The curriculum in the Leeds School of Business is structured so that students move through classes in a prescribed order. Prerequisites are important and are strongly enforced. This is a sample plan for completing a business degree in eight semesters. Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes.

**First Year**

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**First Year Advising Notes:** The classes recommended during the first two years are the same regardless of which area of emphasis you eventually declare. It is okay to be undecided about which area you will go into and you can still graduate in 4 years, as long as you are ready to declare by your third year. World of Business & Data Analysis are prerequisites to all other BCOR classes and should be finished by the end of the first year. You must complete 26 credits by the end of your first year to be able to take sophomore-level business classes.

**Goals:** The main goal for your first year as an undecided student is exploration. Talk to your academic advisor about your interests and goals. Take the Career Leader career assessment through Career Development, and begin to understand career options for business majors. Begin to customize your plan—discuss your interests and minor, certificate, and dual degree options with your academic advisor. Think about your interests outside of business and consider if you would like to pursue a minor, certificate, or dual degree. Explore student groups and organizations and join one that feels right for you. Apply for the Young Alumni Mentoring Program in the spring.

**After your first year:** Get a summer job! It doesn't have to be a dream internship, but do something to start building your resume and begin networking.

**Second Year**

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**Second Year Advising Notes:** In order to leave options open to start classes in any area of emphasis in your third year, you must complete all BCOR classes in your second year. If you are planning on a dual degree, minor or certificate, see your advisor about how to best use your non-business electives.

**Goals:** Continue to explore. Learn about business careers and how your interests and skills might fit into a career path. Talk to your advisor, BCOR professors and Career Development about the areas of emphasis that you are considering. You are required to declare an area of emphasis by the time you have 60 credits. Explore leadership positions within student organizations and apply for the Leeds Professional Mentoring Program in the spring. Start exploring study abroad for your 3rd year.

**After your second year:** Get a summer job or work with Career Development to pursue a business-related internship.

**1 Credit Business Elective:** Leeds students should take 1 professional development business elective during one of their first four semesters. Options are: BADM 1250-First Year Seminar, BADM 1260 (2 cr.) First Year Global Experience, BADM 2010-Excel Lab, BADM 3100-Career Development.
### Third Year

#### Fall
- Area of Emphasis Class 3
- Area of Emphasis Class 3
- Choose: Arts & Sciences Core 3
- Choose: Non-Business Elective 3

#### Spring
- Area of Emphasis Class 3
- Area of Emphasis Class 3
- Choose: Non-Business Elective 3
- Choose: Arts & Sciences Core 3

**Total: 15**

**Third Year Advising Notes:** Students must declare an area of emphasis by the time they have 60 credits. It is ideal to begin area of emphasis classes in the fall of the third year. All areas of emphasis are 18 credits total and most require 3 semesters to complete. Study abroad is possible within this plan, and most students go for a semester during their third year. Talk to your advisor about how to adjust this plan for study abroad. If you are planning to complete a certificate within Leeds, you may need to begin certificate classes in your third year.

**Goals:** Declare an area of emphasis and begin to research specific career options. Attend the Leeds and campus career fairs as well as networking events and employer information meetings. Pursue a leadership position within a student organization or volunteer group. Get to know your professors, especially in your area of emphasis.

**After your third year:** Work with Career Development to pursue a relevant internship. Take the GMAT if you are thinking about graduate school.

### Fourth Year

#### Fall
- Area of Emphasis Class 3
- Choose: Business Elective Course 3
- Choose: Business Elective Course 3
- Choose: Business Elective Course 3
- Choose: Arts & Sciences Core 3

**Total: 15**

#### Spring
- Area of Emphasis-Senior Seminar 3
- Choose: Business Elective Course 3
- Choose: Business Elective Course 3
- Choose: Non-Business Elective 3
- Choose: Non-Business Elective 3

**Total: 15**

**Fourth Year Advising Notes:** In your final semester you will take a Senior Seminar in your area of emphasis. Senior Seminar classes have prerequisites, so be sure to plan ahead. Apply for graduation online through MyCUInfo by September of senior year.

**Goals:** Work with Career Development to perfect your resume and cover letter, and start getting your applications out there. Attend networking events, career fairs and employer information meetings. Talk to everyone you meet about your career goals and ambitions—you never know where a great opportunity might come from. Consider an internship during the school year. Visit cities where you might want to move after graduation to begin networking. Read professional journals and consider a student membership in a professional organization. Be sure to fill out all of the senior surveys.

### Arts & Sciences Core

Business students are required to complete general education requirements that are part of the Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum. These classes can be taken in any order as long as prerequisites are met. Most A&S Core classes will not specifically relate to your major, but will help develop essential career skills: high-level critical thinking, writing, and global perspectives. Students will choose classes from the following categories:

- Historical Context-3 credits
- Human Diversity-3 credits
- Ideals & Values-3 credits
- US Context-3 credits
- Natural Science-6 credits
- Literature & Arts (lower division)-3 credits
- Literature & Arts (upper division)-3 credits
- Written Communication (lower division)-3 credits
- Written Communication (upper division)-3 credits

For a full listing of classes that fulfill these core categories, check your degree audit, or look online: [http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/students/undergraduates/core_curriculum.html](http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/students/undergraduates/core_curriculum.html)
Non-Business Electives

Most students need 15 credits of non-business electives (confirm by checking your degree audit). If you have any MAPS deficiencies, the required MAPS classes typically count as non-business electives. When choosing electives, ask yourself: What do I enjoy? What would I like to learn more about? Do I want to complete a minor or certificate? In general, some electives that business students will find helpful for their future career include classes in writing, speech, communication, sociology, psychology, and math. Classes that involve numerical and statistical analysis will be especially helpful for business decision making. However, you can choose to take any non-business electives that interest you as long as you meet the prerequisites.

Consider these options (some classes have prerequisites):

- COMM 1210: Perspectives on Human Communication
- COMM 1300: Public Speaking
- COMM 2500: Interpersonal Communication
- ECON 3070: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 3080: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- ENGL 1191: Creative Writing
- MATH 1300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1
- MATH 2300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 2
- PSYC 1001: Intro to Psychology
- PSYC 2606: Social Psychology
- SOCY 1001: Intro to Sociology
- SOCY 2041: The Social Construction of Reality
- (can substitute for Math 1081) No credit with MATH 1081

Business Electives

Leeds students are required to take 15 credits of Business Electives. Any class taught in the Business School that is not required for BCOR or your area of emphasis can count. Business Electives are typically taken during the third and fourth years, when students have declared an area of emphasis. Each area of emphasis will have recommended electives.

Classes required for the Leeds certificate programs can count toward Business Electives, and some certificates require non-business electives as well. Certificates are available in the following areas:

- Business of Sports
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
- Global Business
- Operations & Information Management (OPIM)
- Quantitative Finance
- Real Estate
- Socially Responsible Enterprise (CESR)

For a full listing of degree requirements and academic policies, consult the University Catalog:

http://www.colorado.edu/catalog/