

Business

Associate of Applied Science

East Central College

Admissions Office

Division

Program Faculty

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THE CAREER

Business is the act of getting people together to accomplish desired goals and objectives by using available resources efficiently and effectively. These resources include human, financial, technological and natural.

The career involves planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling a business or organization as defined by its goals. Business is also a career of human action, including design, to facilitate the production of useful outcomes from a system.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Managers of companies and enterprises had the highest employment rate of all management fields in May 2012. They held 388,240 positions, or 19.38% of the industry employment, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Earnings for managers vary across the United States. Salaries are dependent upon location, employer, level of training, experience and/or degrees these professionals have.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Demonstrate good communication and leadership skills
- Be able to handle and resolve conflicts
- Have a good working knowledge of all aspects of their industry
- Be dependable and have control over their emotions

THE PROGRAM

Business is a diverse and growing career. Uncertainties in the market require strong management skills in a variety of organizations. The program at East Central College provides students with a solid foundation for a career in this dynamic field.

The curriculum offers a wide array of business courses that prepare graduates for a profession in business and/or leadership positions within an organization. In addition, students also have the opportunity to network with local and regional business leaders through classroom visits, business department-sponsored conferences and internships.

These degree and certificate programs are geared toward those wanting to directly enter the workforce. ECC also offers a related transfer degree program, the Associate of Arts in Business Administration.

Admissions Requirements

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

Transfer Options

Associate of Applied Science degrees are designed for students seeking employment immediately upon graduation. Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this program, however, are also accepted as transfer credit by four-year colleges and/or universities.

Please note that transferring credit is decided solely by the bachelor degree-granting institution. Students are advised to contact the four-year school of their choice regarding transferability before beginning a program and/or reviewing other AAS or AA degrees offered through East Central College.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

AAS Program (63-64 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. Many of these courses are also part of the Business Certificate of Achievement program (CA). For the most current schedule or to view our Certificate Program, visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

Course		Hours
FS 1000/ FS 1001	Campus Orientation/ Foundation Seminar ^{CA, AC}	1
EN 1223/ EN 1233	English Comp I or Honors English Comp I ^{CA, AC}	3
MT 1023	Business Mathematics (or higher) CA, AC	3
BU 1003	Introduction to Business CA, AC	3
AC 1003	Financial Accounting I CA, AC	3
CS 1013/ CS 1003	Survey of Computers & Information Systems (preferred) or Microcomputer Applications ^{CA, AC}	3
	Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

Course		Hours
EN 1403	Technical Writing ^{CA, AC}	3
	Science Requirement (without Lab)	3
BU 1213	Business Communications CA, AC	3
AC 1033	Accounting Tech/QuickBooks AC	3
BU 1013	Principles of Marketing ^{CA}	3
HI 1000/ PS 1000	Constitutions Study Module CA, AC	0
	History or Political Science Requirement CA, AC	3
	Total Hours	18

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE		Hours
BU 2033	Legal Environment of Business	3
BU 1043	Principles of Finance ^S	3
	Program Elective *	2-3
BU 1053	Fundamentals of Management CA	3
	Program Elective *	3
	TOTAL HOURS	14-15

SPRING SEMESTER

Course		Hours
BU 1103	Human Resources Management ^S	3
BU 2213	Program Capstone: Business ^S	3
	Ethics and Social Responsibility Requirement	3
	Program Elective *	3
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	Total Hours	15

^{**}Prerequisite to all subsequent semesters of business coursework.

*Program Electives

BU 1063 Internship CA

OPTION 1: OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

AC 1023	Financial Accounting II ^{AC}
BU 2143	Small Business Management ^S
AC 1022	Payroll Accounting AC

OPTION 2: ENTERPRISE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

BMT 2013	Introduction to ERP
BMT 2033	Supply Chain Management
BMT 2073	BMT Project Management
RU 2143	Small Business Management

 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize AC}}$ Course is part of the Accounting Certificate of Achievement program

CA Course is part of the Business Certificate of Achievement program

^F Course only offered during the Fall Semester

^S Course only offered during the Spring Semester