BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (ADMN)

University of New Hampshire Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics

Degree Offered: MBA

Program available in Durham or 100% Online

A nationally ranked MBA program that YOU design.

Earn your MBA from Paul College at the University of New Hampshire, the state's flagship university. What sets us apart is our distinct combination of rigor, relevance and world-class faculty. Our students come from various industries and functional areas like finance and marketing to engineering, law, healthcare and the military. Some are seeking growth within their current organizations, while others are looking to gain the skills and knowledge to change professions. You will fit right in.

We stand out from the competition:

• We are one of only 5 percent of business schools worldwide to hold AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation - the gold standard in business education.
• Our research-active faculty brings the analytical tools and cutting-edge insights to teaching, and our former executives and managers bring real-world perspective.
• Immersive learning experiences are built into the Full-Time MBA curriculum. These experiential opportunities allow you to encounter firsthand the business practices learned in the classroom, whether virtually or in-person.
• MBA programs are offered in Durham, on New Hampshire’s seacoast, or a 100% online option is also available.
• Beginning with a core curriculum focused on today’s business needs, you can then customize your education by choosing one of seven industry-focused specializations: finance, information systems & business analytics, marketing, global business, growth & innovation, healthcare industry (exclusive to those enrolled online/hybrid program), or hospitality management.
• We have a dedicated Career and Professional Success office to help you chart your post-graduation course.

Our Programs

Full-Time MBA

Whether you are a professional planning a career pivot or a graduating senior looking to broaden your understanding of business, the UNH Paul College Full-Time MBA program is for you. You will join a small cohort of driven individuals working together in a fast-paced learning environment. Completing your MBA in less than one year is a great return on your investment of both time and money. The curriculum includes 11 core courses that grow your skills in multiple areas of management, four electives, an internship, and a choice of six specialized options. The college integrates strong partnerships with the business community, and a corporate consulting project will culminate your MBA experience.

Online and Hybrid MBA

Our nationally ranked Online MBA program has rapidly become our most popular MBA model. The curriculum allows students to mix and match online and/or face-to-face course offerings. The same great faculty who teach in our other programs teach classes asynchronously, adding to the flexibility of the online option. The quality of our student and faculty engagement and the services and technology support available make our online program stand out. Online MBA students have the flexibility to begin their program during any of the five term starts throughout the calendar year.

Admission Requirements

A portfolio approach to admissions is utilized. An applicant’s work and/or military experience along with other indicators of maturity, motivation, and self-discipline are considered in addition to an applicant's academic record.

• Two years minimum professional experience (current seniors with high academic qualifications may also apply)
• 3.0 and above undergraduate GPA is typical of accepted applicants

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Courses

Administration (ADMN)

