

SAMPLE Four Year Plan
BS in Business Administration: All Areas of Emphasis
Catalog Year 2015-2016

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

Fall	credits	
BCOR 1015: World of Business	3	
ECON 2010: Microeconomics	4	
MATH 1112: Mathematical Analysis in Business	4	
WRTG 1150/1250: Lower Div. Written Comm	3	
BADM 1250: First-Year Seminar	1	

Total: 15

Spring	credits	
BCOR 1025: Data Analysis	3	
ECON 2020: Macroeconomics	4	
BCOR 1030: Communication Strategy	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
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Total: 16

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 possible to be undecided and still graduate in 4 years, as long as you are ready to declare by the end of your 2nd 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 also complete 26 credits, Math 1112, and ECON 2010 by the end of your first year to be able to take sophomore-level business classes.

Goals: The main goal for your first year 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. 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

Fall		
BCOR 2001: Principles of Mgmt & Mktg	3	
BCOR 2002: Principles of Acct & Fnce	3	
BCOR 2003: Business Law, Ethics & Soc. Resp.	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
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Total: 15

Spring		
Integrated BCOR Semester	12	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	

Total: 15

Second Year Advising Notes: In order to start area of emphasis classes 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. You are required to declare an area of emphasis by the end of your second year.

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. Explore leadership positions within student organizations and apply for the Leeds Professional Mentoring Program in the spring. Start exploring study abroad options for your 3rd year. Get involved in clubs/organizations related to your area of emphasis.

After your second year: Work with Career Development to pursue an internship in a field or industry you are interested in.

Third Year

Fall

Area of Emphasis Class	3	
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Choose: Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	

Total: 15

Spring

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

Total: 15

Third Year Advising Notes: Areas of emphasis are 18 credits 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 create a plan for study abroad. If you are planning to complete a certificate within Leeds, you may begin certificate classes in your third year.

Goals: 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. Participate in a Career Trek to begin networking and learning more about industries.

After your third year: Work with the Career Development office 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: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	

total: 15

Spring

Area of Emphasis-Senior Seminar	3	
Choose: Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Arts & Sciences Core	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	3	
Choose: Non-Business Elective Course	2	

total: 14

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. 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. Read professional journals and consider a student membership in a professional organization. Participate in a Career Trek.

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

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

Non-Business Electives

Leeds students are required to take 17 credits of non-business electives. 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? What skills would be helpful in my chosen career?

In general, some electives that business students will find helpful for their future career include classes in economics, technology, programming, math, communication and writing. Classes that involve numerical and statistical analysis will be especially helpful for business decision making. Although you can choose to take any non-business electives that interest you as long as you meet the prerequisites, we strongly encourage you to use your electives in a purposeful way that will help you to customize your program.

Consider these options (some classes have prerequisites):

COMM 2500: Interpersonal Communication	MATH 1300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1
ECON 3070: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	MATH 2300: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 2
ECON 3080: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	MATH 2400: Analytic Geometry & Calculus 3
CSCI 1300: Computer Science I	PSYC 1001: Intro to Psychology
ATLS 2000: The Meaning of Information Technology	PSYC 2606: Social Psychology
	SOCY 1001: Intro to Sociology

You can use Non-Business electives to complete a minor or certificate outside of Leeds such as:

Technology, Arts & Media
Computer Science
Economics
Math

Business Electives

Leeds students are required to take 16 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)