

## Master of Business Administration

### *Who takes this program?*

- Students who are interested in professional growth and development in the fields of business.
- Academic backgrounds may vary but draw heavily from business as well as engineering, sciences, and any area where someone wants to add business skills to an undergraduate field of study.
- This program may be a point of organizational entry or an opportunity for upward mobility in for-profit and non-profit organizations.

### *How does the program work?*

- The program is designed to be accessible to both working students and full-time students.
- Students are able to take every course required for graduation in the online, campus, or Amarillo environments. In addition, students have the option of combining online courses with traditional campus or Amarillo Center courses to meet degree requirements.
- Students in the MBA program have the option to concentrate in management, marketing, biotechnology and healthcare administration, and computer information systems. (Students interested in an accounting concentration should consider the MPA program while those interested in an economics or finance concentration are encouraged to consider the MSFE program).
- The 40 – 49 credit hour MBA program is designed for completion within a two-year period, although completion can take one to six years.

### *How will this degree benefit me?*

- Students can utilize the degree as an entry into a new field or to move up within an existing organization.
- Students who complete the MBA program work in a wide variety of firms both locally, within the state of Texas, across the United States, and in a number of international countries.

### *What courses will I take?*

- MBA Foundation Courses (0-9 hours). Students are required to establish a foundational background in business. Usually this can be completed in 9 hours of leveling coursework.
- 28 hours of MBA Core Courses
- 9-12 hours of courses for MBA Emphasis Area

### *What sets this program apart from other programs?*

The MBA program at West Texas A&M University provides students with opportunities for growth and development in the areas of professional writing and oral communication. Goal-setting and leadership development are emphasized as are the importance of recognizing and evaluating ethical dimensions of business decisions and the effects on stakeholders. Students are provided with opportunities to learn about conducting business in a diverse, global environment. The ability to integrate quantitative and qualitative techniques from functional business areas and the ability to formulate strategies that are feasible, understandable, and that foster long-term sustainability within the context of achieving organizational goals and social responsibility are also key areas of focus in this program.

## Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

### *Full Admission*

- Complete online application
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- GMAT exam score comparable to that of students who are currently successful in the program
- Career resume
- Statement of Goals describing interest in pursuing the MBA degree and how earning the degree will help you meet your career goals
- Proficiency in foundation business courses

*Students who do not initially meet the requirements for Full Admission may submit materials to be reviewed by the College of Business Graduate Admissions Committee for consideration of Provisional Acceptance.*

### *Suggested Deadlines to Apply*

- August 1 for Fall admission
- December 1 for Spring admission
- May 1 for Summer admission

### *Program Contact Information*

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