

MBA Academic Degree Requirements: Class of 2018

The University of Virginia requires students to enroll in 12 credit hours each semester. Fall semester is defined as Q1 and Q2, spring semester is Q3 and Q4. PLEASE NOTE: **January term courses do not count** toward the 12 credit hours required for the spring semester.

In choosing electives, please keep in mind the following degree requirements:

The Darden MBA credit hour degree requirements: FY = 31.5 credit hours / SY = 28.5 credit hours = **60 total credit hours**

1. Students are required to take 28.5 credit hours of course work in the Second Year (SY) program. Darden Worldwide Courses (DWC) taken in the FY count as a part of the 28.5 SY credit hours.
2. SY Leadership Requirement: A minimum of 1.5 credit hours of a leadership (LDSP) course is required in addition to the First Year Leadership requirement. Only Darden courses in the LDSP area will satisfy the Second Year Leadership Requirement.
3. You are required to take a minimum of 21 credits of Program Electives.

Types of SY Electives

Program Electives (PRG) – (you must take a minimum of 21 credit hours from this category) These are considered to be core offerings in the SY. While there may be some changes to the offerings, many of these are offered every year. Courses are offered in the following areas:

Accounting (ACC), Finance (FIN), Ethics (ETH), Entrepreneurship (ENTRE), Global Economies & Markets (GEM), Leadership (LDSP), Organization Behavior (OB), Management Communications (MC), Marketing (MKT), Technology & Operations Management (TOM), Quantitative Analysis (QA), Strategy (STR), General (GEN), Readings (RDGS).

Directed Studies (DIR) – (there is no required minimum or maximum from this category) These courses are designed to address a specialized topic and include some field-based electives and WWCs. They may have a separate application process.

Independent Studies (IND) – (there is no required minimum or maximum from this category) To register for an IND you must complete the following [form](#). Students who enrolling in an independent study must identify a faculty member to supervise their course work and obtain the approval of the sponsoring faculty member and the respective Program Dean whose signatures must be on the form. These are often times one time learning experiences for students and can include, Case Development, Research Projects, Consulting (global or domestic) and Venturing Projects.

Non-Darden Courses

Students may receive degree credit for no more than two courses (**six credit hours of courses**) at the University of Virginia (outside the Darden School). If you opt to do this, it must:

- be a graduate level offering,
- relate to or enhance the MBA degree,
- Be approved by the MBA Program Committee, unless it is a pre-approved course. The pre-approved courses for 2017-2018 are:

SARC 5500-001 Special Topics (Water Sustainability) (Architecture) (Debaere)

To Register you must:

- preregister for all Darden courses during preregistration
- contact the non-Darden school to see what date and how they wish you to apply for enrollment
- More information can be found at [Request MBA Credit for a Non-Darden Course](#)

Auditing a Darden School Elective

To audit a Darden elective, you must obtain the written permission of the instructor. A petition is not needed. **Students are not permitted to audit courses that are at capacity.** The grade of AU will appear on your transcript for an audit course only if:

- b. Participation is at a LP/B- level or better in the work of the course with the exception of preparing written work and/or taking exams.
- c. The entire course is audited and not just a part of it.

Academic Standards

Students under Academic Standards jurisdiction are required to have their course schedules and any drop/add forms signed by a member of the Academic Standards Committee.