

The Stony Brook MBA Fast Track Program combines a four-year undergraduate degree and a 48 credit MBA into a program that can be completed in as little as five years. Undergraduate students apply for this program in their sophomore or junior year and begin taking graduate MBA courses along with their undergraduate course of study in their junior or senior year. Students typically finish their MBA program in their fifth year.

This program is designed for high-achieving students with a record of leadership and academic excellence.

MBA Fast Track Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Application Requirements & Information

Q: What do I need to apply for the MBA Fast Track program?

Note: Please send all application materials such as transcripts and letters of recommendation directly to the College of Business. (Address is at the top of the document)

A: Requirements for consideration of admission into the MBA Fast Track program:

- Complete an application for the program – available at the Office of Student Services – 109 Harriman Hall
- 3.2 GPA (You do not need to submit transcripts at this time. The admissions committee will be able to access your academic records.)
- Resume
- 2-3 Letters of Recommendation from current or former employers or professors
- Proof of satisfactory completion (grade of “C” or better) of a three credit hour calculus course.
- Interview with the graduate director and/or other College of Business professors.

Q: When is the deadline to apply for the MBA Fast Track program?

A: As seats are limited, all applications should be received by April 15 to start in the Summer or Fall and November 15 to start in the Spring.

Q: When should I apply?

A: Students should apply in their sophomore or junior year, depending on when they would like to begin the program.

Q: What is the minimum GPA for admission to the MBA Fast Track program?

A: Applicants must have a minimum Stony Brook GPA of 3.2, no exceptions can be made. Most of the students who gain admission have at least a 3.4 GPA. (This GPA is your Stony Brook GPA only; the GPA earned at a previous college will not be factored into your cumulative GPA, however the admissions committee will review your transcripts from all universities attended and take these into consideration when making an admissions decision.)

Q: Where should I send my transcripts, letters of recommendation, personal statement and resume?

A: Please send all documents to the Office of Student Services in the College of Business; the address is at the top of this document.

Q: When will I hear back about a decision?

A: A decision is normally made within 2-4 weeks after receiving all application materials. The Office of Student Services will be in contact with you via email to let you know about the status of your application.

The Fast Track Experience

Q: I will be starting the program after my sophomore year. What can I expect?

A: Students beginning the MBA Fast Track program following their sophomore year typically take two MBA level courses in their Junior year (or the Summer prior). Students will then take an additional three MBA courses during their senior year. Students will work closely with an advisor to choose appropriate MBA courses. These will be core fundamental business courses covering areas such as finance, accounting, marketing, and leadership.

A student's fifth year is typically devoted to MBA courses. Students will work with an advisor to create a timeline for degree completion.

You will be with other students who are also just starting the program. However, they may or may not be a part of the MBA Fast Track program. We believe this diversification in students will be beneficial for all.

Q: I will be starting the program after my junior year. What can I expect?

A: Students beginning the MBA Fast Track program following their Junior year may take up to five MBA level courses in their Senior year (or the Summer prior). During the senior year, students will begin taking core fundamental business courses. Students will work closely with an advisor to choose appropriate MBA courses. These will be core fundamental business courses covering areas such as finance, accounting, marketing, and leadership.

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Credits & Status

Q: Can I count graduate credits toward my undergraduate degree?

A: Yes, students in this program can use up to 15 graduate MBA credits for general upper-division undergraduate electives. MBA courses cannot be used to fulfill major, minor or SBC/DEC requirements.

Q: How many credits will I need to take to graduate?

A: The minimum number of credits to graduate will be 48 MBA credits and as little as 105 Undergraduate credits. Undergraduate credits will vary based on your major/minor/SBC/DEC requirements.

Q: When will I be converted to graduate status?

A: Usually in the second semester of your senior year. However, this can vary based on a student's undergraduate degree requirements. Students must complete a minimum of 33 MBA credits after matriculating into graduate status. It is very important to see the MBA Fast Track advisor early in your program to determine your graduate matriculation status.

Q: Once converted to graduate status, if I am still taking undergraduate courses, will they be factored into my graduate GPA or undergraduate GPA?

A: The undergraduate courses taken in a graduate status will not immediately be factored into your undergraduate or graduate GPA. Once you apply for graduation, the Registrar will recalculate your undergraduate and graduate GPAs to include all relevant coursework.

Q: How do I receive graduation clearance?

A: Once you have completed all of your **undergraduate requirements**, you may apply for graduation on SOLAR for your bachelor's degree. This can happen either before or after you matriculate into the graduate program. Once you have completed all of your **MBA degree requirements**, you will apply for graduation from your MBA degree on SOLAR.

Q: Do I receive two degrees at once?

A: No, you will be able to receive your bachelor's degree once you complete all of your undergraduate requirements, and then later receive your master's degree after you have completed your MBA requirements. In the event that a student decides not to complete the graduate degree, he or she would receive an undergraduate degree if all university requirements are met. Students would be able to use 15 graduate credits towards their undergraduate upper division electives.

Tuition, Housing & Financial Aid

Q: Does my tuition change in the MBA Fast Track program?

A: You will be able to take 15 graduate level credits at the undergraduate tuition rates. Once you matriculate to graduate status (usually in the second semester of your senior year), you will be converted to MBA Tuition. If you are receiving financial aid, it is recommended that you speak with a financial aid advisor. Please visit the Bursar's website for up-to-date tuition information. <http://www.stonybrook.edu/bursar/tuition/mba.shtml>.

Q: How does housing change when I matriculate as a Graduate Student?

A: Once converted to graduate status you are allowed to live in buildings F-H in the West Apartments, Schomburg and Chapin. You will be charged rent for the entire year month by month.

Q: How will this program affect my financial aid?

A: Your financial aid will remain the same until you convert to graduate status. Students are required to meet with a financial aid counselor before matriculating to graduate status to review how this will affect the financial aid. No undergraduate scholarships or aid will apply to a matriculated graduate student.

Internships, Study Abroad Opportunities, Class Schedules & MBA Program Options

Q: When is the best time to start looking for a graduate internship?

A: As soon as possible. The earlier you start applying for internships, the better your chances of finding one. The Career Center can help you locate an internship. Visit www.stonybrook.edu/career and click on the Handshake link. Create your profile and start your internship search.

Q: Is there opportunity to study abroad?

A: We encourage students to complete some part of their MBA as a study abroad if they can. Students can take an internship, a short course, or a more intense course of study abroad in the summer following their senior year. Students can arrange to complete up to 6 credits in the study abroad program. The College of Business offers a study abroad program in Greece in Summer Session I. You can visit www.goinlearn for more information.

Q: Where do I find the schedule of classes for the MBA Program?

A: Please visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu/registrar/> Look for classes that start with MBA, MKT, FIN and ACC.

Q: What MBA programs of study does Stony Brook offer?

A: As an MBA applicant, you can apply for the following: MBA with concentrations in HR, Innovation, Management, or Management Operations; MBA in Finance; MBA in Marketing, MBA in Health Care Management; or MBA in Accounting. Completion of the accounting minor is required for entry to the MBA in Accounting.