

2012-2013 Graduate Calendar

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The MBA program is administered and managed by the College of Management and Economics (CME), through the Executive Programs Office. The MBA currently has three fields; 1) Food and Agribusiness Management and 2) Hospitality and Tourism Management and 3) Sustainable Commerce which are offered in partnership with academic units: the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (in the Ontario Agricultural College), the Department of Business (in CME), the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management (in CME), the Department of Economics and Finance (in CME) and the Department of Marketing and Consumer Studies (in CME).

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MBA Program

Admission Requirements

1. A four-year undergraduate degree or its equivalent (from a recognized university) with an average of at least a B-(70-72%) in the last two years of study AND at least three years of industry related experience including supervisory and managerial responsibility **OR**
2. In special circumstances, a student may be admitted under alternate criteria.

In some cases the admissions committee may ask for a Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT).

Program Overview

The MBA course of study is based on the application of contemporary management concepts and strategies to industries where the University of Guelph has distinctive capabilities. Upon admission, participants choose an industry focus for their program. Currently, the industry concentrations available to students include Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Food and Agribusiness Management and Sustainable Commerce. Other industry concentrations are being discussed for future development.

The Guelph program involves a core group of courses that build and develop key managerial skills, courses that allow students to apply concepts and skills to management situations in their chosen industry, and course work is followed by industry-related research culminating in a major project or thesis. Case studies are widely used. Program prerequisites include relevant experience in the participant's chosen industry.

Core Courses

Participants complete seven core courses, which provide a foundation for graduate management education. These courses build and develop key managerial skills applicable in the private and public sectors of the economy. The core program is specifically geared to today's manager- leader, team player, decision maker and coach:

AGBU*6700	[0.50]	Special Topics in Agribusiness Management
BUS*6130	[0.50]	General Environment of Business
BUS*6180	[0.50]	Financial and Managerial Accounting
BUS*6200	[0.50]	Financial Management
HTM*6050	[0.50]	Management Communications
HTM*6110	[0.50]	Foundations of Leadership
HTM*6140	[0.50]	Foundations of Human Resource Management
HTM*6150	[0.50]	Research Methods for Managers
or		
AGBU*6070	[0.50]	Research Methods for Managers
HTM*6700	[0.50]	Strategic Management
or		
AGBU*6400	[0.50]	Strategic Management

Specialization Courses

Food and Agribusiness Management

The Food and Agribusiness Management specialization is designed to prepare graduates for advanced careers in the food, agribusiness and production agriculture sectors.

Working with faculty of CME and the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, participants complete advanced courses related to the food and agribusiness sector:

AGBU*6100	[0.50]	Food and Agribusiness Economics and Policy
AGBU*6120	[0.50]	Marketing Management
AGBU*6510	[0.50]	Managing Price Risk
HTM*6800	[0.50]	Operations Management

Hospitality and Tourism Management

The Hospitality and Tourism Management specialization is designed to prepare graduates for advanced careers in the accommodation, food service and tourism industries.

Working with faculty from the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, participants complete advanced courses related to the hospitality and tourism sector:

HTM*6510	[0.50]	Hospitality and Tourism Revenue Management
HTM*6300	[0.50]	Hospitality and Tourism Marketing
HTM*6530	[0.50]	Safety, Security and Risk Assessment in HTM
HTM*6550	[0.50]	Managing Service Quality

In addition, the program allows participants to choose to complete the requirements for the MBA degree by additional elective courses or by the completion of a major research project.

Sustainable Commerce

The Sustainable Commerce specialization is designed to prepare graduates for advanced careers in which sustainability is a key business objective.

Working with faculty of CME and the Department of Geography, participants complete advanced courses related to sustainable commerce sector:

BUS*3000	[]	
GEOG*6281	[0.50]	Environmental Management and Governance
AGBU*6120	[0.50]	Marketing Management /
HTM*6300	[0.50]	Hospitality and Tourism Marketing
HTM*6590	[0.50]	Organizational Theory and Design

In addition, the program allows participants to choose to complete the requirements for the MBA degree by additional elective courses or by the completion of a major research project.

