



**Graduate Executive Committee**

**4/3/2026**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members:** Amanda Elder, Brian McAllister, Carlos Diaz, Christina Jimenez, Diep Dao, Ezio Iacocca, Heather Song, James Pearson, Johanna Baez, Justin Cole, Kara Holt, Katie Sullivan, Lavonne Johnson, Lei Zhang, Leilani Feliciano, Morgan Shepherd, Patty Witkowsky, Robin Kempf, Xin Yee

**Non-Voting Members:** Alyssa Langness, Andrew Lac, Asjia Trotter-McGill, Ashley Beushausen, Bri Newland, Carolyn Daley, David DuBois, Deanna Johnson, Gloria Seward, Hillary Fouts, Janel Owens, Jennifer Newcomb, Jessica Kirby, Jose Mora, Karin Larkin, Karlye Enkler, Kim Paine, Kylie Swanson, Lisa Harner, Mary Rupp, Monica Yoo, Sam Adams, Savannah Diaz, Shonda Johnson, Stephani Hosain, Stephanie Trujillo, Sudhanshu Semwal, Susan Eldridge, Yvonne Wu

**Agenda Items:**

- LAS/COB Proposed Accelerated Master's Pathway: BA in Music to MBA (Yvonne Wu)
  - GEC voted to recommend approval (13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)
- Reintroduction of LAS/COB Proposed Accelerated Master's Pathway: BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA (Megan Rogers)
  - Proposal was reintroduced because LAS had not approved the AMP before GEC voted on it in March, and course changes were made en route to getting LAS approval. It has been approved by LAS.
  - GEC voted to recommend approval (13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

**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)
  - Detailed information about all Graduate School scholarships and grants is available in the Graduate School Resource Hub on Canvas! Email [jowens2@uccs.edu](mailto:jowens2@uccs.edu) to be added to that course.
  - **Reminder: May 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting awardee information to [gradfund@uccs.edu](mailto:gradfund@uccs.edu) for the following awards:**
    - Advanced Doctoral Dissertation Grant

- Graduate Dean Doctoral Tuition Grant
  - Graduate School Tuition Matching Grant
  - Out-of-State Recruitment Grant
- The Program Director and Staff Resources page in the Canvas hub contains (among other things) Templates for commonly used communications such as provisional admissions and time extension requests.
- In this meeting'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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Year One	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours	
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
			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
			<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

Year Two	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours	
			MUS 2010 ( <i>fall only</i> )	3		MUS Ensemble Course	2
			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
			<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	17

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

Year Three	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours	
			MUS 2850 ( <i>fall only</i> )	3		MUS 3600 ( <i>Junior Recital</i> )	1
			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 &amp; Sustainability</i> )	3	General Elective ( <i>Oral Communication</i> )	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

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
		<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

## **Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies to Master of Business Administration (MBA) Accelerated Master's Pathway**

### **Program Description:**

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies to Master of Business Administration (MBA) Accelerated Master's 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 Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP is to provide an opportunity for high achieving students to complete their undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies 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 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.

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

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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.
- Students in the Interdisciplinary Studies program should consider taking three undergraduate business courses as electives to ensure they are prepared for graduate study in the college of Business. These recommended courses are INFS 1100, ACCT 2010 and QUAN 2010.

### **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 three additional MBA core courses as part of the undergraduate degree.
- BA in Interdisciplinary Studies to MBA AMP students must complete all the MBA core courses and additional MBA degree requirements as outlined in the university catalogue.

