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ACADEMIC INTRODUCTION

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Academics

- Our approach to learning is about rigor and relevance.
- We emphasize a shared commitment to learning and prioritize academic engagement.
- Core values include Leadership, Integrity, Community.
- So what are the degree requirements?

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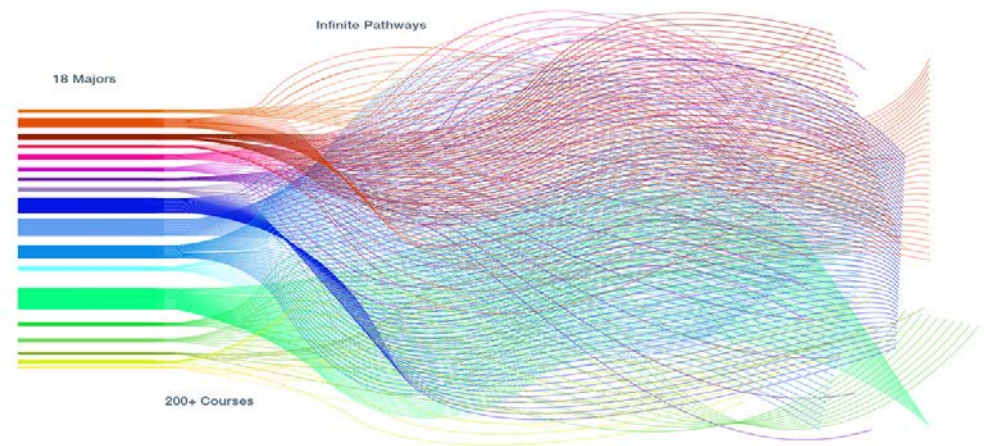
Majors

A major is an area of academic study chosen as a field of specialization.

- Majors may be referred to as “concentrations” in other educational systems.
- A major is required to graduate at Wharton.
- Your major(s) is listed on your official transcript.
- There are 18 majors offered at Wharton.
- An individualized major option can be developed with faculty approval.

18 Majors

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business Economics and Public Policy
- Environmental and Risk Management
- Finance
- Health Care Management*
- Insurance and Risk Management
- Information: Strategy and Economics
- Management
- Entrepreneurial Management
- Multinational Management
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Strategic Management
- Marketing
- Marketing and Operations (Joint Major)
- Operations and Information Management
- Real Estate
- Statistics



*requires admission directly into program

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CLASSES

Concert Rules, Attendance, Pedagogy



Concert Rules

- Class starts and ends exactly on time. Students and faculty are expected to be prompt.
- Students sit according to a seating chart.
- Students remain in attendance for the duration of class, except in an emergency.
- Students display name tents.
- Electronic devices are turned off.