ADMN 801 - The U.S. Healthcare System
Credits: 3
This course focuses on the organization, financing, and delivery of healthcare in the U.S. It contrasts the private and public sectors and examines the effects of market competition and government regulation. It examines the ways that medical providers are paid, and explores the major issues currently facing physicians, hospitals, and the pharmaceutical industry. It also discusses several potential small-scale and large-scale reforms to the U.S. healthcare system and evaluates their likely effects on healthcare spending, quality of care, and access to care.
Equivalent(s): HDS 801
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN #827 - Hospitality Operations & Financial Metrics
Credits: 3
This course applies principles of organization, management and decision models to the challenges of hospitality operations. These include problem-solving techniques related to planning, staffing, communications, and operations. Topics: hospitality systems thinking-service design; service product lifecycle evolution and development; hospitality organizational structure and service system procedures; integrated hospitality operational diagnostics; and operational performance metrics. Students apply this knowledge in a simulated hotel environment, taking the Certified Hotel Industry Analyst (CHIA) exam to receive CHIA designation.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
ADMN 829 - Corporate Financial Strategy
Credits: 3
Analytical tools and practical skills for recognizing and solving complex problems of business finance. This course covers the major decision-making areas of managerial finance and some selected topics in financial management such as real options, leasing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate re-organizations, financial planning, and working-capital management.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 830 - Investments
Credits: 3
This course covers several topics related to investing, including asset pricing models, efficient models, efficient markets, portfolio theory, stock analysis and valuation, fixed income securities, and derivatives.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 834 - Private Equity/Venture Capital
Credits: 3
The focus is financing innovation whether one is approaching private equity investors or corporate management for budget support. The course covers screening entrepreneurial ideas and business plans through the spectrum of all entrepreneurial financing stages from seed/start-up financing to acquisition/buyouts and IPOs. Students will research, discuss and present state-of-the-art analyses and practices and have exclusive access to PitchBook database that provides intelligence on the private markets, angels, venture capital, mergers & acquisitions, and private companies.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 835 - Financial Institutions
Credits: 3
Examination of financial institutions and markets. Emphasis on how institutions create, value, the regulatory environment under which they operate, and the role of risk management.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 838 - Equity Analysis and Firm Valuation
Credits: 3
This course is intended to provide practical tools for analyzing and valuing a company's equity. Primarily an applications course, it covers several valuation models such as market multiples and free cash flow models, and focuses on the implementation of finance theories to valuation problems. This course is not recommended if you have already taken the undergraduate FIN 707 at UNH.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 919 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Equivalent(s): ACFI 807
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 839 - Applied Financial Modeling and Analytics
Credits: 3
This course bridges the gap between financial theory and practice by using software applications and real-world data to solve a variety of financial problems. The course is very hands-on and will help students develop skills that are useful in a variety of jobs in finance and other business-related disciplines.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 840 - International Business
Credits: 3
Issues and problems confronting managers in the international economy. Emphasis on problems of working across national borders rather than on those encountered within the framework of different national economies, cultures, and institutions for managers working in a multinational enterprise.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 970 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 841 - International Management
Credits: 3
Develops an understanding of international business from the point of view of management and leadership, human resource management, and organizational structure and change. Emphasis on cultural impact on management thinking and business practice and on skills for managing effectively in international and multiculutural environments.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 912 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 842 - Project Management
Credits: 3
Project management is the discipline of using policies, processes, and procedures to successfully lead teams and manage project phases from initiation through closure. Project management practices improve cost and schedule predictability and the quality of project results. Expertise in project management is a recognized source of competitive advantage. This course will provide students with an understanding of project management through readings, discussion board conversations, assignments, and the development of project management deliverables.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 845 - Supply Chain Management
Credits: 3
The purpose of this course is to learn how to design, plan, and operate supply chains for competitive advantage; to develop an understanding of how the key drivers of supply chain operations (inventory, transportation, information, and facilities) can be used to improve performance; and to develop knowledge of logistics and supply chain methodologies and the managerial context in which they are used.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 940 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 846 - International Financial Management
Credits: 3
Financial management problems facing multinational firms. Focus is on identifying and managing foreign exchange rate exposures and making financial decisions in a global context.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B-.
Mutual Exclusion: No credit for students who have taken ACFI 803.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 847 - Human Resource Management
Credits: 3
This course will explore key human resource management functions and the strategic role human resources play in maximizing the value of the workforce. Managing talent is a responsibility of every manager, in partnership with HR, and vital to organizational success. The course addresses concepts from an HR perspective, considering HR systems and practices, and drawing on examples from the field of Hospitality Management.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
ADMN 852 - Marketing Research
Credits: 3
Focuses on identification of research questions and objectives as well as collection and analysis of data to improve marketing decision making. Covers qualitative and quantitative methods, internal and external secondary data, sampling, analytical methods, and reporting.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 856 - Leading Organizational Change
Credits: 3
In today's dynamic business landscape, this course delves into the critical aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) while exploring change management at both micro and macro levels. It equips participants with the knowledge and skills needed to foster a more inclusive workplace environment, examining change processes from the perspectives of individuals and organizations. Through interactive sessions, case studies, and discussions, students gain practical insights into driving change initiatives that prioritize DEI and understand how these initiatives impact individuals and the broader organizational context.
Grade Mode: Graduate Credit/Fail grading

