

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Undergraduate Application and Admission Information

Q: I have an overall grade point average of 2.50. Am I guaranteed admission to the College of Business and Economics?

Students with a cumulative GPA at or above 2.50 will be considered by descending grade point average for admission into the College as space permits. Demand for entry into business programs is cyclical and recently competition has been especially keen. In recent semesters a grade point average substantially above 2.50 has been required for admission to the College.

Transfer students with more than 50 credit hours and a grade point average below 2.75 may have difficulty raising their grade point average to the required level for admission.

Q: I have attended institutions other than WVU. Are the courses I transferred considered when evaluating my application for admission to the College of Business and Economics?

Yes. Your overall grade point average is calculated using attempted coursework from all institutions of higher learning that you have attended. Coursework from foreign institutions, which do not have comparable grading systems, is disregarded from grade point average calculation.

Q: At the end of the current semester, I will have 57 credit hours completed. Am I eligible to apply for admission to the College Business and Economics?

Yes. Even though College admission requirements stipulate you must have completed 58 credit hours to be admitted, the admissions committee will consider your application if your total credit hours fall slightly below 58.

Q: Do I need to satisfy all of my general education requirements (including Psychology 101 and Sociology 101) before I am eligible to apply for admission to the College of Business and Economics?

No. You must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for admission to the College:

- An overall grade point average of 2.50
- Completion of at least 58 credit hours of study by the end of the current semester
- Completion of six credit hours of principles of accounting with a minimum grade of "C"
- Completion of three/four credit hours of computer science (business applications)
- Completion of six credit hours of principles of economics with a minimum grade of "C"
- Completion of three credit hours of statistics with a minimum grade of "C"
- Completion of six credit hours of English composition with a passing grade

- Completion of three/four credit hours of finite math, college algebra, or pre-calculus with a minimum grade of "C"
- Completion of three/four credit hours of calculus with a passing grade

Q: If I am completing my final prerequisites in the summer, when do I apply for admission to the College of Business and Economics?

The College of Business and Economics has two application periods:

- The application period for fall admissions. The application period begins on the first day of the spring semester and ends on February 15th. Students who plan to complete their final course prerequisites in summer should apply for fall admission.
- The application period for spring admissions. The application period begins on the first day of the fall semester and ends of September 15th.

Q: Where can I pick up an application for admission?

The application link may be found on the College of Business & Economics homepage www.be.wvu.edu. The link will only be active from the first day of classes until February 15th or September 15th.

Q: When do I know if I am accepted for admission?

You will be notified of your admission status shortly after March 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission.

Q: What should I do if I'm not accepted?

There are several options available to you when you are denied admission. First, you may spend an additional semester in the Pre-Business and Economics program and continue working on your general education and elective requirements. Second, you may consider changing your major to something that complements business and declare a formal minor in business administration. Or, you may contact your academic advisor for other alternatives.

Prerequisite Course Information

Q: I completed Statistics 211 with a minimum grade of "C". Do I need to complete Economics 225?

No. Economics 225 and Statistics 211 are equivalent courses. You may not receive credit for both Economics 225 and Statistics 211.

Q: I have completed Math 126A, 126B, or 126C with a minimum grade of "C". Do I need to complete Math 129?

No. You may only use Math 126A, 126B, 126C or 129 to satisfy the first mathematics requirements for admission to the College of Business and Economics.

Q: I have completed Math 155 or Math 156 with a passing grade. Do I need to complete Math 150?

No. If you have completed Math 155 or 156 with a passing grade, in addition to completing Math 124, 126 or 129 with a minimum grade of "C", you do not have to complete Math 150.

Q: I have completed Math 126A, 126B, 126C or 129 with a minimum grade of "C" and I have also completed Math 153, 154, 155, 156 or 150 with a passing grade. Should I complete any advanced calculus courses?

You do not need to complete advanced calculus courses for admission to the College of Business and Economics. However, these courses will better prepare you when you consider admission to certain graduate programs.

Q: I have earned a grade of "D" in Math 150. Am I permitted to major in Economics?

No. Even though a passing grade in Math 150 will meet the admission requirements for the College of Business and Economics, you must earn a minimum grade of "C" in Math 150, 153, 154, 155, or 156 to major in Economics.

Q: I have earned a grade of "C" in Accounting 201 and/or Accounting 202. Will this jeopardize my admission to the accounting program?