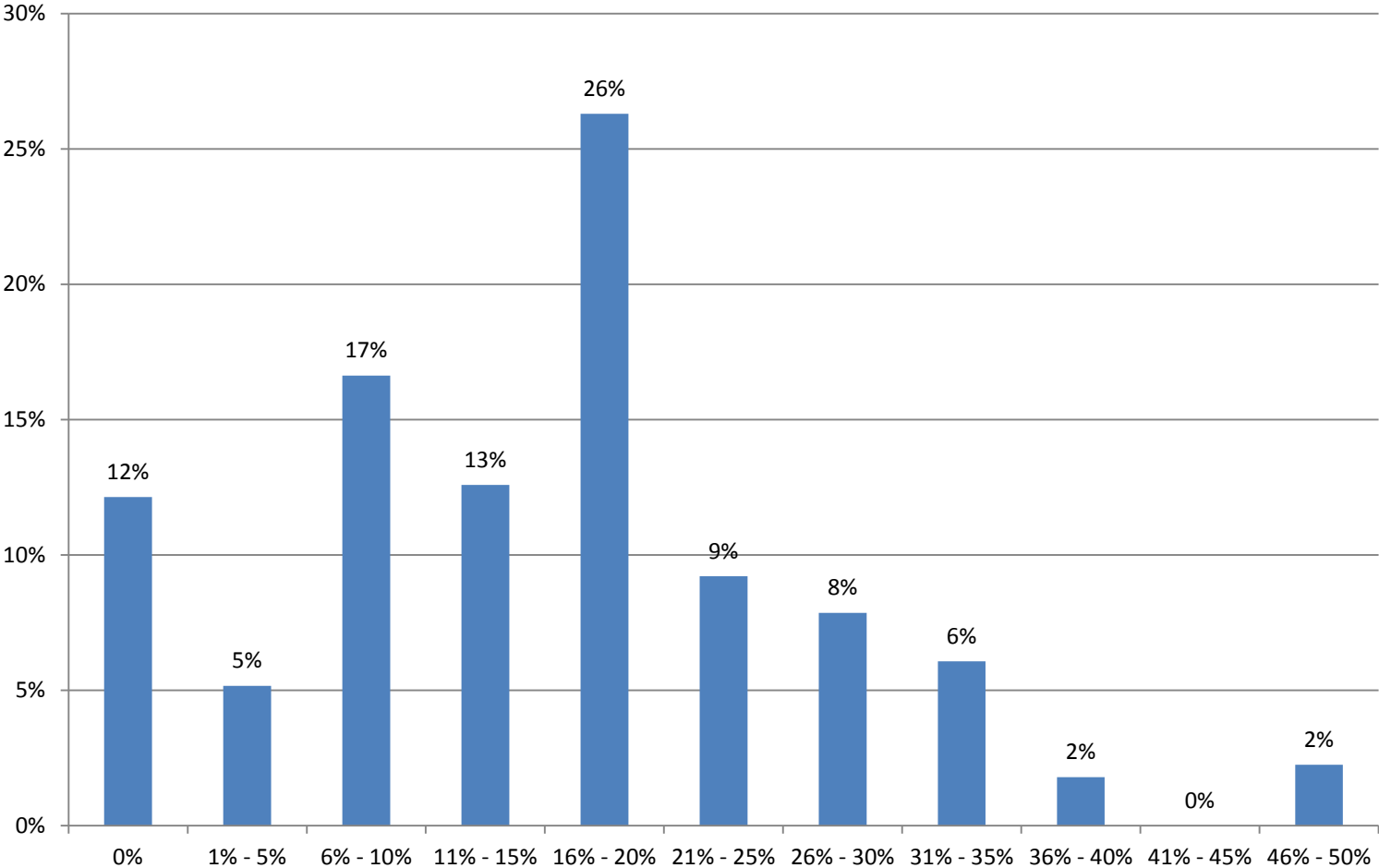
MBA Program Office Attendance Policy

- The policy currently applies to fixed core classes, in that MGMT 610, MKTG 611, OPIM 611, STAT 613, STAT 621, MGEC 611, and MGEC 612 require student attendance.
- Grade point average and class attendance will be among the selection criteria used to select Fellows in the MBA administration and participants in exchange programs and the semester in San Francisco.
- Absences may be excused. Two types of absences warrant excuses, Personal Illness and Personal or Family Emergency. Religious holidays during which classes are scheduled will be excused for observant students. Absences due to job interviews, career pursuits or travel are not appropriate reasons to request an excuse.

Pedagogy



Weights on Attendance and Participation





GRADES MATTER

We Recognize Academic Performance

Grading System

- Courses are graded on a letter grade system of A through F.
- Classes with an MBA enrollment of 20 or more, the GPA must not be greater than 3.33.
- F grades do not earn credit toward graduation.
- Pass/fail option: Students can take up to 1CU per semester on a pass/fail basis. Passing grades are not included in GPA calculations and are not eligible for LT designations but failing grades are included.
- Students who withdraw from a course after the semester has begun may receive a grade of W (Withdrawn) on their transcript. A course can not be dropped once the last class took place.

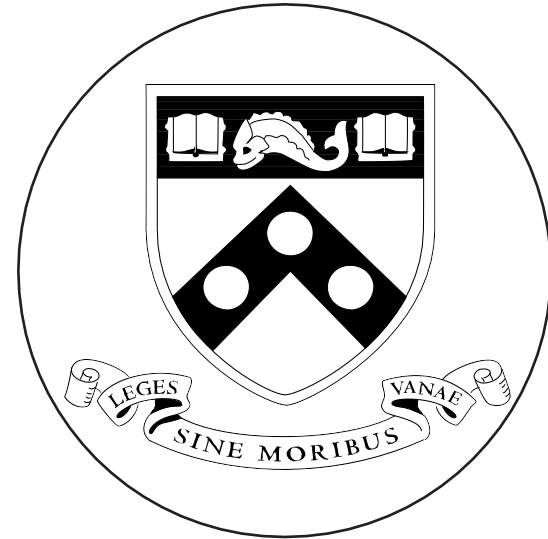
Minimum Academic Standards

- Based on LTs (Lowest Ten Percent indicators), not GPA
 - Faculty must award in classes with 20 students or greater
- Probation:
 - 2.5cu or more of “LT” - 1st semester
 - 4.0cu or more of “LT” - 1st year
 - 6.0cu or more of “LT” - 3rd semester
 - 2 or more “F” grades in any grading period
 - Some scholarships require a student to avoid probation
- Dismissal:
 - 5cu or more of “LT” indicators in first year or F grades without LT
 - 3 “F” grades or more in any two contiguous grading periods
 - 2 “F” grades after being placed on probation
 - 8cu of “LT” indicators in second year or F grades without LT

Academic Excellence

We celebrate outstanding academic performance in several different ways.

- Director's List
- First-Year Honors
- Graduation with Honors
- Palmer Scholars
- Isik Inselbag Scholarship
- Ford Fellowship and William McGowan Fellow





Pre-Term Academics Presentations

- Core Curriculum & Majors (after the break)
- Course Match (tomorrow)
- Co-Curricular Opportunities (tomorrow)
- Course Match opens August 10, closes August 17
- Academic Advising Sessions

Our Mission

Our mission is to work in partnership with students, faculty, and staff to deliver an exceptional educational experience for our students in every aspect of academic affairs between admissions and graduation.

Our goal is to deliver the services needed to succeed in the MBA program by

- **communicating** the program requirements,
- **advising** students in their personalized course selection,
- **helping** students implement their course selection,
- and **supporting** students in all issues pertaining to their academic performance and experience.