



ONLINE MBA--FAQ'S

The faculty are committed to student success. Whether you study on campus or online, you will learn from the same internationally recognized faculty and earn the same well-regarded AACSB degree. The comprehensive coursework in the MBA program utilizes lectures, assignments, and group projects to equip you with the knowledge needed to advance your career.

Students are expected to take responsibility for their own graduate school experience. Communication with your professor and advisors is key to success in the program. Faculty have virtual office hours for their online classes. Both faculty and staff, are available to help you make the most of your experience in the MBA program and are dedicated to providing you with guidance as you move forward in your classes and the program.

What is unique about the UCCS Online MBA curriculum? We recognize that you may not be able to attend lectures at set times. The Online MBA is asynchronous, and you can complete your coursework on your schedule, provided you meet class deadlines. The benefit of asynchronous classes is flexibility.

What is asynchronous learning? Asynchronous learning allows you to learn on your schedule, within a certain timeframe. Students may view instructional materials each week at any time they choose. The course does not include a live video lecture component. Students must still meet course deadlines each week.

Is there group work in the online courses? Yes. To function effectively in a team environment, students may work in teams on specific assignments. Asynchronous learning allows the flexibility for group work to be scheduled when it's convenient for everyone on the team.

What is Canvas? Online courses use Canvas which is a web-based learning management system.

How are online courses scheduled? Online courses are scheduled in 8-week sessions, five (5) sessions a year (Fall A, Fall B, Spring A, Spring B, and Summer). The online courses are accelerated and have the same content as a 16-week class. Typically, students register for one course per session.

Is the Online MBA considered a flexible program? The online MBA is designed to accommodate students who are working while earning their degree. Students have the flexibility to take off one, 8-week term off if there happens to be a significant commitment outside of school. Students may

return the following 8-week session. Students are encouraged to speak with an advisor to revise their long-range plan.

How many courses should I take in each 8-week session as a working professional? Working professionals typically take one 8-week online course each session due to workload and time considerations. The online 8-week courses are accelerated and cover the same content as in a 16-week campus course. However, the 8-week online courses allow students to focus their attention on one course at a time.

Are online courses less rigorous than campus classes? The rigor of online courses is the same as on-campus classes but may appear more rigorous to students due to the accelerated format.

Is the MBA an accelerated program? The UCCS online MBA program is not considered an accelerated program. Most accelerated programs allow students to complete an MBA in one year. We consider our program a traditional two (2) year program but will vary from student to student. Students who are not working may speak to an advisor to see if they can complete the degree requirements in less than two years.

How much time should I estimate to set aside for assignments? Since the 8-week online courses are accelerated and cover the same amount of material as a 16-week class, students should estimate about 16-20 hours per week of study time for one online course.

How frequently should students engage in the course to be successful? Faculty may open their courses in Canvas before the start of the term but are not required to do so until the first day of the session. Students are expected to log in as soon as the course is available in Canvas to become familiar with the course deadlines and to continuously engage throughout the term. It is recommended that students log in more than once a week to participate in discussion boards, upload assignments, and meet frequently with their remote teams for team-building activities.

Can I be admitted at the beginning of an 8-week term? At this time, students may be admitted for Fall (August), Spring (January), and Summer (June). However, students admitted at the beginning of each semester may choose to start in session B (October or March).

Can I take campus courses with two stacked 8-week classes? Yes, students may combine 16-week campus courses with their 8-week online classes. Students should speak with an advisor about their course load.

How often should I meet with an advisor? Students should meet with an advisor during the first semester of enrollment to discuss individual needs and to develop a tentative long-range schedule. To schedule an appointment email gsba@uccs.edu. Students may also monitor their progress through Degree Audit which can be accessed through the MyUCCS portal.

What resources are available to online students? Online students can take advantage of the following free resources:

- Personalized academic advising through the College of Business Graduate School of Business Administration.
- The [College of Business Career Development Center](#)
- [UCCS Excel Centers](#) provide academic support in math, writing, and communications.
- Students in the College of Business have a designated librarian to help with their research requirements through the [Kraemer Family Library](#).

Are there additional costs for the online MBA Program? The [tuition table](#) is approximate and includes most student fees. Above tuition, students pay an additional \$100 fee per online course. Students can use the [bill estimator](#) on the Bursar's website and talk to the [Financial Aid Office](#) to learn more about scholarships, educational loans and more.

Is this program approved for Military Benefits? Yes, the Online MBA program has several students using military benefits. Students should contact the [UCCS Veteran and Military Affairs](#) office if using military benefits.