ADMN 858 - Revenue Management and Pricing Strategies
Credits: 3
Revenue management is increasingly important in hospitality management. This course is for those interested in learning more about formulating tactics and strategies to maximize revenues for their organizations. The course will prepare students for roles responsible for financial performance and operations. Topics include history of revenue management, reservation systems, forecasting demand, and inventory control, cost analysis, pricing strategy, channel management, revenue management tactics (i.e., overbook, discount allocation, and demand management and applications). Appropriate for any business application.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 960 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 860 - International Marketing
Credits: 3
This course examines marketing practices in a global environment. The course assumes familiarity with marketing management and utilizes this as a base to develop insights and understanding in an international context. Special emphasis is placed on how to develop global marketing strategies, adaptation of marketing execution (communications, products, pricing, channels), and multinational and global structuring of the marketing and sales organization.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 960 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 864 - New Product Development
Credits: 3
Provides a practical introduction to the process of designing and marketing new products. Covers the major phases of market-focused product development from idea to launch, including opportunity identification and market definition, customer research and product concept development, pre-marketing testing and launch marketing. Presents proven approaches and techniques used in new product development. Allows student teams to apply lessons to the development and testing of new product concepts.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 960 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 865 - Digital Marketing
Credits: 3
As technology has changed, so have the ways consumers acquire information about goods and services. Marketers must be able to engage with their customers via a variety of digital platforms. This course develops the digital marketing skills that will enable success in today's marketing environment. We cover a number of topics including (but not limited to) website and search engine optimization, email marketing, social media, paid search, mobile marketing, customer persona development, and influencer marketing.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 866 - Negotiating in Business
Credits: 3
Negotiating is an essential managerial skill necessary for influencing employees and stakeholders. This course will draw on the latest research, to help participants learn how to negotiate successfully and with integrity. Topics covered include bargaining with one or more parties, influence strategies, ethical and social dilemmas, and negotiating with difficult people. The course will allow participants the opportunity to develop these skills experientially and to understand negotiation in the context of useful analytical frameworks.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 912 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 867 - Predictive Analytics
Credits: 3
This course will focus on modern predictive analytic techniques. Each module is designed to introduce a set of statistical techniques and their application to real data from various business fields. The course will focus on 4 broad topics 1) Finding the most appropriate model for the data, 2) selecting optimal set of predictors, 3) reducing dimensionality of the data, 4) improving prediction performance. Programming using R, open source software, is fundamental to the course.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 950 with a minimum grade of B-.
Mutual Exclusion: No credit for students who have taken DATA 822.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 869 - Marketing Research
Credits: 3
Provides a practical introduction to the process of designing and marketing new products. Covers the major phases of market-focused product development from idea to launch, including opportunity identification and market definition, customer research and product concept development, pre-marketing testing and launch marketing. Presents proven approaches and techniques used in new product development. Allows student teams to apply lessons to the development and testing of new product concepts.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 960 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 872 - Predictive Analytics
Credits: 3
This course will focus on modern predictive analytic techniques. Each module is designed to introduce a set of statistical techniques and their application to real data from various business fields. The course will focus on 4 broad topics 1) Finding the most appropriate model for the data, 2) selecting optimal set of predictors, 3) reducing dimensionality of the data, 4) improving prediction performance. Programming using R, open source software, is fundamental to the course.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 950 with a minimum grade of B-.
Mutual Exclusion: No credit for students who have taken DATA 822.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 873 - Data Management and Visualization
Credits: 3
With improvements in computing technology and the ability to generate/collect vast amounts of data, many organizations are quickly finding themselves data rich yet information poor. The goal of this course is to expose students to techniques and technologies that will enable them to become key players in helping organizations transform unstructured and structured data from various sources including, social media, the web, databases and archival data, into meaningful and insightful information facilitating effective decision making.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 926 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
ADMN 875 - Prescriptive Analytics
Credits: 3
This course is concerned with the final frontier of business analytics, and develops student knowledge of the uses of descriptive statistics and forecasts to find and suggest optimal courses of action, focusing on the development and use of optimization and Monte-Carlo simulation models for making quantitative business decisions. Optimization topics include linear and mixed-integer programming, network flow optimization, and nonlinear optimization. Application areas include operations & supply chain management, marketing, and finance.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 919 with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 882 - Managing Growth and Innovation
Credits: 3
This course deals with central concepts and applications at the intersection of technological innovation, organizational growth, and corporate entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship. Building an organization to achieve high growth and successfully and repeatedly bring innovations to market is a daunting managerial challenge. The first part of the course examines why it is so challenging to maintain sustained growth in disruptive environments. In the second part, the course takes a look at technological innovation as a lever that can help firms achieve sustained growth, by providing a number of applied tools, frameworks, and practices mangers can use to manage growth and innovation in their organizational contexts.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 898 - Topics
Credits: 3
Special Topics; may be repeated. Pre- and co-requisite courses vary. Please consult time and room schedule for the specific 898 topics section you are interested in for details.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 4 times.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 901 - PAUL Assessment of MBA Core Knowledge
Credits: 0
One of the learning objectives in the MBA Program is that all students will graduate with an understanding of these core knowledge assembled from various disciplines that contribute courses to the program. We assess the learning as part of our Assurance of Learning Program. This zero credit course provides an administrative mechanism for accomplishing this goal.
Grade Mode: Graduate Credit/Fail grading

