1 Year MBA in Strategic Sustainability
Humboldt State University, a California State University campus
School of Business

Change Your Life. Change the World.

Rankings
- Humboldt State University (HSU) is a recognized leader in sustainability and natural resource management. The Princeton Review named Humboldt State University a “Best of the West” and “Green” college.
- HSU ranks #46 in US News and World Report’s Best Colleges in Regional Universities. HSU is 8th out of all the California State Universities.

Accreditation
The MBA program is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Strategic Sustainability: Going Further than the Traditional MBA
- Sustainability has become a “buzz” word with governments, business and individuals focused on managing crucial human, fiscal and physical resources.
- The HSU MBA prepares graduates to tackle sustainability issues in their current and future employment.
- Students learn strategies of organizations committed to long-term economic, environmental, and social sustainability.
- Students learn how to be innovative and responsible business leaders in a world where the management and sustainability of all resources becoming crucial.

MBA Program Quick Facts:
- Students can complete the program in one year if they have their undergraduate degree in Business.
  - If students have their undergraduate degree in something other than Business, they can complete all pre-requisites in one semester prior to the program starting.
- Program starts every Fall semester (August)
- No prior work experience is required.
- Scholarship support for all admitted students ($1000 to $3000).
- Students complete a 10 week paid internship in the summer.
- Students complete an extensive project with the help of a faculty advisor.
- Students build an electronic portfolio of work to aid in job search.
- We customize the program based on amount of prior business education.
- Located in safe, friendly, Arcata, California.

Admission Requirements
1. An undergraduate course in economics, statistics, finance and accounting.
2. 2.75 GPA
3. 300 on the GRE exam or 500 in the GMAT.
4. TOEFL score of 550 PBT, 80 IBT or IELTS of 6.5.

For more information, contact:
HSU’s Center for International Programs international@humboldt.edu
Or visit http://www.humboldt.edu/business/master-business-administration/international-students
Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to apply to the MBA (Masters in Business Administration Program)?
- You must graduate college before starting the degree.
- 2.75 college GPA
- GRE or GMAT test
  - GMAT – score of 500
  - GRE – 300 combined score on Verbal and Quantitative
- English proficiency: TOEFL 550 PBT, 80 IBT; IELTS 6.5

What if I don't have the English requirement?
- You can come to HSU's English as a Second Language Program.
  OR
- You can work on your English in your home country and take the TOEFL or IELTS again.

Do I have to take the GRE or GMAT?
- Yes.

Do I have to take certain courses before starting the MBA?
- Yes. You must take a college course in:
  - Financial Accounting
  - Economics (Macro and Micro)
  - Principles of Finance
  - Statistics

What if I have not taken these courses?
- You can be conditionally admitted to the MBA program and come to complete the pre-requisites in the Spring (January) semester before the program begins.
- You can take them at your home university.

Can I be admitted conditionally to the MBA program if I have not taken these courses?
- Students can be admitted conditionally. All prerequisites must be completed with acceptable grades posted before the student starts graduate classes in the third week of August.

When will I find out if I've been admitted?
- In most cases, we can conditionally admit you as early as January if you have completed your application. You must still complete all remaining requirements (degree, tests & courses, if any) by August, before you can start the program.

How do I apply to the MBA?
1) Fill out the application online. Pay the application fee online after you fill out the application.
2) Send your Certification of Finances and transcripts.
3) Submit your GRE or GMAT scores.
4) Submit proof of English Proficiency.
When can I start the program?
  • The MBA program begins every year in August.
  • The one-semester preparation program begins in January.

When is the application deadline?
  • The application deadline is March 1st to attend school in August.

If I have conditional admission, when can I start the English language program and/or pre-requisite courses?
  • You can attend HSU’s International English Language Institute the summer before your program. You can study for 12 weeks beginning in May, or for 4 weeks beginning in July.

