

CORE CURRICULUM

The Dolan School of Business undergraduate business core curriculum provides a solid foundation in business, while giving students more time to delve into their individual areas of study.

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	Courses	Credits
A. General Education Core Curriculum Requirements	21 ¹	63 ¹
B. Business Core Requirements	9	27
C. Courses in the Major Field	6	18
D. Business Elective	1	3
E. Free Electives	4 ¹	12 ¹
Total	41	123

¹ Some students, contingent on Math placement, will satisfy the DSB's math core requirement with two (vs. three) courses, resulting in 20 (vs. 21) courses and 60 (vs. 63) general education core credits. For these students, one additional "free elective" course (3 credits) will be needed to complete the requisite 41 courses / 123 credits to graduate.

General Education Core Curriculum

21 courses, 63 credits.

The general education core curriculum provides a truly liberal education, drawing upon five major areas of knowledge. For each of these five areas of competency, business majors select courses as follows:

AREA I: MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

- Two or three semesters of mathematics, depending on placement:
 - At least one semester must be a calculus course: MA 0119, MA 0120, MA 0145, MA 0146, MA 0171, or MA 0172.
 - MA 0217 is required.
 - EC 0278 may substitute for MA 0217. EC 0278 does not satisfy a mathematics core requirement.
- Two semesters of a natural science. Any two courses in any of the natural sciences, as well as AY 0110, AY 0115, or PY 0261, fulfill this requirement.

AREA II: HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- Two semesters of history: One 100-level history course is required, plus one 200- or 300-level course.
- EC 0011 Introduction to Microeconomics
- EC 0012 Introduction to Macroeconomics

AREA III: PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- Two semesters of philosophy: PH 0101 is required, plus one 200-level course.
- Two semesters of religious studies: RS 0101 is required, plus one 200-level course.
- AE 0291 Business Ethics

AREA IV: ENGLISH AND VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Three semesters of English: EN 0011 and EN 0012 are required, plus one 100-level English literature course. Writing courses (ENW) do *not* fulfill the core literature requirement. Selected courses offering literature in translation may also fulfill this requirement; see listings under Classical Studies (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/classical-studies>) as well as Modern Languages and Literatures (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures>).
- Two semesters of visual and performing arts.
 - One semester must be in the area of art history; film, television, and media arts history; music history; or theatre history. (Attribute: VPCH)
 - The other semester may be selected from any of the three-credit course offerings in art history; film, television & media arts; music; studio art, and theatre. (Attribute: VPCH or VPC2)

AREA V: MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

- Two sequential semesters of one language selected from the offerings of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/modern-languages-literatures>) or the Classical Studies Program (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/classical-studies>).

Diversity Requirements

All students must complete one U.S. and one world diversity course from a designated list of courses. The courses may be chosen from the University core, business core, major, or electives.

Business Core Requirements

9 courses; 27 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
AC 0011	Introduction to Financial Accounting ¹	3
AC 0012	Introduction to Management Accounting ¹	3
IS 0100	Introduction to Information Systems ^{1 or 2}	3
FI 0101	Introduction to Finance ²	3
MG 0101	Introduction to Management ²	3
MK 0101	Principles of Marketing ²	3
OM 0101	Operations Management ²	3
BU 0211	Legal Environment of Business ³	3
MG 0300	Business Strategies in the Global Environment ⁴	3
Total Credits		27

¹ These courses should be completed in the first year.

² These courses should be completed in the second year.

³ This course may not be taken until the junior year.

⁴ This course may not be taken until the senior year.

Business Major Requirements

6 courses; 18 credits.

Descriptions and requirements of each of the six majors are detailed in the respective departmental sections that follow. Course descriptions are also included.

Business Elective

1 course; 3 credits.

Each of the majors in the Dolan School of Business requires the completion of one business elective course of three credits. This elective course may be taken from any business offering, including an approved 3-credit internship, provided all prerequisites are met.

Free Electives

4 courses; 12 credits.

All business students must complete a minimum of four free electives totaling 12 credits. A free elective is a three- to four-credit course chosen by students without any restrictions related to their majors. Students can (and often do) use the free electives toward the completion of a double major or a minor. As noted above, students placing directly into Calculus (thus waived from Pre-Calculus) will need to complete a minimum of 5 courses / 15 "free elective" credits.