

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 1977, the Master of Business Administration program became the first graduate program in the College of Business to be offered at St. Ambrose University. In 1984, the program was officially named the H.L. McLaughlin MBA program after a prominent area businessman. Over thirty years later, the program continues to evolve to meet the needs of business professionals and the organizations they serve.

the ambrose difference

- > **Flexible and individualized.** The H.L. McLaughlin MBA program at each of its six locations provides an ideal educational opportunity for busy professionals. St. Ambrose MBA students are able to earn a nationally accredited master of business administration degree attending class in the evenings while maintaining their career full-time.
- > **An integrative curriculum.** In today's business world, more corporations are solving complex problems by bringing together departmental representatives to tackle projects as teams, where members must understand each other's function and role in the process to be successful. The St. Ambrose MBA curriculum is designed with these particular business needs in mind. The St. Ambrose approach is totally integrated: integration of business disciplines, integration of people in teams, plus integration of values and practice. The result—St. Ambrose MBA graduates are able to design solutions for today's complex organizational environments.
- > **Experienced and engaged faculty.** One of the program's greatest strengths is faculty who bring to the classroom a mixture of academic training and experience-based perspective, a teaching commitment focused on student learning, and an emphasis on ethics, social responsibility and leadership.

mission The mission of the H.L. McLaughlin MBA program is to provide broad theoretical and practical graduate level business education and skills, with an emphasis on social responsibility. Faculty focus is on student learning, preparing graduates to understand the complexities of business and solve diverse business problems.

accreditation The St. Ambrose H.L. McLaughlin MBA program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). St. Ambrose University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The university's College of Business is a member of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International.

program structure Typically, students complete the MBA program in a little over two years by taking one course per session for 13 sessions. There are two eight-week sessions in the fall, two eight-week sessions in the spring, and one summer session. An accelerated format is available on the Davenport campus where students can complete their degree in as little as nine months. Each class meets in the evening for four hours once a week. MBA 690 and one elective class are scheduled in a week-long format.

curriculum The MBA degree requires successful completion of 39 credit hours. MBA candidates must complete 12 required courses and one elective course. All courses are 3 credit hours.

MBA 600	Data Analysis for Decision Making
MBA 605	Integrative Business Systems
MBA 606	Accounting for Managers
MBA 615	The Ethical and Social Responsibility of Business
MBA 621	Human Behavior in Organizations
MBA 626	Managerial Economics
MBA 670	Operations Management
MBA 675	Financial Management
MBA 680	Marketing Management
MBA 690	Leadership Through People Skills
MBA 800	Strategic Management
MBA 801	Integrative Project (prereq. 8 courses or with permission)
Elective	One 700-level course (3 credit hours) at the discretion of the student, with approval of the advisor.

admission requirements Students may be admitted for the first eight-week module of the fall or spring terms. The Admissions Committee evaluates each candidate as an individual. The admission decision is based on: work experience, undergraduate course work and academic achievement, performance on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), life experiences and professional achievements. The expectation is that all candidates will have basic readiness in business concepts and quantitative methods.

- > Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any field may apply for admission to the St. Ambrose University H.L. McLaughlin MBA program. Students without a bachelor's degree in a business field are strongly encouraged to prepare themselves for graduate study in business in one or more of the following ways:
 1. Take undergraduate courses (earning grades of "B" or better) in economics, statistics, financial accounting, management and human resources.
 2. Take Pre-MBA courses offered by the College of Business.
 3. Directed self-study.
- > Official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate school attended must be sent to the MBA office.

- > Candidates for the MBA program must submit an official score from the GMAT. We recommend the GMAT be taken very early in the admissions process and we urge thorough preparation for the exam. No GMAT score older than five years is accepted, unless a candidate has already successfully completed a business related graduate program. Candidates who have taken another graduate admissions test, such as the General Records Examination (GRE), or who have successfully completed a graduate program in any field, will be examined on a case-by-case basis to determine the need for a GMAT score.
- > Each candidate must complete and submit a professional portfolio, which includes the following:
 1. A 1–2 page essay discussing: development of professional skills to date; ambition to expand on skills and abilities while in the St. Ambrose MBA program; progress toward short-term and long-term life and career goals; and plans to achieve these goals through the St. Ambrose MBA degree program.
 2. A professional resume.
 3. Two letters of recommendation which address the student's achievements to date and ability to succeed in graduate school.
- > A minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper) or 213 (computer) or IBT score of 79–80 is required for an international student whose native language or undergraduate experience is not in English.

Admission decisions will be made based on a thorough review of all application materials and the case applicants make for themselves.

financial assistance The St. Ambrose University Office for Financial Aid provides information on loans for graduate studies. In addition, the College of Business has a limited number of research assistantships available.

international students Contact the International Student Services office at global@sau.edu for more information on admission requirements and academic guidelines for your specific visa type.

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