What does the program cost?
  • These numbers are for one year, August through July.
    Tuition:      $16,350.00
    Registration fees:    $8,928.00
    Books and supplies:     $2,316.00
    Room, Housing, and Transportation:   $12,816.00
    Health insurance:     $669.00
    Other expenses (laundry, clothing, etc): $3,354.00
    **Total:**       $44,433.00

What does the pre-requisite courses/ESL cost?
  • 12 weeks (May – August): $3,770.00
  • 4 weeks (July – August): $1,450.00
  • The one-semester preparation program for completion of pre-requisites costs $6,000.00.

Your scholarships are $1,000 - $3,000? How much will I get?
  • A typical scholarship is $2,000.

Can I work in the U.S. after I get my MBA?
  • Students have the opportunity to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) after they complete the MBA. This enables students to stay in the U.S. for a year after graduation. Students must be working in a job that is related to their degree. Please see our website for more information.

How many students are in the program?
  • We run a cohort of about 25 students every year.

My professors - are they academics or have they worked in industry?
  • All faculty are academically qualified and have worked in industry. More detailed information is available here.

Where does the MBA rank?
  • The newly revised MBA program began August 2013, so currently, no ranking information is available.
Where can I see the MBA program outline?

**MBA Core Courses (36 units)**

**Fall Semester (13 units)**
- MBA 600 (4) International Economics
- MBA 610 (4) Data Acquisition/Analysis/Presentation
- MBA 620 (4) Managerial Accounting
- MBA 692 (1) Master's Project

**Spring Semester (13 units)**
- MBA 630 (4) Managerial Marketing
- MBA 640 (4) Managerial Finance
- MBA 650 (4) Designing Effective Organizations
- MBA 692 (1) Master's Project

**Summer Capstone Term (10 units)**
- MBA 675 (4) Social Environment/Ethics
- MBA 679 (3) Policy/Strategy
- MBA 682 (2) Business Internship
- MBA 692 (1) Master's Project

Will employers recognize HSU MBA?
- Yes. Employers will recognize the MBA from HSU.

Where can I live?
- You can live on-campus, or off-campus. The Center for International Programs will help you with your housing arrangements.

**Internships**

What are the length and time requirements of the internship?
- 10 weeks, 6 hours per week. If you work 12 hours per week, your internship would be 5 weeks long.

Where can I do the internship? Do I have to find the internship?
- The Internship Coordinator will help you find an internship site.

What if I have more questions?
- Contact Dr. David Sleeth-Keppler, MBA coordinator, at ds2590@humboldt.edu.
Pre-Requisites

Students must complete these courses or having completed equivalent courses elsewhere before beginning the MBA.

**Statistics (STAT) 108 (4 units)** - Elementary Statistics or its equivalent.
Descriptive methods, elementary probability, binomial and normal distributions, confidence intervals, test of hypothesis, regression, ANOVA, computer methods using Minitab.
- Taught through HSU Extended Education every semester including summer.
- An equivalent course can be taken at a community college.

**Economics (ECON) 210 (4 units)** - Principles of Economics or its equivalent
- This is taught in two semesters in community colleges, one for macroeconomics and one for microeconomics.
- Taught at HSU as a 4 unit course in Fall and Spring.
- It should also be available online in many places as well.

**Business Administration (BA) 250(4 units)** - Financial Accounting or its equivalent.
- Available at HSU every semester and in the summer.
- Can be taken at a community college online
- Can be taken online at HSU in the first summer session (beginning in May) for five weeks.

**STAT 108 & BA 250 is a prerequisite for BA 360.**

**BA 360 (4 units)** - Principles of Finance or its equivalent.
Basic skills for analyzing financial data. Time value of money. Techniques and ratios commonly used in financial analysis.
- Upper division course that must be taken at a four year college.
- Available at HSU every semester, and will be available online at HSU in the second summer session (beginning in July) for five weeks.

*All prerequisites must be completed with a C or higher before graduate classes start.*