MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Welcome

At the Gordon Ford College, we take pride in preparing our students for productive and rewarding careers in a wide variety of business and nonprofit organizations. Students are not only exposed to the latest theories and technologies of all the business disciplines, but they learn how to actually apply them to the competitive advantage of the organization. Many Ford College students work on actual business issues under the guidance of experienced professors, most of whom have significant business experience themselves. It is the unique combination of classroom and real-life application that makes the Gordon Ford College of Business so different than other business schools. Our graduates are highly recruited by international business organizations and have stated that their education has prepared them well for the challenges of the real world. There is no greater measure of success for today's business schools than the success of its graduates.

Applying for Admission

The Online MBA option is a part-time program allowing working students to take up to 6 hours per semester.

The admission process for the MBA program at Western Kentucky University involves the following steps and requirements*:

1. Completion of graduate application form available at [www.wku.edu/graduate](http://www.wku.edu/graduate).
2. A current resume with two references listed, submitted by email to graduate.school@wku.edu.
3. Official undergraduate degree transcript from each university attended.
4. Official GMAT score taken within the last five years.
5. Applicants seeking admission must meet the following criteria: Minimum undergraduate overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, a minimum overall GMAT score of 500, and a written GMAT score of 3.5. GAP Admissions Exception: Applicants not meeting above standards may be considered on a case-by-case basis if applicant has a GAP score of 1100 or more (GMAT total scaled score plus the overall UGPA multiplied by 200).
6. Applicants who have limited prior academic background in basic business may demonstrate proficiency in eight major areas, and still be considered for admission to the program, by:
   - Successfully completing one or more preparatory courses as specified by the MBA Director, OR
   - Successfully completing BA 502 MBA Foundation Modules, OR
   - Successfully completing one or more core area proficiency exams (fees required).

*These minimum requirements establish eligibility for admission, but do not guarantee acceptance

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

**Fall Application Deadline** (applies to Full-time, Professional, and Online options):

Domestic students, April 15

International Students: April 1

**Spring Application Deadline** (applies only to the Online MBA option):
We cannot process your application until you have furnished ALL of the information above required for admission to MBA option you have selected. This includes your official GMAT scores and transcripts.

**Financial Aid**

**Eligibility**

Financial Aid includes grants and loans for educational purposes. The government requires the student to file a form online to the government agency for this purpose which is called FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply. Once that form is completed and filed, the student will receive an email from WKU about the status. All financial aid comes through the WKU Student Financial Aid office and they communicate mostly through email. The email will explain all the grants and/or loans that are available to the student and how to receive the money.

Nearly all students are eligible for some form of financial assistance. In fact, over 90% of the students who applied for financial aid in recent years received an award offer. Every effort is made to assist you and your family in obtaining the resources necessary to meet the difference between the total cost of attending Western Kentucky University and your ability to contribute toward your education.

If you would like to apply for financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, veteran’s benefits) the first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please refer to the Financial Aid Guide for additional information and complete instructions.

Please keep in mind, student must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to qualify for financial aid. For additional information on receiving, and keeping your financial aid, please refer to the WKU Financial Aid website to review the complete policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress at [http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/sap.php](http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/sap.php).

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