

Business Administration (BUSN)

Courses

BUSN 1101. Applied Business Fundamentals. (4 Hours)

Blends theoretical principles with real-life application. Introduces the fundamentals of launching, growing, and managing a business venture in today's dynamic and increasingly global environment. Examines concepts within multiple academic disciplines and from multiple perspectives—including marketing, technology, finance, accounting, information systems, people, and culture—and then applies them to new ventures within varied types of organizations. Offers students an opportunity to develop an entrepreneurial skill set and mind-set through the development of the critical thinking, innovative decision making, problem solving, and team building needed for any business, large or small.

Attribute(s): NUpath Difference/Diversity

BUSN 1102. Personal Skill Development for Business. (1 Hour)

Offers first-year students in the D'Amore-McKim School of Business (DMSB) an opportunity to achieve a better understanding of themselves as students and as future professionals. Explores self-analysis, leadership traits and styles, diversity and cultural awareness, professionalism, emotional intelligence, and ethics. Encourages students to draw connections among classroom education, extracurricular activities, and practical experiences and to identify how each component fits into the pursuit of their individual goals.

BUSN 1103. Professional Development for Business Co-op. (1 Hour)

Introduces students to the Cooperative Education Program and provides them with an opportunity to develop job-search and career-management skills. Offers students an opportunity to perform assessments of their workplace skills, interests, and values and discuss how they impact personal career choices. Students also have an opportunity to prepare a professional-style résumé, learn proper interviewing techniques, and gain an understanding of the opportunities available to them for co-op. Introduces career paths, choices, professional behaviors, work culture, and career decision making. Familiarizes students with workplace issues relative to their field of study and teaches them to use myNEU in the job-search and referral process. Presents co-op policies, procedures, and expectations of the Department of Cooperative Education and co-op employers.

BUSN 1990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 2963. Topics. (1,2 Hours)

Offers undergraduate students an opportunity to learn about timely issues, develop new skills, or explore areas of broad interest in an immersive, short-course format. Content and instructors vary by offering. May be repeated three times.

BUSN 2990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 2992. Research. (0 Hours)

Offers an opportunity to document student contributions to research projects or creative endeavors.

BUSN 3110. The Consulting Environment. (4 Hours)

Seeks to provide students with a framework and the fundamentals that allow them to understand the field of consulting in addition to a way of thinking for jobs in the consulting and other highly competitive careers. Focuses on the analysis of complex business situations using caselets and cases and provides frameworks as the basis for analysis and critical thinking in pressure situations. In addition, various articles, white papers, business case studies, and other consulting practices are shared with the students enrolled in the course as well as professionals with industry experience providing insights as visiting guest speakers.

BUSN 3501. Impact of AI on Business. (4 Hours)

Examines the impact of artificial intelligence on the core pillars of business—finance, sales, marketing, operations, engineering, and entrepreneurship. Offers students an opportunity to obtain a holistic understanding of how AI is reshaping these critical business domains and fostering the next wave of innovation. Discusses new business models, changes in go-to-market strategies for businesses, and the impact of AI-driven predictive analytics on finance. Explores new business possibilities enabled by AI and new approaches for using AI to complete traditional business activities.

Prerequisite(s): FINA 2201 with a minimum grade of D- or INNO 2301 (may be taken concurrently) with a minimum grade of D- or MKTG 2201 with a minimum grade of D-

Attribute(s): NUpath Natural/Designed World

BUSN 3944. Junior/Senior Internship. (1 Hour)

Offers students an opportunity for internship work. May be repeated up to two times.

BUSN 3990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 4990. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 4992. Directed Study. (1-4 Hours)

Offers independent work under the direction of faculty members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated up to three times for a maximum of 8 semester hours.

BUSN 4998. Research. (0 Hours)

Offers an opportunity to document student contributions to research projects or creative endeavors.

BUSN 5963. Topics. (1,2 Hours)

Offers students an opportunity to learn about timely issues, develop new skills, or explore areas of broad interest in an immersive, short-course format. Content and instructors vary by offering. May be repeated three times.