Yes. You must earn a minimum grade of "B" in Accounting 201 and 202 to major in Accounting.

Q: I have earned a grade of "C" in Economics 201 and/or Economics 202. Will this jeopardize my admission to the finance program?

Yes. You must earn a minimum grade of "B" in Economics 201 and 202 to major in finance.

Q: I have earned a grade of "C" in Economics 201 and Economics 202. Will this jeopardize my admission to the economics program?"

Yes. You must earn at least one "B" and one "C" in the two principles courses to major in economics.

General Information

Q: When I am admitted to the College of Business and Economics, what undergraduate degree programs are available for me to choose?

You may choose the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration or the Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Q: What program do I choose if I want to major in Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, or Marketing?

Business Administration. When choosing the Business Administration program, you must select one of the four preceding majors.

Q: Does the College of Business and Economics allow students to pursue more than one degree/major?

Yes. However, you must earn a minimum of 158 credit hours to be eligible to graduate with two baccalaureate degrees. You may also pursue double majors under the business administration program. This may require the completion of more than 128 credit hours to be eligible to graduate.

Q: How many general electives are required to major in business or economics?

Each of the six majors in the College of Business and Economics has varying numbers of electives. Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems and Marketing majors each complete 13 credit hours of electives. Economics majors have the largest number of electives--27 credit hours.

Q: Is English 202 a prerequisite for admission to the College of Business and Economics?

No. English 202 is not a requirement for admission. English 202 has been dropped as a required course from the Business Administration degree program. The University writing requirement will be satisfied with a major core course (business administration majors) or with a capstone course in economics.

Q: May I enroll in upper division business and economics courses before I am accepted into the College?

Upper division business and economics courses are for business and economics majors only. You may contact the College and seek permission to enroll in upper division business and economics courses provided you meet special circumstances.

Q: If I am applying to the College of Business and Economics but lack a full schedule of courses, in what courses should I enroll?

If you are eligible, D/F repeat any courses in which you may have performed poorly. Also, consider pursuing a formal minor in an area that will complement your business or economics degree.

Q: What is the difference between a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Economics?

There are three primary differences between the BA and the BS in Economics. First, the BA in Economics is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the BS in Economics is offered by the College of Business and Economics. Second, the BA in Economics requires four consecutive semesters of a foreign language. And finally, BS in Economics majors are permitted to complete specialized studies in business administration.

Q: What is Business Administration 101?

Business Administration 101 is designed to introduce you to the study of business. You will learn some basic principles of business administration and what career opportunities are open to you. This course will also assist you in selecting a business administration major that is right for you.

Q: Is Business Administration 101 a requirement for admission into the College of Business and Economics?

No, but the College strongly recommends you complete Business Administration 101 in your freshman year.

Q: If I am a few credits short of attaining sophomore rank, may I register for Accounting 201, Economics 201, and Economics 225?

The College will grant you approval to register for these courses provided you are only a few credit hours short of sophomore rank. Contact the Academic Division Directors for more information: Accounting: Dr. Tim Pearson, room 301 B&E, 293-7842; Economics: Dr. William Trumbull, room 420 B&E, 293-7860.

Q: May I receive credit for an internship before I have declared my major in business or economics?

No. You must be admitted to the College of Business and Economics and have successfully completed 15 credit hours of upper division business and economics coursework before you are eligible to register for internship credit.

Q: Am I required to declare a minor concentration of study?

No. However, many business and economics majors do complete minors. The two most popular ones are Communication Studies and Economics. To find out which minor is right for you, contact an advisor in the College of Business and Economics.

Q: Does the College of Business and Economics offer a minor?

Yes. The College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University is now offering a minor in Business Administration. This minor is available only to students who do not intend to complete a degree through the College of Business and Economics.

Q: What are the course requirements for the minor in Business Administration?

Students must earn 21 credit hours with the following courses:

ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting	3 cr. hr.
ECON 201 Principles of Economics	3 cr. hr.
ECON 202 Principles of Economics	3 cr. hr.
BUSA 310 Survey of Business Law	3 cr. hr.
BUSA 320 Survey of Management	3 cr. hr.
BUSA 330 Survey of Marketing	3 cr. hr.
BUSA 340 Survey of Finance	3 cr. hr.

No substitutions are permitted for the above courses. To qualify for a minor in business a student must have earned an overall GPA of 2.0 in all courses required.