



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

Graduate Executive Committee

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Agenda

Agenda Items:

- LAS/COB Proposed Accelerated Master's Pathway: BA in Music to MBA (Yvonne Wu)
- Reintroduction of LAS/COB Proposed Accelerated Master's Pathway: BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA (Megan Rogers)

Informational Items:

- Mathematics department AMP updates:
 - Increase the maximum number of double-counted credit hours to 12 from 9
 - Allow AMP credits to count toward both tracks in the MSc degree (MSc with Mathematics Emphasis and Scientific Computation & Data Science)

Announcements:

- Update on AY27 Scholarship cycle and Graduate School Canvas resource hubs (Janel Owens)
- In this week's announcement attachments, we have included an overview of all the remaining graduation paperwork and thesis/dissertation deadlines and reminders.
 - Please review this information carefully.
 - One important note: **The deadline for thesis and dissertation defense is April 10th. If your student needs an extension request, those must be submitted and approved by April 10th.** These exceptions **cannot** be approved retroactively.
 - If you have questions, please email graddocs.
- The annual Graduate School Welcome Reception will be Monday, August 17th, 5:30-7pm in Berger Hall. Please advertise this opportunity to your incoming graduate students. See attached flier.
- GEC Meetings for Academic Year 25-26 (all meetings are from 10:00-11:30am):
Spring GEC Meetings: 2/6, 3/13, 4/3, 5/1

Bachelor of Arts in Music to Master of Business Administration

Accelerated Master's Pathway

Program Description:

The Bachelor of Arts in Music to Master of Business Administration (MBA) Accelerated Master Pathway (AMP) is designed to allow students to work concurrently on the BA and the MBA. Up to 12 graduate credit hours earned while enrolled in the BA to MBA AMP can be counted toward the fulfillment of requirements for both programs. For the courses to be credited for requirements in both degree programs, they must be taken after admission to the AMP and prior to completion of the undergraduate degree. Courses also must be from the list of identified courses approved for dual credit.

The purpose of the BA in Music to MBA AMP is to provide an opportunity for high achieving students to complete their undergraduate degree in Music and graduate degree in Business Administration in an accelerated time frame. The result should be to increase opportunities for access to graduate education and expand career prospects. It is also a forward-thinking cross-college partnership between the College of Letters, Arts, and Science (LAS) and the College of Business (COB). Development of the program directly exemplifies the UCCS core values of integration, innovation, collaboration, inclusive diversity, and dynamic responsible growth.

Students admitted to the dual program will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Music upon completion of the BA requirements and will be eligible to participate in the undergraduate commencement ceremony. Students admitted to the BA to MBA AMP must apply for full graduate admission and be accepted to the Master of Business Administration program. BA to MBA AMP students are not guaranteed admission to the MBA program.

Students pursuing the BA in Music to MBA AMP pathway must first complete the AMP Intent Form through the UCCS Graduate School during their junior year. Once approved, they may begin taking College of Business graduate-level courses in the first semester of their senior year. Students can take up to 12 credit hours of dual-counted coursework, though they may choose to take fewer. Before graduating from the undergraduate Music program, students must also submit a formal application to the MBA program and meet all standard MBA admission requirements.

Instructions for the graduate application process are available on the College of Business website:

[Application Process Checklist | College of Business](#). BA in Music to MBA AMP students are not required to continue with the MBA program after completion of the BA in Music. However, BA in Music to MBA AMP students are admitted on the premise that they intend to complete both degrees. If they choose to withdraw from this program prior to completing both degrees, they will need to ensure that the credits are within the 6-year timeline prior to returning to complete their MBA.

BA in Music and Information Design:

General Requirements for the BA in Music Include:

- Requires a minimum of 52 credit hours of MUS course work and an additional 9 hours of VAPA department auxiliary course work.
- Requires a minimum of 23 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) MUS course work and an additional 6 hours of upper-division auxiliary course work.
- All major and auxiliary course work must have a grade of “C” or better.