BUSN 5964. Projects for Professionals. (0 Hours)

Offers students an applied project setting in which to apply their curricular learning. Working with a sponsor, students refine an applied research topic, perform research, develop recommendations that are shared with a partner sponsor, and create a plan for implementing their recommendations. Seeks to benefit students with a curriculum that supports the development of key business communication skills, project and client management skills, and frameworks for business analysis. Offers students an opportunity to learn from sponsor feedback, review 'lessons learned,' and incorporate suggestions from this review to improve and further develop their career development and professional plan.

BUSN 5965. Engaging with Industry Partners for Rising Professionals. (0 Hours)

Offers students an enhanced applied project setting in which to apply their curricular learning. Working with a partner sponsor, students refine an applied research topic, perform research, develop recommendations that are shared with the partner sponsor, and create a plan for implementing their recommendations. Curriculum supports students as they develop key business communication skills, project and client management skills, and frameworks for business analysis. Offers students an opportunity to learn from sponsor feedback, review lessons learned, and incorporate suggestions to improve and further hone their career development and professional plan. Career development opportunities through skill-building workshops, panels, and interview preparation are available. Partner-student interactions, including a culminating project presentation, allow partners to assess student potential for co-op, internship, or other employment opportunities with the partner. May be repeated two times.

BUSN 6200. Career Management. (0 Hours)

Required for the Co-op MBA program. Begins with an introduction to the career planning process and to the services of the MBA Career Center. Topics include résumé writing, videotaped practice interviewing, job search strategies, interview preparation, salary negotiation, marketing communication, and visa issues for international students seeking employment in the United States. May include additional topics depending on student interest. Requires admission to co-op MBA program. May be repeated once.

BUSN 6203. Strategic Sustainability. (1 Hour)

Introduces tools and frameworks for analyzing a firm's sustainability and facilitating its strategic sustainability transformation. Examines what strategic sustainability is and why it is important; the drivers of strategic sustainability; measurement of strategic sustainability; and implementation of environmental, social, and governance strategic sustainability. Studies the three dimensions (environmental, social, and governance) of strategic sustainability and the use of concepts and frameworks for assessing strategic sustainability. Offers students an opportunity to analyze and provide recommendations on how to implement a firm's strategic sustainability.

BUSN 6296. Introduction to Data Storytelling and Visualization for Business. (1 Hour)

Studies the skills required to effectively tell stories with data to drive business decisions. Covers data analysis, interpretation, and visualization techniques. Emphasizes understanding audience perspectives and mastering business presentation techniques. Offers students an opportunity to cultivate the ability to communicate complex data findings in a simple, concise, and influential manner to both technical and nontechnical audiences, thereby fostering data-driven decision making.

BUSN 6297. Leading Business Transformation. (1 Hour)

Studies the mindset, skill set, and tool set needed to make relevant changes in the way businesses and organizations operate. Examines the four dimensions of business changes: work processes, organization structure, digital transformation, and cultural transformation. Focuses on leading and driving business value. Applies to any level and business function.

BUSN 6298. Supply Chain Impact on Reaching Net Zero. (1 Hour)

Introduces the global supply chain ecosystem, as well as the scope and impact of supply chain on the net zero goals. Defines the hurdles to change including customer choice, technology limitations, and investment. Discusses solutions required to create the massive improvement necessary to meet targets and explore sourcing objectives, total cost analysis, supplier innovation, and risk-mitigation topics.

BUSN 6299. Building Profitable and Sustainable Online Experiences. (1 Hour)

Offers a rigorous introduction to the craft of using data, behavioral science, and machine learning to create highly personalized and engaging app experiences that make users happy. Focuses on free-to-play apps and presents case studies covering personalization systems with proven lift in engagement, retention, and monetization.

BUSN 6324. Predictive Analytics for Managers. (1 Hour)

Presents the concepts of correlation and simple linear regression analysis as well as multiple regression analysis. Offers students an opportunity to build multiple regression models and use them in forecasting and analyzing data. Exposes students to nonlinear regression models, reading and analyzing output tables, and using statistical software tools.