Major Research Project

The major research project is comprised of developing a research proposal, researching an applied management problem and requires data collection, analysis and the ability to link understanding of the problem with an appropriate body of literature.

Degree Requirements

MBA Online

The University of Guelph Executive Master of Business Administration (Online) program operates on a full cost recovery basis delivering a highly successful distance learning program that is a combination of electronic coursework and three residential periods.

Guelph's MBA program offers specializations in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Food and Agribusiness Management and Sustainable Commerce and requires completion of thirteen courses and a major research project or fifteen courses.

Online courses are offered as 8-week modules that require approximately 20 hours of study per week. With Internet service you can study anywhere, anytime with the flexibility that enables you to balance family, career and study priorities.

The three residential components are held at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada in the summer of each year.

Program Time Commitment and Duration

Participants normally complete the Online MBA within two years. Regulations state that participants must complete the program within six years. Courses are completed in sequence and are typically two months in length. Students are expected to devote 20 to 25 study hours per week to participate in the program.

MBA On Campus

Note

This program is not offered in 2012 but will be reintroduced May 2013.

The MBA on-campus program is designed for people who wish to complete the MBA in one intensive year of study.

The MBA on campus program also requires completion of thirteen courses and a major research project or the program may be completed entirely by coursework by completing fifteen courses.

The courses are completed on campus at the University of Guelph. Participants complete required coursework in three consecutive semesters beginning annually in May finishing with the capstone course the following May.

Special Stream

Beginning in May 2013 a special stream of the On Campus MBA will be offered: "MBA for a Better Planet". Students in this program will complete the MBA On Campus curriculum over a two year period (instead of one year) which will include the completion of a program of study and experiential learning in international development, and a major research project relating to food security and economic development in a developing country. (Exceptions to MBA admission criteria may be made for students with International Development experience and/or education).

Computer Systems Requirements

On-Line MBA: Equipment Requirements

MBA Online participants are required to have Microsoft Office software and adequate peripherals to support the learning system, which must include CD-ROM capability and a sound card. A basic level of computer literacy is strongly recommended for the MBA program. High speed internet access is required.

Online MBA participants are solely responsible to arrange for purchase/maintenance of recommended computer systems and software, and should have a contingency plan in the event of system failure. Participants may be required to upgrade minimum hardware/software based on rapidly changing industry standards and continuous development of state-of-the-art learning tools.

For information pertaining to the computer requirements contact our program administrative staff or visit our MBA web site: <http://www.mba.uoguelph.ca/>

On Campus MBA: Equipment Requirements

It is recommended that all On Campus MBA participants have access to a laptop computer equipped with Microsoft Office software.

Courses

Food and Agribusiness Management

AGBU*6070 Research Methods for Managers W [0.50]
The objective of the course is to provide students with a working knowledge of quantitative and qualitative techniques used in the analysis of management problems. The emphasis is on the application and interpretation of quantitative and qualitative methods rather than on theoretical background.
<i>Restriction(s):</i> CME Executive Programs students only
AGBU*6100 Food and Agribusiness Economics and Policy U [0.50]
An analysis of economic and policy issues relevant for food and agribusiness managers in affluent economies, with emphasis on the economic and policy environment that exists within North America.
<i>Restriction(s):</i> CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6120 Marketing Management W [0.50]

A study of marketing decision-making in food and agribusiness firms, with emphasis on the formulation of strategic marketing plans.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6300 Problems in Agribusiness - Summer Residency S [0.50]

A seven-day intensive session, delivered at the University of Guelph, that focuses on the development of a management plan for an agribusiness organization through the use of group case studies, seminars and speakers.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6400 Strategic Management U [0.50]

An advanced course requiring the application of conceptual, analytical, problem identification, and problem solving skills to develop organizational strategy. Food, agribusiness and other cases are used to explore the development and implementation of strategy and to assess the dynamic relationship between strategy and competition.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6510 Managing Price Risk W [0.50]

The course deals with the use of futures, options and other instruments for marketing, risk management and investment purposes. Emphasis is placed on the development and implementation of trading strategies and on the policy and corporate governance framework necessary to support effective management.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6520 Marketing Research and Analysis F [0.50]