Master of Business Administration Degree requirements include:

- Completion of a minimum of 30 hours of graduate work with a grade point average of B (3.0) or better.
- Students must earn grades of C or better in all courses applied to the degree.
- The 30 hours include 27 hours of core courses, and 3 hours of MBA elective courses.
- Students enrolled in the BA in Music to MBA AMP will complete STRT 6000 and three additional MBA core courses as part of the undergraduate degree.
- BA in Music to MBA AMP students must complete all the MBA course courses and additional MBA degree requirements as outlined in the university catalogue.

Dual Credits:

BA in Music to MBA AMP allows students to count 12 semester credit hours toward both the Bachelor of Arts in Music and the Master of Business Administration. For credits to be double counted, the following conditions must be met:

- Dual credit courses must be from among those approved, included in the list of courses approved for dual credit below.
- Dual credit courses must be completed with a C or better
- Dual credit courses must be taken for graduate credit (6000 level or above)

Courses approved for Dual Credit:

- STRT 6000 (required)
- ACCT 6100
- BUAN 6000
- FNCE 6000
- INFS 6000
- MGMT 6000
- MKTG 6000
- OPTM 6000

Standards for Admission:

- Completion of the AMP Intent form through the graduate school into the BA in Music to MBA AMP is required prior to taking the dual-credit Music/MBA courses at the 6000 level. Admission into the BA in Music to MBA AMP is competitive. Students must meet the following criteria:

- A current UCCS student who has completed at least 30 credit hours at UCCS
- Student must have junior class standing or higher for eligibility to be accepted into the program
- A cumulative CU GPA of at least 3.0
- Student is a declared major in the Music bachelor's program
- Completion of at least 15 credits hours in the major
- Meet the standards and admissions requirements for both programs as outlined in the UCCS catalogue (which may include higher standards than those listed above and/or additional criteria)

Program Retention Criteria:

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the undergraduate portion of the program and a 3.0 GPA throughout the graduate portion of the program. To remain in the program, students must meet the requirements of the respective programs as outlined in the UCCS catalog. If students fail to maintain requirements for either program they will be dismissed from the AMP in accordance with the policies outlined in these documents. In cases where the student appeals a dismissal decision, the policy of the college whose requirements are not met will be followed.

Departmental Authority:

Both the Department of Music and the Master of Business Administration programs will track students enrolled in the BA in Music to MBA AMP. Both the Department of Music and the Master of Business Administration program will inform appropriate offices (e.g., admissions, records, academic advising, graduate school, financial aid) when a student is being admitted to the accelerated master's graduate status as well as when a student is removed from the program due to failing to meet program requirements or if student selects to voluntarily end enrollment in accelerated program. Advising responsibilities for the undergraduate portion of this degree will be the responsibility of Academic Advising. Advising for the MBA portion of the AMP will be the responsibility of the MBA program director.

BA in Music to MBA AMP Five-Year Degree Plan

FIVE-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an example degree program and your program may vary. Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.

	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
	Year One		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		MUS 1600	1		MUS 1010 (<i>spring only</i>)	3
		GPS 1010	3		MUS 1030 (<i>spring only</i>)	1
		VAPA 1000-Level Core Course	3		MUS 1040	1
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		MUS Ensemble Course	2
		General Elective (<i>MUS 1005 if needed</i>)	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
					Natural Science Lab	1
		TOTAL		16	TOTAL	14

	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
	Year Two		MUS 2010 (<i>fall only</i>)	3		MUS Ensemble Course
		MUS 2030 (<i>fall only</i>)	1		MUS Elective	3
		MUS 2150	3		MUS Elective	3
		MUS 2600	1		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
		Reasoning Skills course - <i>MATH 1040 recommended for MBA</i>	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course*	3		General Elective (Writing Intensive)	3
		TOTAL		14	TOTAL	17

*If MATH 1040 is taken, PHIL 1120 is recommended for one Explore – AHC course in order to complete Reasoning Skills, Option 2.