BUSN 6329. Generative AI and Large Language Models in Finance. (1 Hour)

Explores the essentials of generative AI and large language models (LLMs), with a focus on their applications, risks, and limitations in finance. Includes practical, hands-on exercises and industry case studies. Covers prompt engineering best practices, designing LLM processing pipelines, and building knowledge retrieval systems.

BUSN 6343. Sharing Economy, Crowdsourcing, and Digital Business Transformation. (1 Hour)

Explores how a highly connected world driven by technological advances fuels a digital transformation centered around networks, crowds, and markets. Covers network effects and 'rich-get-richer' phenomena; business models and strategies for multisided markets and platforms; crowdsourcing and online labor markets; sharing economy; and new ways organizations become innovative by tapping into expertise outside firms' boundaries. Discusses business cases from industries including Uber/Lyft, Airbnb, Kickstarter, Amazon's Mechanical Turk, Upwork, Etsy, eBay, InnoCentive, and TopCoder. Explicitly addresses possible negative consequences. Explores critical risks such as bias and inequality due to deregulation, social and algorithm-based discrimination, and an overall critique of growth-based business models. Offers students an opportunity to hone their skills to spearhead game-changing digital initiatives to learn how to manage others in the wake of disruptive changes.

BUSN 6344. The Fintech Revolution. (1 Hour)

Uses case studies and illustrations to explore the key major innovations that are revolutionizing and driving opportunities in fintech. Topics may include payments: payment processing, transfers, rewards; blockchain: digital currency, smart contracts, DLT, trading; investments: Robo Advisors, investment management; planning: retirement planning, education planning; lending: crowdfunding, P-2-P lending, alternative money-raising platforms; insurance: underwriting, comparison platforms; big data and analytics: AI and big data solutions, alternative data; security: cybersecurity, authentication, encryption. Also discusses business models and opportunities in fintech, including the evolution of fintech and the current state of the art; case studies of successful business models in fintech startups; key things that differentiate a successful fintech company; and best practices and tips when working on a fintech idea.

BUSN 6351. Experiential Education. (1-3 Hours)

Consists of various experiential learning opportunities that are approved by the faculty of the D'Amore-McKim School of Business for full-time MBA students. May be repeated five times for a maximum of six semester hours.

BUSN 6355. Current Developments in the ESG Landscape. (1 Hour)

Presents an overview of current developments in ESG (environmental, social, and governance) issues. Focuses on case studies analyzing how organizations are addressing ESG-related challenges. Offers multiple perspectives including the challenges faced by business leaders, the role of investor action, how civil society can shape the landscape, and the effects of recent regulatory changes.

BUSN 6357. Introduction to Social Enablement. (1 Hour)

Introduces social enablement, a structured approach to networking using today's social platforms. Uses a mix of live, hands-on activities and asynchronous learning exercises to offer participants an opportunity to use social media effectively to build professional relationships and enhance their online visibility.

BUSN 6363. Social Impact of Business. (2 Hours)

Explores how business practices affect society and how society affects business practices. Addresses topics such as social impact investing, sustainable supply chains, corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and global perspectives on corporate citizenship. Business and society have never been more intertwined. Executives are increasingly called upon to consider the larger societal impacts of their decisions and at the same time find themselves subject to demands from multiple societal stakeholders that include customers, suppliers, employees, governments, and interest groups, among others.

BUSN 6365. Business Analytics. (3 Hours)

Provides an overview of data collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation techniques used by contemporary organizations. Students use multiple software tools to collect, prepare, manage, analyze, evaluate, understand, critique, visualize, and present data sets of various types. Offers students an opportunity to obtain essential skills, tools, and techniques required to understand data sets, both large and small, from sources internal and external to an organization. This understanding can then be used to support datacentric decision making and create a measurable improvement in business performance. Businesses run on data, and employees at all levels must know how to properly use and interpret data to support their roles within a company.

