Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Master of Science in Analytics Combined Degree Program

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Student’s Advisory Committee

The Mays MBA student’s advisory committee consists of the Director of the Mays MBA Program, or the Assistant or Associate Dean for Graduate Programs within the Mays Business School. The Director or the Assistant or Associate Dean has the responsibility of approving the proposed degree plan for an MBA student. When necessary, recommendations in cases of academic deficiency will be made to the Graduate and Professional School.

Degree Plan

The degree plan must be completed and processed by the MBA office and filed with the Graduate and Professional School prior to the deadline imposed by the student’s college and no later than dates announced in the GPS calendar of deadlines for graduation. It is recommended that a student who is planning to take additional courses after the completion of the Mays MBA core courses meet with the academic advisor in the Mays MBA Program Office. Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition.

Course Requirement

The Mays MBA Program offers an accelerated MBA for a minimum of 49 credit hours with some options for customizations. A student has the option of choosing a certificate program or specialization coursework in addition to the core degree requirements making the total credit hours of the program up to 61. The details of the certificates and specializations are found on the Mays MBA website (http://mays.tamu.edu/full-time-mba/).

Transfer of Credit

Because of the nature and structure of the Mays MBA program, the transfer of credit for the MBA core courses is not accepted.

Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses

Normally the use of such courses is not permitted within the Mays MBA core courses.

For non-distance degree programs, no more than 50 percent of the credit hours required for the program may be completed through distance education courses.

Final Examination

A final oral examination is not required for the Master of Business Administration degree.

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Student’s Advisory Committee

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The Mays MS Analytics student’s advisory committee consists of the Director of the Mays MS Analytics Program, or the Assistant or Associate Dean for Graduate Programs within the Mays Business School. The Director or the Assistant or Associate Dean has the responsibility of approving the standardized degree plan for each MS Analytics student. When necessary, recommendations in cases of academic deficiency will be made to the Graduate and Professional School.

Degree Plan

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The student’s advisory committee, in consultation with the student, will develop the proposed degree plan. The degree plan must be completed and filed with the Graduate and Professional School prior to the deadline imposed by the student’s college or interdisciplinary degree program, if applicable, and no later than 90 days prior to the date of the final oral examination or thesis defense.

A student should submit the degree plan using the online Document Processing Submission System (http://ogsdpss.tamu.edu/).

A student submitting a proposed degree plan for a Master of Science degree should designate on the official degree plan the appropriate program option.

Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition if it is deemed necessary by the advisory committee to correct deficiencies in the student’s academic preparation. No changes can be made to the degree plan once the student’s Request for Final Examination or Request for Final Examination Exemption is approved by the Graduate and Professional School.
Please see the student handbook for additional academic standards, requirements, and processes.

**Credit Requirement**  
**On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

A minimum of 36 semester credit hours of approved coursework is required for the non-thesis option.

Ordinarily the student will devote the major portion of his or her time to work in one or two closely related fields. Other work will be in supporting fields of interest.

**Transfer of Credit**  
**On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

Due to our cohort model, the MS in Analytics program does not accept transfer of credit or substitutions.

**Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses**  
**On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

Some departments may have more restrictive requirements for transfer work. If otherwise acceptable, certain courses may be used toward meeting credit-hour requirements for the master’s degree under the following limitations.

Courses previously used for another degree are not acceptable for degree plan credit.

For non-distance degree programs, no more than 50 percent of the credit hours required for the program may be completed through distance education courses.

To receive a graduate degree from Texas A&M University, students must earn one-third or more of the credits through the institution's own direct instruction. This limitation also applies to joint degree programs.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student's advisory committee and approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

**Thesis Option**  
**On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

Please note that the thesis option does not apply to the MS in Analytics program.

**Non-Thesis Option**  
**On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

A final oral examination is not required for the Master of Science in Analytics degree.

A student pursuing the non-thesis option is not allowed to enroll in 691 (Research) for any reason and 691 may not be used for credit toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. A maximum of 4 credit hours of 684 (Professional Internship), 8 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies), and up to 3 credit hours of 690 (Theory of Research) or 695 (Frontiers in Research) may be used toward the non-thesis option Master of Science degree. In addition, any combination of 684, 685, 690, and 695 may not exceed 25 percent of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree plan. All requirements for the non-thesis option Master of Science degree other than those specified above are the same as for the thesis option degree.

The department head or the chair of an intercollegiate faculty (if appropriate) for the program may approve an exception for a PhD student who changes to a non-thesis option MS degree program after at least one year of PhD studies to use 691 credits toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. The department head or chair of an intercollegiate faculty (if appropriate) for the program may approve an exception for a master's student who changes from a MS thesis option degree to a MS non-thesis option degree program to use 691 credits toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. In both cases, the student is allowed to use a maximum of 8 credit hours of 685 and 691 combined. Departments, Colleges, and Interdisciplinary Degree Programs may opt to establish higher standards. Further any combination of 684, 685, 690, 691, and 695 may not exceed 25 percent of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree plan. All requirements for the non-thesis option Master of Science degree other than those specified above are the same as for the thesis option degree.