



Carol Martin Gatton

Decision Science and Information Systems

College of Business and Economics

Students in the decision science program earn the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. In addition to fulfilling University Studies requirements, students complete the College requirements, premajor and major requirements, and College core requirements listed below.

Admission Policy

Admission to the University is sufficient for admission to the Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics for students with less than a junior standing. However, lower division admission to the college or any admission to the University does not guarantee upper division admission to one of the degree programs in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. In general, admission depends upon the qualifications and preparation of the applicants, as well as the availability of resources for maintaining quality instruction.

Upper division admission into a degree program is necessary in order to be granted a baccalaureate degree from the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

The upper division admission requirements for the 2006-2007 academic year are a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA or the minimum current Annual Admission GPA, whichever is lower; and a minimum 3.0 English/premajor GPA or the minimum current Annual Admission GPA, whichever is lower.

University Studies Requirements

See "University Studies Program" on pages 75-79 of the 2006-2007 UK Bulletin for complete University Studies requirements.

English and Premajor Requirements

Hours

Students must complete 26-31 credit hours taken from the following courses:

Table listing English and Premajor Requirements with course codes and hours.

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Subtotal: English and Premajor Hours 26-31

*May also be used to meet Second-Tier Graduation Writing Requirement.
**Microsoft Office Specialist Certification in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
***May also be used toward partial fulfillment of USP Social Science Requirement.

College Core

Hours

The Core, a total of 18 credit hours, consists of the following courses:

Table listing College Core Requirements with course codes and hours.

Subtotal: College Core Hours 18

Other College Requirements

Hours

Table listing Other College Requirements with course codes and hours.

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*This one course may be used toward the USP Social Science Requirement.

Subtotal: Other College Hours 6-7

Major Requirements

To graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, a student is required to have at least 18 credit hours as follows:

Table listing Major Requirements with course codes and hours.

plus two of the following:

Table listing Major Requirements with course codes and hours.

Subtotal: Major Hours 18

Electives

See "Electives" below. Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours to graduate with a degree in Business Administration.

TOTAL HOURS: 120

Electives

Each of the degree programs affords the student considerable opportunity and freedom of choice to take elective courses. The number of electives will vary depending on student and major. Each student must meet the general minimum hours for graduation (accounting majors - 121; all other majors - 120). Students pursuing a second degree must have a minimum of 144 hours. Twelve hours of electives must be taken from courses outside the Gatton College of Business and Economics (six of these hours, if taken for a letter grade, may be used to satisfy the USP elective requirement). Military science (lower division), music performance, KHP activity courses, and UK 101/201 (one credit) courses do not count for electives. A maximum of six hours of technical courses can be counted for electives. A total of four electives may be taken on a pass/fail basis if they are not being used for any other type of requirement, nor taught through the student's major department(s).

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College Requirements

To graduate from the Gatton College of Business and Economics, a student must have a total of 120 credit hours (exclusive of lower division military science courses, physical education service courses, and performance-type courses) with a 2.0 grade-point standing. Students are required to earn at least 50 percent of their business credit hours required for the business degree at the University of Kentucky. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in all courses taken at the University of Kentucky used to satisfy the College core. Additionally, a minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in all courses taken at the University of Kentucky used to satisfy upper division departmental requirements.

In addition to fulfilling the First Year Writing Requirement (ENG 104), students must also complete ENG 203, Business Writing; ENG 203 fulfills the Graduation Writing Requirement.

Each student's undergraduate curriculum must have a general education component which comprises at least 50 percent of the total credit hours required for obtaining a bachelor's degree in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Up to nine semester hours of economics and up to six semester hours of statistics may be counted as part of the general education curriculum.

Policy on Experiential Education

Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics' faculty work with the Office of Experiential Education to provide students with the opportunity to intern in a business-related field. The College allows a student to apply toward graduation up to six credit hours (pass/fail option only) of EXP 396/internship credit earned at the University of Kentucky. The maximum credit hours each semester that can be applied toward graduation for EXP 396/internship credit is three. Credits earned for other internship courses throughout the University are included in the three hours per semester and the six hour maximum for graduation credit. For further information, contact the Office of Experiential Education at (859) 257-3632.