BUSN 6366. International Corporate Governance and Strategic Thinking. (1 Hour)

Introduces key concepts in strategic corporate governance. Offers students an opportunity to use these concepts to understand the different economic, social, and political contexts across advanced industrial and emerging economies. Describes key aspects of corporate governance systems in a number of different countries and analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of these systems in comparison. Examines the importance of social and political factors in shaping different models of firm organization across countries and how new governance practices and institutional norms develop in response to changes in the real world of business management.

BUSN 6375. Designing 21st-Century Business Organizations. (1 Hour)

Addresses the question: What is the most effective organizational design (or designs) for meeting the challenges of the 21st century? Describes a process for designing an organization, along with some of the key challenges associated with organizational design. Reviews the design options available historically, as well as designs that are more popular in recent years. Asks students to justify their own conclusions about which organizational design is best suited to meet the requirements and challenges facing business organizations today.

BUSN 6376. The Business Case for Social and Economic Justice. (1 Hour)

Examines how strategic business decisions are made and governing policies established in today's changing corporate environment. Discusses whether it is advisable for CEOs to "take a stand" on behalf of their company and their employees when fundamental shared values and a company's purpose or mission are at stake. After a grounding in business governance theory and history, students debate whether CEOs should speak openly on controversial public issues. One can make the case that a CEO taking a position on one side of a public issue is a significant strategic risk. Conversely, stakeholders are increasingly demanding that business leaders publicly take positions and change business practices to align with those values.

BUSN 6377. Learning from Crisis:Toward Sustainability and Resilience. (1 Hour)

Highlights the importance of public-private sector interconnections and systemic partnerships within communities to promote resilience and enable progress toward sustainable development, such as those promoted by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Covers the nexus between resilience, sustainable development, and the impact of crises on societies and multinational corporations. Includes both conceptual material and examples. Includes a case study competition where students are presented with a challenge scenario and then asked to provide a presentation where they think creatively about how firms and communities can have a reciprocal relationship toward sustainable development and resilience.

BUSN 6379. Entrepreneurial Ecosystems. (1 Hour)

Examines the development, growth strategies, and stewardship of entrepreneurial ecosystems and "startup communities." Defines and measures ecosystems. Studies the ways that governments, corporations, and community groups attempt to shape ecosystem development. Surveys leading authorities in the field and looks at real-world examples of success and partial success from several different perspectives.

BUSN 6382. Real Options. (1 Hour)

Introduces the concept of real options, offers theoretical underpinnings for the method, and broadly covers option pricing methods. Examines the use of real options in making financial decisions for capital budgeting decisions, helping to maximize shareholder value. Explores methods such as net present value, or NPV, and internal rate of return, or IRR, to evaluate the feasibility of projects. Examines several applications in project valuation using MS Excel.

BUSN 6383. Blockchain and Decentralized Finance. (1 Hour)

Introduces the fundamental building blocks of blockchain technology, as well as its application in cryptocurrencies and, in particular, decentralized finance. Covers the fundamentals of cryptography, such as hash functions and digital signatures. Emphasizes three major DeFi applications: stablecoins, lending platforms, and exchanges.

BUSN 6384. Marketing in the Metaverse. (1 Hour)

Explores how firms are using metaverses for marketing purposes to enhance marketing strategy and to create value for customers in virtual worlds through marketing experiences similar to what a brand does in real life. Examines current trends, drivers, and barriers to the use of metaverses for marketing purposes. Studies how a metaverse can help in marketing activities—marketing strategy, advertising, and customer relationships—and how established firms have started engaging in marketing in a metaverse—Nike launching "Nikeland," a metaverse game where people can interact with the brand.

BUSN 6385. Introduction to Product Development. (1 Hour)

Introduces core product management principles with a primary focus on technology products in consumer (B2C) and enterprise (B2B) companies. Studies core concepts and frameworks that offer participants an opportunity to readily apply structures to a variety of product development problems. Frameworks include business and product strategy building, prioritization and operational planning, execution and reporting, go-to-market, and sales and customer success. Uses case studies of some of the most widely used products in the world at large tech companies and emerging products from the startup world where product-market fit is yet to be achieved. Covers current trends in AI-assisted product development.

