Admission Requirements
Applicants for admission must meet the minimum requirements of the School of Graduate Studies for degree-seeking students. The Director of the MBA program and the MBA graduate committee will review applications and approve candidates for admission based primarily on undergraduate GPA and GMAT score.

Applicants with bachelor’s degrees in business from AACSB-International institutions with cumulative undergraduate grade point averages of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) will not be required to take the GMAT exam. The GMAT requirement may be waived in certain other cases if the applicant has significant professional experience, certifications, significant military service, or other qualifications. Contact the MBA Director for more information.

MBA Degree Program
The MBA degree program at Western Illinois University is open to business graduates and those in liberal arts, engineering, mathematics, science, and other fields. Individual degree program requirements are based on previously completed coursework and may range from 33 to 54 semester hours (sít).

Foundation Courses (21 sít) provide a solid background in the traditional business disciplines for those students who do not have satisfactory academic preparation in the areas of financial and managerial accounting, macro and micro economics, statistics, management, marketing, finance, and information systems.

MBA Core Courses (21 sít) develop functional and technical knowledge, analytical skills, and interpersonal relations necessary in the business world. Students will complete core courses from a financial perspective, global perspective, improving competitiveness and planning perspective, context and conduct of organizations, and functional areas. A capstone course, Strategic Management, provides the framework for connecting the specific business disciplines in a case-study based course.

Concentration Courses and Electives (12 sít) allow a Western Illinois University MBA student to develop a specialization in a field of their choice. MBA concentrations include Accounting, Ag Business, Business Analytics, Corporate Security, Economics, Finance, Health Services Administration, International Business, Management, and Supply Chain Management. These concentrations provide MBA students with maximum flexibility and the ability to pursue specific professional goals. Please visit wiu.edu/ MBA for a full listing of courses available.

Faculty Expertise
The College of Business and Technology’s faculty is student-oriented and believes the most important learning comes from close interaction and exchange of ideas between student and professor. MBA students gain an understanding of the social responsibility of business and develop skills in using quantitative, technical, and theoretical approaches to business problem solving.

Many of Western’s business faculty members have practical experience and advise business and government agencies. Professors hold doctoral or
law degrees from more than 40 internationally recognized universities. Their academic, professional, practical, and research backgrounds, as well as their continuing involvement in business and community problem solving, enhance the academic experience.

**An MBA Program Designed for You**

Students in the MBA program experience many key benefits:
- Traditional, online, and livestream content that prepares MBA students for the dynamic workplace
- Flexible course schedules that fit into busy lifestyles
- Affordable tuition rates that can put an MBA degree within reach
- Internship and assistantship opportunities to combine work and education
- Classes taught by full-time faculty provide opportunities for building personal relationships with professors and mentors for assistance and professional development

**Facilities**

The College of Business and Technology recognizes the importance of access to the most up-to-date facilities and information. This includes state-of-the-art computer laboratories with access to specialized software and technology specific to the various business disciplines. In addition, the University’s system of libraries is among the best in the Midwest. Each of Western’s libraries is a part of ILLINET Online, a computerized network of the major libraries in Illinois. The network provides students with quick access to the holdings of 65 other Illinois libraries with more than 19 million volumes.

**Accreditation**

Western’s MBA has earned accreditation in both business and accounting by the AACSB International, designating Western Illinois University as among the best business schools in the world. Less than one-third of U.S. business schools and only 15% of business schools worldwide meet the rigorous standards of AACSB International accreditation. As a member institution, Western’s MBA has confirmed a commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review process. AACSB International accreditation ensures that Western’s MBA degree program is committed to providing the highest-calibre education and experiences for our student professionals.

**Graduate Assistantships**

Full-time students can apply for tuition assistance via a Graduate Assistantship. The College of Business and Technology annually awards internal graduate assistantships to students desiring to work directly with business faculty. These assistantships are highly competitive and are awarded based on the student’s GMAT score, GPA, and personal recommendations. Additional assistantships are available campuswide. Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.

**Career Opportunities**

Completion of the MBA provides students with strong credentials for employment for the private sector and government. We work closely with our corporate partners to ensure a dynamic curriculum that prepares students for leadership roles in a variety of industries.

"The MBA at WIU was a great experience, and it gave me the tools to succeed in my current position as a grain merchandiser. The faculty were a key part of my experience. They had a friendly open door policy but also expected top-level results in class. They kept us engaged with real-world business."

— Tyler Sayers, MBA