

### **Early Access to the MBA Program**

***With approval of the Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship and the Provost, semester students may take up to nine semester hours at the graduate level during their senior year. These hours will count toward the MBA degree, but not toward the bachelor's degree. A student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of Undergraduate classes each semester that he or she is taking MBA credits under this option.***

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- 1. Is there an overload fee?** *As long as you do not exceed a combined enrollment of more than 18 hours in the semester there is not an overload fee. If you receive approval and enroll in more than 18 hours you will be charged the standard overload fee as stated in the Lindenwood Undergraduate Catalog.*
- 2. How does that affect financial aid?** *It will not affect your financial aid – you are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.*
- 3. What forms and signatures do you need?** *You will need to complete an application to the Early Access to the MBA Program. This form can be obtained from the Office of Graduate Admissions or the School of Business and Entrepreneurship (SBE). You will need to submit this form to Dr. Maryann Townsend in the SBE. Your academic records will be reviewed if you meet the requirements your paperwork will be sent to the Dean of the SBE and then on to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. You will be notified of your status and your advisors name via email once the process has been completed. You will then need to meet with an advisor in the SBE to complete an enrollment form.*
- 4. Why would I want to do this?** *Upon completing your bachelor's degree and nine (9) hours of graduate work, you will be able to shorten the time it takes to complete the requirements for the MBA degree.*
- 5. What is the maximum number of courses I can take prior to receiving my bachelor degree?** *Students are permitted to enroll in no more than six (6) credit hours of MBA course work per semester and to complete no more than nine (9) credit hours graduate work prior to receiving a bachelors degree.*
- 6. Who can enroll in this early access program?** *Any Lindenwood student who has completed a minimum of eighty-four (84) undergraduate hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.*
- 7. Does my bachelor's degree need to be in business?** *No. If your bachelor's degree is in any other area than business you will be required to take three prerequisite courses: MBA506, MBA510 and MBA581 prior to completing any core or MBA electives.*
- 8. How much does this cost?** *Six (6) hours per semester and no more than a total of nine (9) credit hours will be included in your undergraduate fulltime tuition, and therefore you will be able to take up to three of your required MBA courses without charge. Book expenses and lab fees for our MBA courses will of course be your expense.*
- 9. Is there a minimum GPA to remain in the program?** *Yes. You must maintain a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.50 and a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00.*
- 10. Am I automatically accepted to the Graduate School once I have completed my undergraduate program?** *As long as you still meet the graduate school admissions requirements as stated in the Lindenwood University Graduate Catalog. It is the student's responsibility to meet with a graduate admissions counselor to notify him/her of the completion of your bachelor's degree. Once your bachelor's degree is posted to your Lindenwood transcript the Office of Graduate Admissions will officially admit you to the graduate program.*