



**The Stony Brook Combined Degree MBA Program** combines a four-year undergraduate degree and a two-year MBA into a program that can be completed in as little as five years. Undergraduate students in this program take graduate MBA courses beginning either the summer after their sophomore or junior year, and during their senior year, and then finish their MBA program in their fifth year.

This program is designed for high-achieving students with a record of leadership and academic excellence.

## **Combined Degree MBA Program Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **Application Requirements & Information**

#### **Q: What do I need to apply for the Combined Degree MBA program?**

**Note:** Please send all application materials such as transcripts and letters of recommendation directly to the College of Business. (Address is at the top of the document)

#### **A: Requirements for consideration of admission into the Combined Degree MBA program:**

- Complete an application for the program – available at the Office of Student Services – 109 Harriman Hall
- A copy of all transcripts from universities (other than Stony Brook) attended as an undergraduate. (These copies can be obtained from the transfer office)
- 2-3 Letters of Recommendation from current or former employers or professors
- Proof of satisfactory completion (grade of "C" or better) of a three credit hour calculus course
- Interview with the graduate director and other professors.
- GMAT – all applicants must take the GMAT exam by the end of their junior year. You can apply and begin the program as early as the summer after your sophomore year, however you must have take the GMAT by the end of the spring semester of your junior year.

#### **Q: When is the deadline to apply for the Combined Degree MBA program?**

**A:** As seats are limited, all applications should be received by March 15 or earlier.

#### **Q: When should I apply?**

**A:** Students should apply in their sophomore or junior year, depending on what summer they would like to begin the program. It is never too early to be interested in the program and students could prepare for the program by taking calculus and maintaining a high GPA.

#### **Q: What is the minimum GPA for admission to the Combined Degree MBA program?**

**A:** Applicants must have a minimum Stony Brook GPA of 3.2, no exceptions can be made. Most of the students who gain admission have at least a 3.4 GPA. (This GPA is your Stony Brook GPA only; the GPA earned at a previous college will not be factored in, however the admissions committee will want to see transcripts from all universities attended.)

#### **Q: Where should I send my transcripts, letters of recommendation, personal statement and resume?**

**A:** Please send all documents to the Office of Student Services in the College of Business; the address is at the top of this document.

**Q: When will I hear back about a decision?**

**A:** A decision is normally made within 2-4 weeks after receiving all application materials. The Office of Student Services will be in contact with you via email to let you know about the status of your application.

**The Summer Experience**

**Q: I will be starting the program in the summer after my sophomore year. What can I expect?**

**A:** Students beginning the Combined Degree MBA program in the summer following their sophomore year will be expected to take two MBA level courses in Summer Session I. These courses are MBA 504 Financial Accounting and MBA 505 Marketing. Each course meets twice a week for 3 ½ hours per meeting time. These are entry level MBA classes so you will be with other students who are also just starting the program. However, they may or may not be a part of the Combined Degree MBA program. We believe this diversification in students will be beneficial for all.

**Q: I will be starting the program in the summer after my junior year. What can I expect?**

**A:** Students beginning the Combined Degree MBA program in the summer following their junior year will be expected to take four MBA level courses in the Summer Sessions (2 in each session). The courses to choose from will include MBA 504 Financial Accounting and MBA 505 Marketing in Summer Session I, and MBA 502 Finance and MBA 507 Ethics and Law in Summer Session II.

**Q: What unique experiences does the summer session offer?**

**A:** An intimate understanding of the business world through a client project and a broad understanding of how the different functions of a business interrelate through a business simulation project. You will work closely and bond with fellow students, creating an enhanced learning environment. During the summer program, there is also extensive group work, an essential skill in every working environment.

**Credits & Status**

**Q: Can I count graduate credits toward my undergraduate degree?**

**A:** Yes, students in this program can use up to 15 graduate MBA credits for general upper-division undergraduate electives. MBA courses cannot be used to fulfill major, minor or DEC requirements.

**Q: How many credits will I need to take to graduate?**

**A:** The minimum number of credits to graduate will be 60 MBA credits and as little as 105 Undergraduate credits. Undergraduate credits will vary based on your major/minor/DEC requirements.

**Q: When will I be converted to graduate status?**

**A:** Usually in the second semester of your senior year. However, this can vary based on a student's undergraduate degree requirements. Students must complete a minimum of 48 credits at the graduate level. It is very important to see a Combined Degree advisor early in your program to determine your graduate matriculation status.

**Q: Once converted to graduate status, if I am still taking undergraduate courses, will they be factored into my graduate GPA or undergraduate GPA?**

**A:** The undergraduate courses taken in a graduate status will not be factored into your undergraduate or graduate GPA. Once you apply for graduation, the Registrar will recalculate your undergraduate and graduate GPAs to include all relevant coursework.

**Q: How do I receive graduation clearance?**

**A:** All Combined Degree students must apply for graduation through the graduate school's webpage for both their graduate and undergraduate degrees.

**Q: Do I receive two degrees at once?**

**A:** Students in this program will receive both the undergraduate and the graduate degrees at the same time. In the event that a student decides not to complete the graduate degree, he or she would receive an undergraduate degree if all university requirements are met. Students would be able to use 6 graduate credits towards their undergraduate upper division electives.

## Tuition, Housing & Financial Aid

### **Q: Does my tuition change in the Combined Degree MBA program?**

**A:** You will be able to take 15 graduate level credits at the undergraduate tuition rates. Once you matriculate to graduate status (usually in the second semester of your senior year), you will be converted to MBA Tuition. Please visit the Bursar's website for up-to-date tuition information. <http://www.stonybrook.edu/bursar/tuition/mba.shtml>  
Fall 2010 full time, New York State residents MBA tuition & fees are \$5,855.75 per semester; out-of-state residents: \$8,735.75; Part-time tuition rates for the Graduate MBA program are \$391.00 per credit for New York State residents; \$631.00 per credit for out-of-state residents.

### **Q: How does housing change when I matriculate as a Graduate Student?**

**A:** Once converted to graduate status you are allowed to live in buildings F-H in the West Apartments, Schomburg and Chapin. You will be charged rent for the entire year month by month.

### **Q: How will this program affect my financial aid?**

**A:** Your financial aid will remain the same until you transfer over to graduate status. Students are required to meet with a financial aid counselor before matriculating to graduate status to review how this will affect the financial aid. No undergraduate scholarships or aid will apply to a matriculated graduate student.

## Internships, Study Abroad Opportunities, Class Schedules & MBA Concentrations

### **Q: When is the best time to start looking for a graduate internship?**

**A:** As soon as possible. The earlier you start applying for internships, the better your chances of finding one. The Career Center can help you locate an internship. Visit [www.stonybrook.edu/career](http://www.stonybrook.edu/career) and click on the Zebranet link. Create your name and password and start your internship search.

### **Q: Is there opportunity to study abroad?**

**A:** We encourage students to complete some part of their study abroad. Students can take an internship, a short course, or a more intense course of study abroad in the summer following their senior year. Students can arrange to complete up to 12 credits in the study abroad program. You can visit International Academic Programs for more information.

### **Q: Where do I find the schedule of classes for the MBA Program?**

**A:** Please visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu/registrar/>

### **Q: Are there concentrations available in the MBA program?**

**A:** Yes, as an MBA student, you must select a concentration in Finance, Management, Marketing, Information Systems Management, Health Care Management\* or Human Resources. The concentration will be completed by taking 12 elective credits in your chosen concentration. \*Health System Management must be taken through an advanced certificate program, which requires a separate application. Please contact [OSS](#) for more information.