

THE NEW UFV BBA PROGRAM PLAN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR...

(A.) HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You are currently in high school, and will be applying to UFV for the fall 2010 semester. For you, the new “direct-entry” BBA means that you can apply straight to the program. Before, you would have had to first complete a 2-year Business Administration diploma, and then “ladder” into the degree to complete the final two years. Now, you can enter the degree right in your first year — this means registration priority, and access to more courses!

A Business Administration diploma will still be offered. In addition, BBA students who wish to stop after completing the first two years of the BBA program can receive a Business Administration diploma.

Q: I don't think I will be able to meet all of the prerequisites for the BBA, can I still get in?

A: You will need to apply to the Business diploma or to the Business Studies program, and then transfer to the BBA later, once you have completed at least 30 diploma or BBA credits with a minimum program GPA of 2.67. (You will still be able to take courses that apply to the BBA while enrolled in the diploma or in Business Studies.) Alternatively, you may complete an equivalent requirement (e.g., UFV's Math 095 in lieu of Principles of Math 12) and then reapply to the BBA for the following year.

Q: If I don't meet prerequisites for a course, how can I get accepted into this class?

A: Students are expected to consult the course requirements in the calendar to ensure they meet prerequisites before registering. Students who do not have the stated prerequisite or co-requisite courses may not enrol in a course having these requirements without written permission of the instructor. However, due to long wait lists for many courses, instructors are becoming increasingly reluctant to approve waivers to students who do not meet pre-requisites for courses; therefore, instructors will assess the number of seats available, and will then grant waivers where they are warranted.

Please note, pre and co-requisites exist for a reason: to ensure student success with course material.

Q: What's the difference between my UFV GPA, and the program GPA?

A: Your program GPA includes only those courses which are a part of the Business program; whereas your UFV GPA includes every course you have taken at UFV. It is your program GPA that will be assessed when applying to transfer from the diploma to the degree.

(B.) STUDENTS CURRENTLY COMPLETING THE DIPLOMA

You are in the process of completing the Business Administration diploma or you are a Business Studies student or transfer student applying to the BBA. For you, this means that you no longer have to wait until you complete your diploma, before you can be accepted into the degree program. Also, we will be removing the prerequisite to be in the degree program for several upper-level courses, so you will no longer require a program waiver, as long as you meet all of the other prerequisites.

Q: Can I enter the new BBA right now, even though I am not done my diploma?

A: Yes, you may enter the BBA program as soon as you've completed 30 transferrable credits to the diploma or BBA with a minimum program GPA of 2.67.

Q: What steps do I need to take to transfer from the diploma to the degree?

A: Simply submit an application to the Admissions & Records (A&R) office. Be sure you meet the entry requirements, and have provided additional documents (official transcripts) for a complete application. Students are admitted to the program once a year for the fall semester. **Applications for admission are accepted October 1 through to January 31, and are admitted in order of your application date.*

Q: I hear BUS 206 is being phased out, do I still need to take it in order to complete my diploma?

A: No, but you will need to take another 200-level business elective in its place. Courses to choose from include Bus 202, 204, 221, 223, 224 or 245.

Q: I have already taken BUS 206, can I still receive credit for it?

A: Yes, and it may be used as an upper-level business elective.

(C.) STUDENTS WHO HAVE A BUSINESS DIPLOMA

You currently hold a Business Administration diploma from UFV (or equivalent from another post-secondary institution), or will have your diploma before the Fall 2010 semester, and will be applying to the degree program for the Fall 2010 semester. For you, the new degree means that you no longer have to take several courses that were formerly core courses — instead, you will have greater flexibility to choose electives in your area of interest.

Q: What are the entrance requirements to the new BBA?

A: (1) Completion within the last ten years of either the UFV Business Administration diploma (or equivalent from another Canadian college or institution).

(2) A Business Administration diploma GPA of at least 2.67

**Note: Transfers from other post-secondary Canadian institutions must meet GPA requirements and have no grade less than C.*

(3) MATH 141 or 115, CMNS 251, BUS 221, and BUS 301 (or equivalents).

Q: What if I don't meet all of these requirements?

A: Students who meet requirements (1) and (2) but not (3) may still be accepted into the degree, but must complete these courses within a specified time frame, typically two semesters.

Students who meet requirement (1) but not (2) will need to apply to the Business Studies program, where they may repeat courses to improve their GPA.

(D.) STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE DEGREE PROGRAM

You are in the process of earning your BBA at UFV. These changes won't affect you too much, as you can continue the program path that you are currently following.

Q: Can I continue to complete the old BBA program?

A: Yes, you may continue to follow the old program plan.

Q: Can I switch to the new BBA?

A: Yes, you may transfer to the new BBA, but you will need to meet **all** of the new program requirements including BUS 221 and BUS 405. You will also need to let the School of Business Program Advisor know of your wishes, either in person or by email: businfo@ufv.ca.

Q: I want to switch to the new BBA program plan and have already taken BUS 206, do I still need to take BUS 405?

A: Yes, BUS 405 is a required course in the new BBA. However, it will not be offered until Fall 2011. In the meantime, you may substitute any 400-level business course for BUS 405.

Q: I want to switch to the new BBA program plan, but I took BUS 222, 223, or 224 in place of BUS 221. Do I still need to take BUS 221?

A. Yes, *unless* you took 222, 223, or 224 *prior* to December 31, 2010. If you did, we will accept that course in lieu of BUS 221.

Q: I have already taken MATH 115, and am switching to the new BBA degree program plan. Do I still need to take MATH 141?

A: No, credit will be given for MATH 115 in place of MATH 141.

Q: What do I need to do in order to switch from the old BBA to the new one?

A: Let the School of Business Program Advisor know of your wishes by email: businfo@ufv.ca . Please include your name and student ID.

PLEASE NOTE:

UFV communicates with students through their UFV-assigned email account. You can access your email account through myUFV at <http://my.ufv.ca/cp/home/loginf>
It is every student's responsibility to regularly read and attend to mail sent to these accounts.