	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
	Year Three		MUS 2850 (<i>fall only</i>)	3		MUS 3600 (<i>Junior Recital</i>)
		MUS 3010 (<i>fall only</i>)	3		MUS 4010 (<i>spring only</i>)	3
		MUS 3030 (<i>fall only</i>)	1		MUS Ensemble Course	2
		MUS 3600	1		VAPA 3000-level Core Course	3
		VAPA 3000-level Core Course	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures	3

	General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness & Sustainability</i>)	3	General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3
	TOTAL	14	TOTAL	15

Year Four	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		MUS 4600	1		MUS 4600 (<i>Senior Recital</i>)	1
		Upper-Division (UD) MUS History Elective	3		MUS 4980	3
		UD MUS Elective	3		UD MUS Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective – MBA Core Course	3
		UD General Elective – STRT 6000	3		UD General Elective – MBA Core Course	3
		UD General Elective – MBA Core Course	3		General Elective	1
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

MBA	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Core Course	3
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Elective	3
		MBA Core Course	3		STRT 6500	3
		Total	9		Total	9

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies to Master of Business Administration Accelerated Master's Pathway

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Students admitted to the dual program will earn a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies upon completion of the BA requirements and will be eligible to participate in the undergraduate commencement ceremony. Students admitted to the BA to MBA AMP must apply for full graduate admission and be accepted to the Master of Business Administration program. BA to MBA AMP students are not guaranteed admission to the MBA program.

BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP students desiring to continue to the MBA program after completing the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies degree must meet with the MBA Program Director and submit an intent form prior to completing courses which will be applied to the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP. Prior to graduation, students must also submit a formal application to the MBA program, which includes all official transcripts, a written statement of intent, and letters of recommendation.

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BA in Interdisciplinary Studies:

General Requirements for the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies Include:

- 36 credit hours of Interdisciplinary Studies course work, 27 hours must be upper division (3000+ level).
- All major course work must be completed with a grade of B- or better.

Master of Business Administration Degree requirements include:

- Completion of a minimum of 30 hours of graduate work with a grade point average of B (3.0) or better.
- Students must earn grades of B or better in all courses applied to the degree.
- The 30 hours include 27 hours of core courses, and 3 hours of MBA elective courses.
- Students enrolled in the BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP will complete STRT 6000 and two additional MBA core courses as part of the undergraduate degree.
- BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP students must complete all the MBA course courses and additional MBA degree requirements as outlined in the university catalogue.

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- QUAN 2010 (recommended)
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Standards for Admission:

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 - A current UCCS student who has completed at least 30 credit hours at UCCS
 - Student must have junior class standing or higher for eligibility to be accepted into the program
 - A cumulative CU GPA of at least 3.0
 - Student is a declared major in the Interdisciplinary Studies bachelor's program
 - Completion of at least 15 credits hours in the major
 - Any Compass Curriculum deficiencies must be completed
 - Meet the standards and admissions requirements for both programs as outlined in the UCCS catalogue (which may include higher standards than those listed above and/or additional criteria)
 - Completion of a 1-page (double space, 1-inch margins) essay outlining the student's career goals

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BA INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES to MBA AMP Five-Year Degree Plan

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Year One	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills (INDS 1050)	3
		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
		Explore- Arts, Humanities and Culture Course	3		Explore- Society, Behavior and Health Course	3
		MATH 1040	3		QUAN 2010 (recommended)	3
		Total	15		Total	15

Year Two	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
			Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD- Interdisciplinary Studies Course
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3		General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
		ACCT 2010 (recommended)	3		General Elective- (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3
					General Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3
		Total	15		Total	16

Year Three	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
			UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course
		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
		HUM 3990	3		General Elective	3

	General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3		General Elective	2
	Total	15		Total	14

Year Four	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Interdisciplinary Studies Summit Course	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective- STRT 6000	3		UD General Elective-MBA Core Course	3
		General Elective- MBA Core Course	3		UD General Elective- MBA Core Course	3
		Total	15		Total	15

MBA	√	FALL	Hour s	√	SPRING	Hour s
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Core Course	3
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Core Course	3
		MBA Core Course	3		STRT 6500	3
		Total	9		Total	9