MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF INTERDISCIPLINARY BUSINESS STUDIES

The modular, stackable, and customizable master's degree in interdisciplinary business studies is designed to give graduates a competitive edge in their careers. Students select two graduate business certificates and add 6 credits of electives to build their own unique degree. For example, the business analytics and investments and portfolio management graduate certificates can be combined to provide an education of the depth and breadth needed to be successful on Wall Street, while at the same time building the technical skills needed to code and analyze data more effectively. Combining the cloud, applications, and information technology certificate with the artificial intelligence certificate gives students a highly technical background that helps prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of managing increased automation in the workplace.

Visit the program website (https://business.gwu.edu/ms-in-interdisciplinary-business-studies/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions deadlines:	Fall: Round 1 - November 15; Round 2 - January 15; Round 3 - March 15; Round 4 - May 1; After May 1 – Rolling
	Spring: Round 1 - October 1; Round 2 - November 15; After November 15 – Rolling
Application form:	Our application process for designated degree and certificate programs is through a secure, electronic submission process. The application and uploaded electronic documents will be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions via a secure, online process.
Current resume:	Please list your entire work history including start and stop dates. You can upload the resume in the Employment History section of the online application form.
Statement of purpose:	A Statement of Purpose is required for your application. Be sure to check your academic program of interest for any specific requirements regarding the statement. If there are no specific program requirements, your statement of approximately 500 words should address your interests, academic and professional objectives, and proposed topic(s) of graduate study. Please review the academic program pages for any additional guidelines for the statement of purpose.
Previous academic records:	Applicants are required to upload and submit copies of transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended, whether or not the program was completed or the credit appears as a transfer credit on another transcript.

We consider these uploaded transcripts to be "unofficial" as they are submitted by the applicant. Applicants who receive an offer of admission will be required at that time of enrollment to submit official final transcripts. An acceptable transcript is a copy of an official transcript produced by the institution.

	If submitting transcripts from a foreign institution, please reference the International Student Requirements section for detailed information on requirements.
Letters of recommendation:	One official letter of recommendation is required by the GW School of Business unless your specific program mandates two or more. The recommendation(s) must be from an individual in a position to appraise the applicant's potential for graduate study (i.e. Manager, Professor, Mentor or etc.). Some programs have specific requirements for recommendation providers.
Standardized test scores:	Some departments and programs require applicants to take standardized entrance examinations such as GRE (institution code: 5246) or GMAT (institution code: QK4-4F-40) scores. Please refer to your academic program for examination requirements and waiver information.
English proficiency:	All applicants are required to demonstrate a level of proficiency in the English language sufficient to meet the admission requirement of the School of Business. Please reference our International Student Requirements for more details.
Supplemental application data:	Some departments and programs require the completion of supplemental data or submission of materials such as certificates or writing samples. Review the application requirements of your program of interest to determine if supplemental questions and/or materials are required.
International applicants only:	Applicants who have not completed a post-secondary degree from a U.S. institution are required to submit TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic, or the Duolingo English Test scores to be considered for admission. Scores may not be more than two years old. To ensure TOEFL scores are sent to GW, use institutional code 5246. An institutional code is not required to send IELTS or PTE scores to GW.
	PLEASE NOTE that the minimum English language test scores required by this program are:
	- IETLS: Score of 6.0 overall with no individual score below 5.0.
	- TOEFL: Score of 80 on the Internet exam (iBT) or 550 on the paper exam
	- Duolingo English Test: Score of 110 or higher. Scores should be sent to GW School of Business.
	- PTE Academic: Score of 53 or higher on the PTE Academic Test.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits, including all requirements of two preapproved 12-credit certificate programs (below) and 6 credits in elective courses.

Required

Completion of two of the following certificate programs:

- Graduate certificate in accountancy (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/accountancy/certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in artificial intelligence (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/information-systems-technology-management/artificial-intelligence-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in business analytics (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/decision-science/business-analytics-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in business crisis, continuity, and recovery management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/engineering-applied-science/engineering-management-systems-engineering/business-crisis-continuity-recovery-management-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in cloud, applications, and information technology (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/information-systems-technology-management/cloud-applications-information-technology-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/management/creativity-innovation-entrepreneurship-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in digital marketing and analytics (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/marketing/digital-marketing-and-analytics-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in financial management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/finance/certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in energy systems management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/engineering-applied-science/engineering-management-systems-engineering/energy-systems-management-certificate/)
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- Graduate certificate in global management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/management/global-management-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in human capital (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/management/human-capital-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in management leadership (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/management/leadership-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in management of technology and innovation (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/information-systems-technology-management/technology-innovation-management-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in marketing and brand management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/marketing/brand-management-certificate/#text)
- Graduate certificate in project management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/decision-science/project-management-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in quantitative business foundations (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/quantitative-business-foundations-certificate/)
- Graduate certificate in sport management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/business/management/sports-management-certificate/)

Electives

Students take an additional 6 credits in elective courses. Students may elect to use these credits to focus in one specific area or to choose courses from different business areas in consultation with the advisor. Electives should focus on integrating the curricula of the two certificate programs.