

Brock School of Business and McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Joint Degree Programs

MBA/PharmD

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A joint degree program offered between the Brock School of Business and the McWhorter School of Pharmacy allows students to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degrees concurrently. The joint degree program offers students an opportunity to earn two degrees in a reduced amount of time through credit sharing. The business school will apply 6 credits of pharmacy coursework to satisfy work required under the regular MBA curriculum. McWhorter School of Pharmacy will apply 4 credits of business coursework to satisfy some of the elective work required under the regular pharmacy curriculum. See the pharmacy advisor for details about MBA courses that count toward the PharmD. The net result is that students in this program are required to complete 30-39 credits of business coursework and 137 credits of pharmacy coursework.

The MBA program requires applicants to hold an accredited undergraduate degree, but welcomes and encourages students from all academic backgrounds.

MBA Admissions Procedures

Samford's Brock School of Business Graduate Programs welcomes applications from students with solid academic ability, clear managerial potential, and a bachelor's degree.

Academic ability is evaluated on the basis of the undergraduate and graduate academic records, scores on the GMAT or GRE, and a recommendation.

To be considered for admission to Samford University's MBA/PharmD program, applicants must submit the following materials to the Brock School of Business:

1. A completed Brock School of Business joint degree application form (do not fill out the online Banner application)
2. Joint Degree Procedures Form
3. A resume reflecting work experience and other accomplishments. Please send your resume electronically to gradbusi@samford.edu.
4. A copy of your original undergraduate transcript(s) from the Pharmacy Student Records or Admissions Office sent electronically to gradbusi@samford.edu
5. A joint degree recommendation waiver form including your recommender's contact information. Copies of pharmacy school recommendations will not be accepted.
6. A GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) or GRE (Graduate Record Exam) score

General Policies

Joint Degree Completion: Students must complete both curriculums before either degree is awarded. Graduates will receive both their PharmD and MBA degrees in the same semester.

Graduating with the PharmD before the MBA: A student may choose to drop the joint degree in order to earn the PharmD earlier. The Brock School of Business will accept shared credit from the pharmacy school upon later readmission to the MBA as long as the student: 1) began the joint degree before graduating with the PharmD 2) was a student in good standing in BSOB and 3) requests readmission to restart MBA classes within one full semester after PharmD graduation.

MBA Program Completion: Students must complete the MBA within seven academic years of the original date of admission to the MBA program.

GPA Calculation: Students will have two separate grade point averages -- one for business and one for pharmacy. Pharmacy school ranking and percentiles will be based on the pharmacy only GPA. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the MBA program to be in good standing.

Maximum course load: Students may register for a maximum of 21 credits per full semester. Students may petition to exceed this maximum course load with permission of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

MBA/PharmD FAQ

Can I start MBA classes in the summer?

Yes. The BSOB offers two 5-week summer sessions. Students can complete up to four courses in the summer.

How do I waive or test out of the prerequisite courses?

Please see the curriculum checklist for details about waiving the courses. Because there are several options for completing these prerequisite courses, it is best to meet with a BSOB advisor to discuss your options.

What is the minimum GMAT or GRE score?

The minimum score required is a 480 GMAT or [GRE equivalent](#) score (using the ETS comparison tool for business schools).

Will I need to pay extra tuition for the MBA?

Tuition for the MBA is charged separately on a per credit basis. Please see the Bursar's Office website for current tuition and fee rates.

MBA Curriculum Checklist for MBA/PharmD

Course number	Course Title	
MBA Program Credits		30-39
MBA Prerequisite Courses*		0-9
ACCT 511	Financial Accounting for Managers	3
ECON 512	Foundations of Economics	3
FINC 514	Corporate Finance	3
MBA Core Courses		30
BUSA 505	Managerial Communications and Analysis**	3
ACCT 519	Accounting for Decision Making	3
ECON 520	Economics of Competitive Strategy	3
FINC 521	Managerial Finance	3
BUSA 533	MIS & Communications Technology	3
MNGT 535	HR and Organization Management	3
MARK 541	Marketing Strategy	3
BUSA 551	Operations Management	3
BUSA 552	Managing Corporate Integrity	3
MNGT 561	Strategic Management***	3
Shared PharmD Credits (choose 6 credits from the list below)		6
PHRX 415	Financial Management	3
PHRX 674	Association Management	4
PHRX 673	Pharmacy Management	4
Total Credits for the MBA		36-45

* Exemption from ACCT 511, ECON 512, and FINC 514 may be awarded with an earned a C- or better in an approved undergraduate accounting, economics, or finance course at a regionally accredited institution. Students without an equivalent business course may attempt to test out of the course. Please contact the Academic Programs Office for further details.

**To be taken during the first semester in the MBA program

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