ADMN 902 - MBA Internship
Credits: 1-3
The internship provides an opportunity for MBA students to gain business experience in a professional setting, applying their course-based learning to challenges in a business or non-profit enterprise. Students explore the relationship between theory and practice while completing at least 250 hours of time on site. Required of all full-time MBA students (unless waived due to significant prior relevant professional experience). The internship is completed in the summer term, but students can begin it in the spring by registering for it in term IV if needed.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits.
Grade Mode: Graduate Credit/Fail grading

ADMN 905 - Corporate Consulting Project
Credits: 3
Designed as the capstone experience for the Full-time MBA program, student teams will work with real-world clients on strategic business challenges. Teams will be coached by a faculty member and/or industry professional as they engage with their assigned client. Students will integrate and apply concepts learned in the MBA program as they manage their projects and deliver value to their clients.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 912 - Managing Yourself & Leading Others
Credits: 3
Uses the evidence from behavioral science to develop an understanding of individual and work group dynamics in relation to personal and group effectiveness in diverse organizations. Case studies, group projects and personal application will provide students with the opportunity to put theory into practice as they learn to understand individual differences, lead teams, enhance their personal influence, and plan to lead employees, teams and organizations during times of rapid change.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 919 - Accounting/Financial Reporting, Budgeting, and Analysis
Credits: 3
An introduction to the preparation and interpretation of financial information, with emphasis on the use of accounting information for management decision-making. It highlights the guiding principles by which accounting reflects the underlying economic events. It also focuses on reporting and measurement issues that help managers make better decisions.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 926 - Leveraging Technology for Competitive Advantage
Credits: 3
Building competitive advantage depends on a company's ability to strategically and tactically manage its information systems. Information technology is quickly expanding its importance in the business models and operations of companies. Managers in today's world depend on accurate, accessible and useful information to make decisions. The course provides the student with an understanding of the strategic role of information technology and its use within the enterprise to creative sustainable competitive advantage for the organization.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 930 - Financial Management/Raising and Investing Money
Credits: 3
The purpose of this course is to develop an appreciation for and an understanding of the theory and practice of contemporary corporate finance. Topics include time value of money, capital budgeting, capital costing, capital raising, capital restructuring, and risk management. The theories and concepts receiving the greatest attention are Net Present Value, Agency, Asset Pricing, and Market Efficiency.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 919 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 970 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 940 - Managing Operations
Credits: 3
This course provides a foundation for dealing with managerial decisions about technology and operations issues. Based on the premise that the technology and operations can be a significant source of competitive advantage for a firm. Prepares students to identify and implement operating improvements that directly affect firm performance.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
ADMN 950 - Data Driven Decisions
Credits: 3
Introduction to the basics of applied statistics for decision-making and for assessing risk and uncertainty. The course will mainly cover the broadly defined subjects of descriptive statistics, probability, decision trees, random variables, random sampling, hypothesis testing for continuous/categorical data and regression analysis/model building. Course delivery will be a mix of lectures, hands-on problem solving and data-driven case discussions led by students.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 960 - Marketing/Building Customer Value
Credits: 3
Serves as the core marketing course in the MBA program. Provides an introduction and overview to the theory and practice of marketing. Explores the theory and applications of marketing concepts through a mix of cases, discussions, lectures, guest speakers, individual assignments, simulations, and group projects. Focuses on understanding and building customer value in consumer, business-to-business, and services settings. Examines strategic marketing elements (segmentation, targeting, positioning), as well as executional elements (pricing, channels, promotion, and value proposition).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 970 - Economics of Competition
Credits: 3
A study of economic principles useful to business managers. Microeconomic topics include market behavior, economic costs, and economic decision-making. Macroeconomic topics include macroeconomics performance, financial markets, international trade and finance, and monetary and fiscal policy.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 982 - Creating Winning Strategies
Credits: 3
A "capstone" course, focused on industries, companies, and other organizations in operation, and studied through the role of the strategic manager and case examples, with emphasis on integration of materials covered in prior courses, providing students with synergistic knowledge and a "strategy tool kit" to help achieve organizational purpose, excellence, and competitive advantage.
Prerequisite(s): ADMN 912 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 919 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 930 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 950 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 960 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 970 with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 926 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B- and ADMN 940 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of B-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ADMN 992 - Special Projects and Independent Study
Credits: 1-6
Projects, research, and reading programs in areas required for concentration. Sixty days advance approval of the student's plan of study by adviser and by proposed instructor required.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading