Academic Introduction

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Great schools … have endeavored to do more than keep up to the respectable standard of a recent past; they have labored to supply the needs of an advancing and exacting world.” – Joseph Wharton

Our collective goal is to create and enjoy an engaging classroom environment, which is open to diverse views and centered on useful knowledge applicable to our future careers.

What are the degree requirements?
Do you remember what major you selected when applying to Wharton?

Classification of instructional programs (CIP) information:

As of August 1, 2019, the MBA majors in Actuarial Science; Business Analytics; Business Economics and Public Policy; Business, Energy, Environment and Sustainability; Operations, Information and Decisions; Statistics have a CIP code designation under which you may qualify for a STEM OPT extension.
Pivot into a career in computing and technology

MBA/Master of Computer and Information Technology

A powerful combination - business leadership and strong technical skills are needed in many areas of data and analytics.

Features
Interested students have little or no background in Computer Science, and seek out computer science coursework to start a successful career in computing and technology. Students can earn both degrees in 4 or 5 semesters, requiring 15 credit units of coursework at Wharton, and 9 in the Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering.

PATH 1
Starting at Wharton and applying to CIS in your first year

YEAR 1
Fall / Wharton

YEAR 2
Spring / Wharton / CIS

YEAR 3
CIS

PATH 2
Starting at Wharton and applying to GSE in your first year

YEAR 1
Fall / Wharton

YEAR 2
Wharton / GSE

YEAR 3
Summer / GSE

For more information, please contact Lisa Rudi in MBA Academic Affairs, lrudi@wharton.upenn.edu.

Explore, Build, Test, and Scale Education Solutions

MBA/M.S.Ed. in Education Entrepreneurship

Students pursue the goal of driving meaningful and innovative change in education

Features
The M.S.Ed. in Education Entrepreneurship provides students with the skills and knowledge to generate innovation in education, preparing them to be the next generation of creative leaders. Students can earn both degrees in two years, requiring 15 credit units of coursework at Wharton, and 9 at the Graduate School of Education.

PATH 1
Starting at Wharton and applying to GSE in your first year

YEAR 1
Fall / Wharton

YEAR 2
Wharton / GSE

YEAR 3
Summer / GSE

PATH 2
Applying to Wharton and GSE concurrently, starting at GSE

YEAR 1
Summer / GSE

YEAR 2
GSE

YEAR 3
Wharton

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Wharton has expanded the opportunities to study in San Francisco to Fall and Spring.

In Spring 2020, we plan to offer classes in the areas of Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Marketing and Operations.

SSF Info Sessions
August 20 & 21
Huntsman Hall
Getting the most out of your classes

Pathways, Learning Agreement, Attendance
Pathways

Goal Setting

What knowledge and skills do you hope to master through your coursework?

What are the ways you can leverage the Wharton academic experience to realize your career trajectory?
Wharton’s reputation rests on its mission of learning and academic excellence. The Learning Agreement serves as a set of ideal standards for both students and faculty to create a world-class educational experience. Our collective goal is to create and enjoy an engaging classroom environment, which is open to diverse views and centered on useful knowledge applicable to our future careers. It is our shared responsibility to help each other in the learning process, and we are expected to hold each other accountable to the standards set forth in the Learning Agreement.
# Learning Agreement

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MBA Program Attendance Policy

Applies to fixed core classes, in that MGMT 610, MKTG 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.

Several types of absences warrant excuses, such as Personal Illness, Personal Emergency, or Religious Holidays. Absences due to job interviews, career pursuits or travel are not excused.
How busy will you be preparing for class?

Case Method Workshop on August 8:
The goal of the workshop is to introduce you to the case method and to discuss strategies for efficient class preparation and participation. The workshop is moderated by the Natalya Vinokurova, Assistant Professor of Management and a learning instructor from the Weingarten Learning Resources Center.
Why Grades Matter
We Celebrate 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 cannot be dropped once the last class took place.
“Wharton students are free to disclose any aspect of their own academic transcripts to prospective employers or any other interested parties, and are encouraged to do so. Such disclosure is a legal right and it is Wharton policy to protect this right. Prospective employers are free to request from students any aspect of their academic transcripts.”

— WHARTON SCHOOL GRADE DISCLOSURE POLICY
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
4cu or more of LT - 1st year
6cu 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
We celebrate academic excellence in many ways

Palmer Scholars
Director’s List
First Year Honors and Graduation with Honors

Director’s List Fellowship
Ford Fellowship
Academic Excellence Fellowship
Isik Inselbag Fellowship
McGowan Fellowship
Please join me and my colleagues in MBA Academic Affairs for the following sessions during Pre-term:

- Core Curriculum & Majors (today)
- Ethics (today)
- Course Match (tomorrow)
- Case Method Workshop (Thursday)
- Academic Advising (starts August 13)