

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS

Mays Business School offers a graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Science (MS) in Business.

The Mays MS Business Program has an action-based, purposely designed curriculum intended to help students develop core business acumen, cultivate leadership skills, and dynamically enhance their professional marketability in an increasingly competitive job market. All core course enrollments are handled through the Mays MS Business Program Office.

Enrollment in the 11-month program and related courses is restricted to students possessing a non-business undergraduate degree and less than 12 months of post-graduation work experience.

Details regarding the Mays MS Business Program curriculum may be obtained by visiting the MS Business Program Office or the program website (<https://mays.tamu.edu/graduate/masters/4plus1/ms-business/>). The Mays MS Business Program is a non-thesis degree for which a final oral examination is not required. The program commences once annually in early summer. Admission to the program is in early Summer only. Mays Business School is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) at all program levels.

Steps to Fulfill a Masters Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#stepstofulfillgraduateprogramtext>)

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## Student's Advisory Committee

The Mays MS Business student's advisory committee consists of the Director of the Mays MS Business 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 Business 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 MS Business program office and filed with the Graduate and Professional School prior to the deadline imposed by the student's college and no later than the dates announced in the Graduate and Professional School calendar of deadlines for graduation.

## Course Requirement

The course requirements for the Mays MS Business degree consist of 36 credit hours, 20 hours of which are core business courses and 16 hours of which are Business Administration (BUAD) courses.

## Transfer of Credit

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

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

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.

1. Normally the use of transfer, extension, and other courses is not permitted within the Mays MS Business coursework.
2. For non-distance degree programs, no more than 50 percent of the non-research coursework required for the program may be completed through distance education courses.

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.

## Final Examination

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

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## Residence

A student must complete 36 credit hours in resident study at Texas A&M University to satisfy the residence requirement for the Master of Science in Business degree.

See Residence Requirements (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>).

## Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until seven years after the end of the semester in which it is taken. Graduate credit for coursework which is more than seven calendar years old may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

## Scholastic Requirements

To maintain good academic standing and to be eligible for graduation, a Mays MS Business student must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.000 GPA in each block of the Mays MS Business Program. A degree-seeking graduate student is considered to be scholastically deficient if either his

or her cumulative GPA or the GPA for courses listed on the degree plan falls below 3.000.

In the event a degree-seeking graduate student becomes scholastically deficient, he or she may be subject to one of the following actions, initiated by a recommendation from the Director of the Mays MS Business Program or the Assistant or Associate Dean for Graduate Programs within the Mays Business School:

1. Permitted to continue in the program on scholastic probation. A student failing to attain a 3.000 GPA by the end of the next block may be dismissed from the program.
2. Immediate dismissal from the program due to the severity of the scholastic deficiency.

The Director of the Mays MS Business Program or the Assistant or Associate Dean for Graduate Programs will evaluate all scholastic probation students at the end of each of the program's blocks and take appropriate action. When necessary, recommendations regarding the blocking of the student from further enrollment will be made to the Graduate and Professional School.

A student who withdraws or is dismissed from the Mays MS Business Program may not reenter the program. An exception may be granted in the case of voluntary withdrawal in good academic standing with prior approval at the time of withdrawal from the Director of the Mays MS Business Program or the Assistant or Associate Dean of Graduate Programs. A student who withdraws, or who is dismissed from the program, after the University deadline for refunds will not receive any refund of tuition and fees.

Please see the student handbook for additional academic standards, requirements, and processes.

## **Foreign Languages**

No specific language requirement exists for the Master of Science in Business degree.

## **Application for Degree**

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>) section.