Students will learn the fundamentals of marketing research and analysis as they apply to decision-making. The key focus of the course will be on developing a marketing plan for a real product/service. Input into the marketing plan will come from actual marketing research information collected, analyzed and interpreted by participants. Students will develop and implement background-marketing research that can be used at the conclusion of the course to build the marketing plan. In addition to developing general research skills, special topics such as perceptual mapping for positioning, conjoint analysis for pricing and clustering for segmentation will be examined.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6530 Management Issues in Agriculture W [0.50]

This course discusses the application of general management concepts and practices to agricultural production. Topics include strategies farm managers can use to assess performance, set direction, build capabilities and implement change. All readings and cases are taken from the viewpoint of an owner-operator of a commercial farming operation.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6700 Special Topics in Agribusiness Management U [0.50]

A special topic course focusing on relevant business issues or problems allowing students to enhance and further develop expertise in specific areas of management. May be offered to students in any semester.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

AGBU*6800 Directed Research Project U [0.50]

A management research project leading to a referenced report focusing on selected topics of interest in agricultural business.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

Hospitality and Tourism Management**HTM*6050 Management Communications F [0.50]**

Examination of the theory, function and practice of managerial communications with particular emphasis on developing communication strategies and skills.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6110 Foundations of Leadership F [0.50]

This course will enhance students' interpersonal skills, as well as their knowledge and understanding of the theory and research underlying effective team management and collaboration on an organization. Experiential approaches are used to enhance managerial skills.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6120 Special Topics in Hospitality Organizational Behaviour F,W,S [0.50]

Advanced course for those specializing in organizational behaviour. Deals with in-depth analysis of industry organizational behaviour, management of current and future problems, reorganizations, corporate cultures, multi-cultural organizations, and ethics.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6130 Special Topics in Hospitality Organizational Behaviour F,W,S [0.50]

Advanced course for those specializing in organizational behaviour. Deals with in-depth analysis of industry organizational behaviour, management of current and future problems, reorganizations, corporate cultures, multi-cultural organizations, and ethics.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6140 Foundations of Human Resource Management W [0.50]

This course examines the essential human resource management functions of planning, staffing, employee development, compensation, health and safety, labour relations, and legal compliance, in a variety of organizational settings.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6150 Research Methods for Managers F [0.50]

Students learn to formulate a research problem, undertake a literature review, and to select and use appropriate quantitative and qualitative techniques for the collection and analysis of relevant data. The course also promotes the use of the World Wide Web as an information resource.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6170 Hospitality and Tourism Economics and Policy U [0.50]

The course introduces participants to economic and government policy issues that impact the hospitality and tourism industry. The course provides a strategic framework for understanding the macroeconomic and policy environment that is shaped by multilateral institutions, government and the hospitality and tourism industry.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6220 Special Topics in Management Issues F,W,S [0.50]

An advanced course for those specializing in management, marketing or organizational behaviour. Deals with current and future topics, trends and problems in the industry, strategic planning, and the integration of management, marketing, and organizational behaviour.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6300 Hospitality and Tourism Marketing F [0.50]

Analysis and application of marketing foundations through integration of marketing variables with real-world situations and in-depth analysis of strategic marketing issues.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6320 Special Topics in Hospitality Marketing F,W,S [0.50]

An advanced course for those specializing in marketing. Deals with marketing theories, models, and specific subsets of marketing such as pricing, consumer and industrial-buyer behaviour, distribution, services, and service-delivery concepts.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6330 Special Topics in Hospitality Marketing F,W,S [0.50]

An advanced course for those specializing in marketing. Deals with marketing theories, models, and specific subsets of marketing such as pricing, consumer and industrial-buyer behaviour, distribution, services, and service-delivery concepts.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6510 Hospitality and Tourism Revenue Management U [0.50]

This course discusses revenue maximization strategies and tactics that improve the profitability of businesses that work in fixed capacity environments, face time-varied demand, their product is homogeneous and their cost structure reflects a high proportion of fixed and a low proportion of variable cost items.

