

Business Administration, B.S. — Sample Four-Year Plan (120 units)

This is a sample plan, not a prescribed schedule. It assumes you begin in a fall semester as a first-year student with no transfer or AP credit. Your actual path may differ — **meet with your advisor every semester** to confirm course selections, and check the University Catalog for the courses that satisfy each General Education (GE) area.

Key

- **Upper-Division Business Core** (7 courses, 28 units): BUS 316 Operations and Supply Chain Management, BUS 319 Introduction to MIS, BUS 320 Business Data Analysis and Interpretation, BUS 344 Organizational Behavior, BUS 360 Introduction to Marketing, BUS 370 Introduction to Managerial Finance, and BUS 491 Seminar in Management Strategy and Policy. BUS 491 is the capstone and is taken in your final semester; the other six may be taken in any order as offered.
- **Concentration** (5 courses, 20 units): choose one concentration — Accounting, Finance, Financial Management, Management, Marketing, Wine Business Strategies, or a Special Concentration designed with faculty approval. Course requirements for each are listed at business.sonoma.edu/programs/undergraduate/bs-business-administration.
- **Laboratory science**: GE requires one Physical Sciences (5A) course and one Life Sciences (5B) course, and exactly one of the two must include a lab. In this plan you take one area with a lab in Year 2 Fall (4 units) and the other area without a lab in Year 2 Spring (3 units).
- **University Electives** bring each semester to 15 units. Because some GE and math choices are 3 or 4 units, the elective units you need can vary — the tables note where.

First Year — 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 units)		Spring Semester (15 units)	
ENGL 101 – Expository Writing and Analytical Reading (<i>meets GE 1A: English Composition</i>)	3	BUS 211 – Business Statistics or MATH 165 – Elementary Applied Statistics	4
Lower-Division GE Area 3B: Humanities	3–4	ECON 205 – Introduction to Microeconomics	4
MATH 131 – Introduction to Finite Mathematics (3 units) or MATH 161 – Differential and Integral Calculus I (4 units) (<i>meets GE 2: Mathematics</i>)	3–4	Lower-Division GE Area 1B: Critical Thinking	3
ECON 204 – Introduction to Macroeconomics	4	Lower-Division GE Area 1C: Oral Communication	3
University Elective — see note below	0–2	University Elective	1
Semester total	15	Semester total	15

Note: Size your fall elective so the semester totals 15 units: take 2 elective units if both your math and humanities courses are 3 units; 1 unit if one of them is 4 units; none if both are 4 units.

Second Year — 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 units)		Spring Semester (15 units)	
BUS 230A – Financial Accounting	4	BUS 225 – Legal Environment of Business	4
Lower-Division GE Area 3A: Arts	3	BUS 230B – Managerial Accounting	4
Lower-Division GE Area 5A: Physical Sciences or 5B: Life Sciences — with lab (see Key)	4	Lower-Division GE Area 5A or 5B — whichever area you did not take in fall, without lab	3
Lower-Division GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies	3	American Institutions: U.S. History (<i>see catalog for approved courses</i>)	3
University Elective	1	University Elective	1
Semester total	15	Semester total	15

Third Year — 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 units)		Spring Semester (15 units)	
Upper-Division Business Core course (see Key)	4	Upper-Division Business Core course (see Key)	4
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Upper-Division Business Core course (see Key)	4	Concentration course	4
POLS 200 – American Political Institutions (meets U.S. Constitution & California State and Local Government)	3	Upper-Division GE Area 2 or 5: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Semester total	15	Semester total	15

Fourth Year — 30 Units

Fall Semester (15 units)		Spring Semester (15 units)	
Upper-Division Business Core course (see Key)	4	BUS 491 – Seminar in Management Strategy and Policy (<i>capstone — taken in your final semester</i>)	4
Concentration course	4	Concentration course	4
Concentration course	4	Concentration course	4
Upper-Division GE Area 3: Arts and Humanities	3	Upper-Division GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Semester total	15	Semester total	15

Total: 120 units