

LINDENWOOD

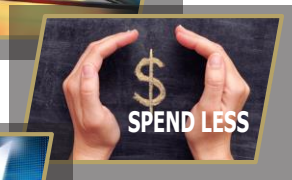
LIKE NO OTHER

Plaster School of BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BENEFITS OF EARLY ACCESS to Graduate Business Programs

- 1. Save time**—Business students who take advantage of the 9 credit hours' worth of graduate coursework can **complete their MBA in one year or less!** (i.e. 30 hour / 6 credit hrs per 8 week term = 5 terms)
 - At 9 cr.hrs per term, you could complete in 9 months!
 - For non-business majors, get prerequisite classes out of the way!
- 2. If accepted** into the early access program students can take up to 9 graduate hours at no additional cost. **A savings of roughly \$4,500!**
- 3. Credits still being there** for you, even if you step out for a bit.
- 4. Those who hold a master's degree earn an average of \$9,792 more per year.***

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics website
www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm



Early Access PROGRAM DETAILS

1
Open to ALL
full-time
traditional
undergraduate
majors

2
Need to
have a
3.0 GPA
or higher

3
Enrolled in at
least 12 hrs
of undergrad
courses

4
No additional
tuition cost

5
Complete up
to 9
graduate
credit hrs.
during senior
year

FREEQUENTLY Asked Questions

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.

How does this affect financial aid? It will not affect your financial aid—you are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

What forms and signatures do you need? You must complete an application to the Early Access to the Graduate Program. This form can be obtained from the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship (SBE). You will need to submit this form to the director of early access, Dr. Maryann Townsend, in Harmon Hall Room 100. Your academic records will be reviewed, and if you meet the requirements, your paperwork will be sent to the director of the SBE Early Access Program for approval.

Why would I want to do this? Upon completing your bachelor's degree and nine hours of graduate work, you will be able to shorten the time it takes to complete the requirements for the graduate program and reduce the total cost of the program.

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 credit hours of graduate course work per semester and to complete no more than nine credit hours graduate work prior to receiving a bachelors degree.

Who can apply to the early access program? Any Lindenwood student who has completed a minimum of 84 undergraduate hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 is eligible to apply.

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: ACCT 51010, ECON 53081, MGMT 56025 prior to completing any core or graduate electives.

How much does this cost? Six hours per semester and no more than a total of nine credit hours will be included in your undergraduate fulltime tuition, and therefore you will be able to take up to three of your required graduate courses without charge. Book expenses and lab fees for any graduate courses will be at the student's expense.

Is there a minimum GPA to remain in the program? Yes. You must maintain a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a minimum Graduate cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Am I automatically accepted to the Graduate School once I have completed my undergraduate program? No. This allows you the opportunity to enroll in the Early Access Graduate Program. You will need to complete the process of applying to the Lindenwood Graduate Program.

www.lindenwood.edu/admissions/graduate/index.html