Prerequisite(s): HTM*6300

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6530 Safety, Security and Risk Assessment in HTM U [0.50]

This course profiles legal and managerial strategies, principles and operational procedures to minimize safety and security risks faced by the hospitality and tourism industries. Risk analysis and management, crisis management, liability management, and industry specific law provide the foundation for this course.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6550 Managing Service Quality S [0.50]

A holistic and interdisciplinary approach is used to explore the principles of service management. The course will enhance participants' understanding of what actually constitutes quality, the nature of service, and strategies for improving it.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6590 Organizational Theory and Design U [0.50]

Core concepts in organizational theory and their interrelationships as well as concepts such as group decision making and intragroup and intergroup dynamics are explored.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6600 International Tourism and Tourism Marketing F [0.50]

Analyzes the social, political and economic impacts of tourism on the world scene, as well as the global integration of tourism in today's society.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6620 Special Topics in Tourism F,W,S [0.50]

Advanced course for those specializing in tourism. Deals with theories of tourism generators, multi-markets, tourism multipliers, current and future trends, regulatory environments, and distributions systems.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6630 Special Topics in Tourism F,W,S [0.50]

Advanced course for those specializing in tourism. Deals with theories of tourism generators, multi-markets, tourism multipliers, current and future trends, regulatory environments, and distributions systems.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6700 Strategic Management U [0.50]

An integrative course which draws together the conceptual theories and models of the graduate program core. Utilizes conceptual, analytical, problem identification, and problem solving skills.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6800 Operations Management U [0.50]

This course applies operations research theory and practices to management problem solving and decision-making. The focus is on modelling service and product delivery systems and major emphasis is placed on managerial problems in hospitality, tourism, and food and agribusiness organizations.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

HTM*6900 Major Paper F,W,S [0.50]

A detailed critical review of an area of study specific to the specialization of students in the MBA by course work and major paper option.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs students only

Business**BUS*6130 General Environment of Business W [0.50]**

The objective of this course is to assist managers to better understand and develop strategies for dealing with their political and economic environments. This course has a comprehensive and international perspective that looks at how Canadian industries and businesses are part of a worldwide economics and political system. This course provides a detailed examination of how specific policies affect business and strategy in different industries for different commodities.

Restriction(s): CME Executive Programs Students

BUS*6180 Financial and Managerial Accounting F [0.50]

This course emphasizes the gathering and use of financial information to facilitate effective financial and management decisions. Cases are used to approach the subject from the perspective of the user of accounting information rather than that of the supplier.

BUS*6200 Financial Management W [0.50]

This course takes the viewpoint of the senior financial officer of a commercial enterprise. The focus is on the management of cash, accounts receivable, inventories and capital assets, as well as on the sourcing of funds through short-term liabilities, long-term debt and owners' equity.

Prerequisite(s): BUS*6180

Restriction(s): Non MBA students only by permission of instructor.

BUS*6300 Business Practices for Sustainability U [0.50]

This course focuses on critical strategic and managerial issues related to sustainability and introduces students to concepts linking organizational strategies and sustainability principles. It explores how managers can integrate consideration of the environment and society into business strategies and business practices to improve competitive advantage and create environmental, social and economic value.

BUS*6800 Readings in Leadership I F,W,S [0.50]

This course is available to individuals or groups of graduate students. Students will complete a set of readings and an associated paper as approved by designated faculty. Specific learning objectives consistent with the University's will be developed each time the course is offered.

BUS*6810 Readings in Leadership II F,W,S [0.50]

This course is available to individuals or groups of graduate students. Students will complete a set of readings and an associated paper as approved by designated faculty. Specific learning objectives consistent with the University's will be developed each time the course is offered.

Prerequisite(s): BUS*6800 (or may be taken concurrently)

BUS*6820 Readings in Management F,W,S [0.50]

This course is available to individuals or groups of graduate students. Students will complete a set of readings and an associated paper as approved by designated faculty. Specific learning objectives consistent with the University's will be developed each time the course is offered.

Courses in Other Programs

Various programs offer other courses that may be used to fulfill graduation requirements. These programs include agricultural economics, computing and information science, economics, philosophy, psychology, mathematics and statistics, sociology, rural planning and development. Students should discuss changes in the typical program with the graduate coordinator or their advisor prior to final course selection.