BUSN 6386. Crafting Your Personal Strategy. (1 Hour)

Examines the application of strategy frameworks and practices for crafting individual professional strategies. Applies concepts of mindfulness and strategic thinking to formulate strategic actions to create a pathway toward personal vision within a professional world. Offers students an opportunity to define and identify their personal vision, match their vision to external and internal environments, and formulate their personal strategy for a market entry.

BUSN 6387. Job Is Easy, People Are Not. (1 Hour)

Explores the complex challenges of becoming leaders and managing people. Studies 10 essential smart (not soft) skills that are vital for personal and professional development. Fosters insight in how to develop and apply these skills in various aspects of life, how to self-correct, and how to help others adjust their behaviors to become better professionals.

BUSN 6389. Leading Global Virtual Innovation Teams. (1 Hour)

Examines what it means to lead a global virtual team as well as to learn how to develop and practice their unique leadership approaches to remote collective work. Addresses a series of unprecedented challenges of leading a virtual team and introduces and practices the solutions for challenges based on leading-edge scientific research and well-tested industrial practices. Adopts extensive experiential learning approaches in conjunction with the case study method to help students understand the core concepts and competencies that transform students' virtual leadership capabilities.

BUSN 6390. Overview of Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and Decentralized Finance. (1 Hour)

Presents an overview of blockchain technology; cryptocurrencies; nonfungible tokens; and decentralized finance, or DeFi. Explores the fundamentals of blockchain technology including its history, underlying principles, and use cases. Covers various cryptocurrencies, such as bitcoin and ethereum, and their functions, such as digital transactions, smart contracts, and tokenization. Delves into the world of NFTs including their creation, ownership, and marketplaces. Concludes with an overview of DeFi and its impact on traditional finance, lending and borrowing, and decentralized exchanges.

BUSN 6402. Stakeholder Values and Societal Challenges in Business. (2 Hours)

Examines how to analyze the impact that societal challenges have in business decision making. Focuses on the challenges that companies face when embracing and empowering goals to add value to their shareholders and stakeholders while "doing good." Examines the increasingly complex relations between businesses with outsized power and reach and governments in developed and emerging economies. Studies the implications of firm-level and government-level decision making and the impact on the specific communities where decisions are enacted. Studies the roles played by for-profit entities, not-for-profit entities, nongovernmental organizations, and government agencies in exploring, understanding, and achieving progress with these challenges.

BUSN 6945. Washington Campus Seminar. (3 Hours)

Offers a weeklong educational residency in Washington, D.C., where students meet with members of Congress, current and former executive branch officials, senior civil servants, business executives, lobbyists, representatives of the media, and special-interest groups. Offers students an opportunity to understand how Washington works, how legislative and regulatory changes impact their business futures, and what new business opportunities may evolve as the result of federal policy priorities and decisions. The residency seeks to offer unparalleled insight into the process of government, with the goal of enabling top business leaders to contribute ethically and effectively to the policy debate, influence policy outcomes, and leverage their understanding of policy trends to developing new business opportunities.

BUSN 6950. MBA Skills Workshop. (0 Hours)

Continues the full-time MBA orientation program. Offers students an opportunity to develop the management skills necessary to become effective managers, including communication skills, qualitative and quantitative business analysis, and ethics and values.

BUSN 6954. Co-op Work Experience - Half-Time. (0 Hours)

Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 6955. Co-op Work Experience Abroad - Half-Time. (0 Hours)

Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 6962. Elective. (1-4 Hours)

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

BUSN 6964. Co-op Work Experience. (0 Hours)

Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated up to five times.

BUSN 6970. Professional Projects. (0 Hours)

Offers graduate students an opportunity to participate in flexible, professional work experiences through micro-internships, an alternative to a traditional corporate residency or co-op. Students demonstrate and enhance their career readiness competencies, explore career paths, and expand their network. These project-centered experiences are primarily remote, involve 10 to 40 hours of work, and are deadline driven as opposed to set during specific hours. May be repeated five times.

BUSN 6976. Directed Study. (1-4 Hours)

Offers independent work under the direction of faculty members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated up to four times.

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Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on chosen topics. May be repeated without limit.