firm value, and exiting the firm. Cross-listed with FIN 384. Prerequisites: BMA 352; FIN 322.


BMA 395 Real Estate Principles 3 hrs. Basic principles of real estate and real estate practices in property rights (contracts, deeds, and mortgages), property ownership, financing and management, real estate brokerage, valuation, planning, public housing, and urban renewal. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing.

BMA 446 Employment Law 3 hrs. Legal issues surrounding employment-at-will and collective bargaining, including hiring and firing, discrimination, workers’ compensation, personnel handbooks, alcohol and drug abuse, federal wage and hour law, and federal labor law. Prerequisites: BMA 342, 352.
BMA 450  Competitive Strategy  3 hrs.
Concepts, principles, and techniques of developing strategy in competitive markets. Case studies for analysis of firms’ strategic maneuvering. Simulation exercises on strategic decision making in competitive market structures. Prerequisites: BMA 352; FIN 322; MTG 315.

BMA 452  Strategic Management and Business Policy  4 hrs.
Integrated capstone course. Top level management activities; strategic analysis, planning, strategy development, policy formulation and implementation. Case material and applied projects. Prerequisites: FIN 322; BMA 352; MTG 315; senior standing.

BMA 456  Compensation Management  3 hrs.
Financial returns, tangible services, and benefits employees receive. Prerequisite: BMA 356.

Activities associated with the human resources function. Emphasis on the theoretical, technical, and legal aspects of selecting, developing, and maintaining employees. Prerequisites: BMA 356.

BMA 459  Topics in Management  3 hrs.
Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic and prerequisite stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under different topics for a maximum of six hours credit.

BMA 478  Implementing Business Computer Systems  3 hrs.
Development of a business computer system application with the life cycle methodology. Specific concepts and skills of project management. Team projects. Prerequisites: BMA 375.

BMA 479  Topics in Business Computer Systems  3 hrs.
Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under different topics for a maximum of six hours credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor and department chair.

BMA 488  Internship in Entrepreneurship  1-3 hrs. each
Supervised experience with an approved new or emerging firm or with an agency providing assistance to emerging high-technology firms. Application of entrepreneurship skills. Written application required (available from internship director). May be repeated for a maximum of 3 hours. Prerequisites: junior standing; entrepreneurship major; 2.5 overall GPA; at least one entrepreneurship-related course.

BMA 489  Topics in Entrepreneurship  3 hrs.
Topics of special interest, which may vary each time the course is offered. Topic and prerequisite stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under different topics for a maximum of six hours credit. Prerequisite: junior standing.

BMA 498, 499  Independent Studies  1-3 hrs. each
Studies undertaken by academically qualified students under the guidance of a faculty member, with the approval of the chair of the Department of Business Management and Administration. Business Management and Administration majors only. Prerequisite: junior/ senior standing.