



Prerequisite Courses in the MBA Program (Pre-MBA Courses)

What is a prerequisite MBA course?

Webster University must ensure that all students entering the MBA program have had sufficient university level academic exposure to business, accounting and economics. The Academic Director carefully reviews each student's admissions file and academic transcripts for proof of proficiency in these areas. If a student's background is lacking in any of these areas he/she will be asked to either take the appropriate prerequisite MBA course(s) or prepare and sit for a waiver examination where they can demonstrate their proficiency.

MBA students who have not studied business, accounting and/or economics at all or within five years of entering the program - having earned a grade of B or equivalent at college level - should enroll in the required pre-MBA courses before beginning coursework in the core of the MBA program.

If the appropriate prerequisite course content was completed **more** than five years prior to entering the program, the department will allow a waiver if the student demonstrates command of the content area by successfully completing a waiver examination. Prerequisite courses may not count as electives in the 36-credit-hour M.B.A.

Pre-MBA courses can be taken residentially or online and should ideally be completed before beginning MBA coursework. However, upon consultation with the Graduate Academic Advisor, courses may be taken later in the program if not scheduled locally or online. Please note that BUSN 5600 must always be taken *before* FINC 5000 and BUSN 6070; and BUSN 5620 always *before* BUSN 6120.

Descriptions of the Prerequisite MBA Courses:

BUSN 5000 Business (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide a foundation in such general business concepts as economics, finance, accounting, business law, marketing, and other business systems.

BUSN 5600 Accounting Theory and Practice (3 credits)

Students examine the accounting function and its role in modern business. Basic accounting theory and principles *according to the American system* are examined, and some of the more important contemporary accounting developments are reviewed. Case studies are analyzed with an emphasis on situations from the students' own work experiences. This course is designed for consumers as opposed to producers of accounting.

BUSN 5620 Current Economic Analysis (3 credits)

Implications of current economic events are examined through the applications of economic theory. Emphasis is placed on acquainting the student with methods of *macro-economic* analysis in the context of current economic issues.

Please complete waiver form on the next page

Webster University, the Netherlands
Prerequisite MBA (pre-MBA) Waiver Request

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please tick course(s) for which you request a pre-MBA waiver:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5000 | Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5600 | Accounting Theory and Practice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5620 | Current Economic Analysis |

* More documentation about academic background may be requested

Date: _____

Student signature: _____

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WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED FOR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5600 | Accounting Theory and Practice | Recommend Quiz | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5620 | Current Economic Analysis | Recommend Quiz | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUSN 5000 | Business | | |

Term applied for: _____

Comments: _____

Date Student notified by email

Signature of Academic Director and date