

Waiver Policy

To complete a graduate program at UMass Boston, students must meet minimum credit requirements, at both the university and individual program level. Students are required to complete a **minimum of 30 credits (10 courses)** to fulfill degree and University requirements to be eligible for a Master's Degree. Students do not receive credit for courses that have been waived.

- To complete the **MBA** program, students need to complete a total of 57 credits/19 courses, which are: 8 Core courses, 2 Business Requirements, 8 Electives, and 1 Capstone for a total of 19 courses/ 57 credits.
- To complete either the **MSA** or **MSF** programs, students need to complete a total of 45 credits/ 15 courses, including core courses, electives and a capstone course (see program guides for details).
- To complete either the **MSIT** or **MSIM** programs, students need to complete a total of 48 credits/ 16 courses, including core courses, electives and a capstone course (see program guides for details).

Criteria for waiving a course:

- 1) Based on previous academic course work only, (Professional experience does not apply).
- 2) Must have received a letter grade of (B) or higher
- 3) It is up to the discretion of the Grad CM, but typically the course work must have been completed within the last 7 years at the time the student applies.

Course waiver decisions are included on the acceptance letter at the time of admission.

Degree Program	CM required business core courses	Equivalent course completed
MBA,MSA,MSIM,MSIT,MSF	MBAMS 600 Mathematical Analysis for Managers	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1)Calculus 1 & (2) Calculus 2, or 70 % or higher quantitative score on GMAT
MBA,MSA,MSIM,MSIT,MSF	MBA AF 601 Economics for Managers	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1)Microeconomics & (2) Macro Economics
MBA,MSA,MSIM,MSF	MBA AF 610 Accounting for Managers	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1)Financial Acct & (2)Managerial Acct
MBA,MSA,MSIM,MSF	MBA AF 620 Financial Management	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1) Intro to Finance & (2) higher level Finance elective
MBA,MSIT	MBAMS 630 Statistical Analysis for Managers	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1)Business Statistics & (2) Managerial Decision Making
MBA,MSIT	MBAMS 635 Operations Management	<u>One Course:</u> (1) Higher level Operations Course
MBA,MSIT	MBAMS 640 Computer Info. Processing Systems	<u>One Course:</u> (1) Higher level information systems elective (programming courses not included)
MBA,MSIM	MBAMKT 670 Marketing Management	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1) Intro to Marketing & (2)higher level Marketing elective

Only students enrolled in the **MSA** program are also eligible to waive the following courses:

MBA AF 611 Intermediate Accounting	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1) Intermediate Acct 1 & (2) Intermediate Acct 2
MBA AF 612 Cost Accounting	<u>One Course:</u> (1)Advanced Cost Accounting
MBA AF 613 Federal Tax Planning	<u>Two Courses:</u> (1) Taxation 1 & (2) Taxation 2
MBAMGT 664 Legal Environment of Business	<u>One course:</u> (1) Business Law

Students enrolled in the MBA program are required to fulfill a minimum of 42 credits (14 courses)

The MBA program consists of a total of 57 credits/ 19 classes. MBA Students are eligible to waive up to a total of 24 credits/8 core courses. However, students that waive the maximum of 8 courses will still be required to complete a total of 42 credits. These courses would be other elective courses within a given specialization or general course electives.

EXAMPLE #1

A student who waived these 5 courses

**MBA MS 600 Math for Managers
MBA AF 601 Economics for Managers
MBA AF 610 Accounting for Managers
MBA AF 620 Financial Management
MBA MS 630 Statistical Analysis for Managers**

Would need to complete:

**MBAMS 635 Operations Management
MBAMS 640 Computer Info. Processing
Systems
MBAMGT 650 Organizational Analysis & Skills
MBAMGT 660 Business and its Environment
MBAMKT 670 Marketing Management
MBAMGT 689 Strategic Management
8 Electives***

For a total of 42 credits.

EXAMPLE#2

A student who waived these courses:

**MBA MS 600 Math for Managers
MBA AF 601 Economics for Managers
MBA AF 610 Accounting for Managers
MBAMS 630 Statistical Analysis for Managers
MBAMS 635 Operations Management
MBAMS 640 Computer Info. Processing
Systems
MBAMKT 670 Marketing Management**

Would need to complete:

**MBA AF 620 Financial Management
MBA MGT 650 Organizational Analysis & Skills
MBA MGT 660 Business and It's Environment
MBA MGT 689 Strategic Management
8 electives*
Plus 2 additional electives***

For a total of 42 credits.

Example 2 portrays someone who has waived 7 courses, and therefore would be required to complete 2 additional electives in order to meet the 42 credit minimum requirement.

To complete the total minimum of 42 credits, the student would take 2 additional electives offered by the Graduate College of Management to complete the total of 42 credits for the minimum requirement.

*Elective courses are to be fulfilled through course offerings by Graduate College of Management