



Graduate Business Programs - FAQs

What is needed for the application process?

- Only two requirements – a [completed application](#) and all official undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Please have your transcripts sent directly to our Admissions team.

Do you require GMAT or GRE entrance exams?

- No, GMAT or GRE entrance exams are no longer a requirement.

What's the best way to send my official transcripts?

- We suggest sending them electronically either through your school's Registrar, [Parchment](#), or [National Student Clearinghouse](#). When ordering, have it sent to Saint Francis University, and we will upload it to your application.

What if I haven't graduated yet?

- If you have not yet completed your undergraduate degree, you can upload a copy of your unofficial transcript to your application or send it to admissions@francis.edu. Once you graduate, you will follow the steps above to send your official transcript.

Can I still be accepted if I haven't completed my undergraduate degree yet?

- Yes. You can be conditionally accepted into the program pending receipt of your official transcript. With a conditional acceptance, you'll still be able to access your student account and register for classes.

Is there a GPA requirement for your programs?

- Yes, the GPA requirements are as follows:
 - o MBA – 3.0
 - o MHRM – 3.0
 - o MASL – 2.8

What is the cost?

- The cost per credit is \$875. Each course is 3 credits, so the cost per course is \$2,625. Our MBA program is 36 graduate credits. Our MHRM and MASL programs consist of 30 graduate credits.

Can I take this program if I am on an F-1 Student Visa?

- Unfortunately, no. This program is classified as fully online and does not meet the criteria for F1 Visa holders.

Are there any prerequisites needed?

- Our MHRM and MASL do not require any prerequisite courses. Our MBA program has three basic core courses – Financial Accounting, Macroeconomics, and a statistics course. These courses may be waived if you have already completed them during your undergraduate degree. You do not need to have them all completed before beginning courses in the MBA program. Our director will be able to guide you through this process.

Are there any additional costs/fees?

- Additional costs include textbooks and course materials, a \$45 technology fee per semester for our learning management system, and a \$195 graduation fee.

Are there any discounts available?

- We have corporate partnerships established with employers throughout Cambria and Blair County. Please contact our Director, Haley Thomas – hthomas@francis.edu to see if your organization is a partner and receives a discount.

How long will it take me?

- The time to completion is dependent on each program as well as whether you're a full-time or part-time student. Each student's journey is different. We will help you create a schedule that stays consistent with both your personal and professional schedules.

Here's an outline:

- o MBA, Full-time – 1-2 years
- o MBA, Part-time – 2-3 years
- o MHRM, Full-time – 1-1.5 years
- o MHRM, Part-time – 2-3 years
- o MASL, Full-time – 1-1.5 years
- o MASL, Part-time – 2-3 years

How many program entry points are there in a year and when are they?

- There are seven entry points for graduate students to begin classes every year. They include the months of August, October, December, January, March, May, and June. Please contact the Director of Graduate Business Programs for the specific date of the next start of classes.

If I work full-time and/or have a family, will there be adequate time to complete any one of these three graduate degrees?

- Yes, many current students and alumni have successfully completed their graduate studies with challenging careers and busy family lives. All the Saint Francis University graduate programs are designed to be blended into your lives, rather than to disrupt them.

Are the Saint Francis University graduate business programs fully accredited?

- Yes, the degree programs are accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, as well the International Accreditation for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). The latter specialized business programs accreditation is not required but symbolizes a higher degree of academic quality and validation.

What are the most recent annual career placement rates for the three graduate business programs and how are they measured?

- MBA Program = 100%
- MHRM Program = 100%
- MASL Program – Not applicable, the first graduates are anticipated in May 2024

The *First Career Destination Report* tracks all Saint Francis University graduates and measures career placement or graduate school entrance using a survey to determine if a graduate has secured employment in a relevant career or was accepted in graduate program (i.e., a doctoral degree) within six months of graduation. The results reported above are for the Class of 2022.

What are the common characteristics of Faculty who teach in the graduate business programs at Saint Francis University?

- All graduate business faculty are either academically qualified with doctoral degrees or hold alternative professional degrees, and certifications, tempered by professional experience that are relevant to their respective teaching assignments. All program faculty are accessible and supportive of student learning and success.