



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-five years later, the program continues to evolve to meet the needs of business professionals and the organizations they serve.

## The St. Ambrose Difference

- > **Flexible and individualized.** The H.L. McLaughlin MBA program 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. Students also have the option of convenient online courses.
- > **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.

**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 where students can complete their degree in as little as 15 months. Each class meets in the evening for four hours once a week.

# Master of Business Administration The H.L. McLaughlin MBA Program



**Curriculum** The MBA degree requires successful completion of 39 credit hours. MBA candidates must complete ten required courses and three elective courses. All courses are 3 credit hours.

MBA 600	Data Analysis for Decision Making
MBA 606	Accounting for Managers
MBA 615	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
Electives	Three 700-level courses (3 credit hours each) at the discretion of the student, with approval of the advisor.

One additional elective can get you a concentration of your choice: Human Resource Management, International Management, Marketing Management or Leadership.

**Students also have the option of convenient online courses. Get your MBA 100% online!**

**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.
- > 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 before starting their second semester in the program. Students may be conditionally accepted without the GMAT. 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 personal goals statement 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 resumé.
3. Two letters of recommendation which address the student's achievements to date and ability to succeed in graduate school.
4. Official undergraduate transcript, sent to the MBA office.

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** Visa holders are subject to federal nonimmigrant laws that vary based on visa type. For information on admission requirements and academic guidelines for specific visa types, contact International Admissions at [international@sau.edu](mailto:international@sau.edu).

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