### **Dual Credits:**

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- Dual credit courses must be taken for graduate credit (5000 level or above)

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- Student is a declared major in the Interdisciplinary Studies 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)
- 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**

**FIVE-YEAR DEGREE PLAN**

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Year	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3

	GPS 1010	3	Reasoning Skills (MATH 1040 recommended)	3
	Explore- Arts, Humanities and Culture Course	3	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3	Explore- Society, Behavior and Health Course (INFS 1100 recommended)	3
	<b>Total</b>	15	<b>Total</b>	15

Year Two	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD- Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
		ACCT 2010 (recommended)	3		QUAN 2010 (recommended)	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		General Elective	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3		General Elective- ( <i>Oral Communication</i> )	3
					General Elective ( <i>Writing Intensive</i> )	3
		<b>Total</b>	15		<b>Total</b>	16

Year Three	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3		UD Interdisciplinary Studies Course	3
		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
		<b>Total</b>	15		<b>Total</b>	14

Year Four	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		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
	<b>Total</b>	15	<b>Total</b>	15

\*If MATH 1040 and QUAN 2010 are completed, they will fulfill the Reasoning Skills, Option 2 requirement for the bachelor's degree.

MBA	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Core Course	3
		MBA Core Course	3		MBA Elective Course	3
		MBA Core Course	3		STRT 6500	3
		<b>Total</b>	9		<b>Total</b>	9

# Spring 2026

## Graduation Paperwork & Thesis/Dissertation Reminders

**Graduating Student Resources can be found here:** <https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/current-student-resources/graduating-this-semester>

Upcoming deadlines for Graduation Paperwork and Thesis/Dissertation Reminders:

- **April 10, 2026**-Last day for Thesis/Dissertation Defense.
  - If a thesis/dissertation defense extension is needed to be requested, departments/committee chairs should email [graddocs@uccs.edu](mailto:graddocs@uccs.edu) by April 10, 2026 @ 5:00pm to request the extension.
  - **Exceptions cannot be made retroactively.**
- **May 14, 2026 @ 12:00pm**-Deadline for Thesis/Dissertation to be submitted into ProQuest.
  - Please encourage your students to submit their Thesis or Dissertation EARLY if possible.
  - Students should expect at least one round of edits.
- **May 19, 2026 @ 11:00pm**-Grade post deadline for all Spring 2026 grades.
  - Faculty should have grades posted by 11:00pm. View the Registrar's Grading Deadlines and Policies here: <https://registrar.uccs.edu/facultystaff/support-and-grading/grading>
  - Please ensure all graduating students with courses reflecting I or IP grades have been changed to a letter grade for all current and prior semesters of enrollment.
- **May 22, 2026, by EOD**-Final Transcripts and any outstanding forms due to the Graduate School for Final Audit by end of day.
  - Please submit final highlighted transcripts to [graddocs@uccs.edu](mailto:graddocs@uccs.edu) or upload to shared drive for final review.
  - Please check that all I and IP grades have been changed prior to submission. If you are waiting on grades to be changed, please email Dee at [graddocs@uccs.edu](mailto:graddocs@uccs.edu).
- **May 22, 2026, by EOD**-Program/Department Confirmed Lists are due to the Dean of the Graduate School (emailed to [graddocs@uccs.edu](mailto:graddocs@uccs.edu)) by end of day.

**Students completing thesis or dissertations also need to submit the Electronic and Approval of Format forms into ProQuest when submitting their thesis or dissertation for review.**

- Approval of Format (AOF) Form: [https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/Approval%20of%20Format%202024\\_1.pdf](https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/Approval%20of%20Format%202024_1.pdf)
- Electronic Thesis/Dissertation Signature and Agreement Form (ESA): [https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/sites/g/files/kjihxj1431/files/inline-files/Electronic%20Thesis%20Dissertation%20Signature%20and%20Agreement%20Form\\_2020\\_Final\\_1.pdf](https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/sites/g/files/kjihxj1431/files/inline-files/Electronic%20Thesis%20Dissertation%20Signature%20and%20Agreement%20Form_2020_Final_1.pdf)



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FALL 2026

# Graduate School Welcome Reception

A great opportunity for new UCCS graduate students to connect with other students, staff, and faculty, and to learn about available campus resources.

Dinner will be provided.

Monday, August 17, 2026

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Berger Hall

located in University Center

\*Free Parking on campus this week\*

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