Selecting Courses for your BBA Exchange Semester

1. Exchange students register for four or five courses; **at least two of which must be business courses.** For the others, you may choose any undergraduate course that is interesting or useful to you. **You must enroll for at least 12 hours of academic credit,** generally 4 classes. The maximum number of credits you can take is 17.

2. Under each course title, you will find one or more five-digit unique number(s). Each unique number represents a separate section of the course. Each section has a separate meeting time.

3. The course number tells how many hours of academic credit the course is worth and the level.
   - The first digit of the course number indicates the course credit. For example, FIN 376 is worth three hours of academic credit (and also often indicates how many hours per week the course meets). The second number, “76”, indicates that it is an advanced course.
   - Courses with second numbers from 01-19 are beginning or **lower-division** courses, while those with second numbers ranging from 20-79 are intermediate and advanced courses and are referred to as **upper division.** Courses with numbers from 80-99 are graduate courses and are **NOT** open to BBA students or BBA exchange students. The MBA and BBA programs are completely separate.
   - Course numbers that include “F”, ex. FIN 320F, indicate that a course is for non-business students. The content is not appropriate for business majors, and you cannot take these courses. Each topic is modified from a regular business major course, which you would take instead.
   - An “H” as part of the course number, ex. MKT 337H, indicates the course as part of the Business Honors Program. These classes are reserved to the students with this major. There is always a non-honors course offering for these topics.

4. A “Wr” in the course number indicates the class is a “substantial writing component” course. These classes require more writing than most other UT courses. Do not request more than two.

5. The core or introductory courses for each business area are:
   - ACC 311 - Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
   - ACC 312 - Fundamentals of Managerial Accounting
   - FIN 357 - Business Finance
   - OM 235 - Operations Management
   - MAN 336 - Organizational Behavior
   - MIS 301 - Information Technology in Business
   - MKT 337 - Principles of Marketing

6. Disregard the notes “restricted” and “closed.” Restricted indicates the class is restricted to business majors, and closed means the class at the time is full, but this can change during the various add/drop periods. If a class is marked “cancelled,” it will not be offered that semester.
7. To read evaluations of individual courses and instructors, visit Course Instructor Survey Results. For grade distribution information, visit UT Catalyst.

While we cannot guarantee that you will get every class, we work very hard with the departments and have had excellent results in getting students into the business courses they really need. In departments outside the business school, we do not have the same influence. With few exceptions, however, most instructors have been willing to help accommodate exchange students.

During the Course Request process, which you do in March/April if you will come here during the fall semester or October if you will come here during the spring semester, you should request your top 5 classes plus an additional 4 or 5 classes just in case. We collect the courses you request and then ask the academic departments in the business school that teach the courses for reserved seats for exchange students. They rarely give us as many seats as we request, and that is why it is important for you to be flexible and also why you should submit extra course requests.

You will search for courses in the UT Austin Course Schedule as soon as it is available and then submit your requests into a web form that we will email to you in March or April if you will come in the fall and October if you will come in the spring.

You may be wondering which subjects are offered in the business school. The following are subjects are offered in the business school:

ACC – Accounting
B A – Business Administration
BAX – Business Analytics
BGS – Business, Government & Society
D S – Decision Science
FIN – Finance
I B – International Business
LEB – Legal Environment of Business
MAN – Management
MIS – Management Information Systems
MKT – Marketing
O M – Operations Management (Supply Chain)
R E – Real Estate
R M – Risk Management
STA – Statistics

When searching for courses in the Course Schedule, most business classes are upper division, but some are lower, so look for both upper and lower division to see all of the options. Don’t look at graduate level.

Here is a screenshot:
OM 366P Operations Management Practicum (formerly known as the “Brass Ring program”) NOTE: Only offered during fall semesters

International exchange students have a unique opportunity to gain actual U.S. workplace experience, build their resume, develop a business network, and earn course credit through OM 366P Operations Management Practicum during fall semester only. This offers teams of McCombs business students the chance to gain real-world experience by working with central Texas organizations on a semester long project. The teams have worked on projects for organizations like Dell, NetBotz, Solectron, Applied Research Labs, IBM, BuildForge, Any Baby Can, Commemorative Brands, Applied Materials, Smarter Solutions and numerous others.

Each 4-7 person team works on a significant business project for 6-8 hours per student per week – for class credit. One international exchange student can be accepted to each team, and there are usually 6-8 teams per semester. Please be aware that the OM 366P Operations Management Practicum course counts as one of the UT classes for the semester, and requires a significant amount of time commitment and effort to your team.

Accepted international exchange students will be notified via email with information on the application instructions and deadlines to apply to this unique program. WAIT to receive the information about application that will be emailed later in the semester, please do not contact the professor at this point.