

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

The accounting and business undergraduate and master's degree programs are accredited by the AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Bachelor of Business Administration degree program is offered on TAMU-CC's main Island Campus, online and at the Texas A&M University System RELLIS Campus in Bryan, Texas. The Master of Business Administration program is offered as an evening program on the Island Campus and online. The Master of Accountancy is offered online only.

## Mission

The College of Business supports the mission of the University by focusing on higher educational needs of business students in the region. Quality programs are designed to help students advance their education in business, further their careers, pursue advanced studies, and become more productive citizens. Undergraduate programs offer selected specializations built on a foundation of general education and a broad business core. The Master of Business Administration program provides more advanced general management education with selected concentrations. The college extends access and flexibility through online delivery. The Master of Accountancy program offers advanced accounting studies. The College promotes student learning, engagement, and ethical behavior.

Student learning is the highest priority of the College. To that end, the College emphasizes intellectual contributions of applied scholarship and instructional development. The College supports faculty development, community service, and involvement in professional organizations resulting in service to key stakeholders. The College supports regional economic development and solicits input from its primary stakeholders through advisory councils.

## College Academic Policies

### Nondegree-Seeking Students

Students who hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and who wish to pursue further study at the undergraduate level or to obtain a second bachelor's degree should obtain permission to take courses from the Director of Master's Programs. This helps ensure that students accomplish their objectives.

### Transient Students

A "transient" classification may be granted to a student in good standing in any regionally accredited graduate program who desires to enroll in the College of Business for any one semester or summer session. Students will be required to present a letter of graduate standing and transcripts to document completion of prerequisites. A special form is available to facilitate enrollment. No more than 6 semester hours may be earned in this category, and course prerequisites must be met.

### Graduating Seniors

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students in the last semester of an undergraduate degree, with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better, and acceptable GMAT or GRE scores on file, may enroll with permission from the Dean of the College of Business for a load not exceeding the maximum hours permitted for graduate students. Graduate courses cannot be used to satisfy undergraduate degree requirements.

## Residency Requirement

A minimum of 21 semester hours for the graduate degree must be completed at the University.

## Courses Transferred from Other Universities

A student may transfer up to nine semester hours of graduate credit from another university with the permission of the Director of Master's Programs, if it is determined appropriate to the degree being sought. Graduate coursework transferred from other regionally accredited institutions of higher education prior to acceptance cannot be older than seven years at the time the master's degree is awarded. Credit to be earned at other institutions after acceptance in the graduate program must be taken at an AACSB accredited program and approved in advance. Approval is granted at the discretion of the Director of Master's Programs, and only under unusual circumstances such as job transfers or other extenuating circumstances.

## Second Master's Degree

A student who holds a master's degree may take a second degree only if the second degree is in a distinctly different field of study.

A student who already holds a master's degree and wishes to receive a master's degree of a different type must complete all college and university requirements for the degree. Upon recommendation of the Director of Master's Programs, students may apply up to six semester hours of related graduate credit from an earlier degree earned at this university to a second master's degree at this university. Such credit may be applied to a second master's degree only if it falls within the recency of credit policy and is approved by the program director. Credit from a graduate degree earned at another institution will not be applied to a second master's degree at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

## Course Approvals

Students are not permitted to take undergraduate courses in lieu of graduate core courses without the written permission of the Director of Master's Programs. Prerequisites are strictly enforced.

Courses taken without the approval of the Director of Master's Programs are taken at the student's own risk. Students are responsible for knowing and fulfilling all general and specific requirements relating to the completion of their degree programs. Answers to specific questions about the programs may be obtained from the Director of Master's Programs.

## Program Continuation

Students who fail to register for and complete at least one course per 12-month academic year will be dropped automatically from the program and must reapply for admission to continue in the program. In addition, students who do not wish to register in any given semester are requested to inform within 30 days of the beginning of the semester, in writing, the Director of Master's Programs of their intentions.

## Course Load, Grade Point Requirement, and Scholastic Probation and Suspension

Maximum course load requirements are the same as general University requirements, as detailed in "Academic and Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/academic-degree-requirements/>)" in the "Graduate Programs" section of the catalog.

A graduate student, regardless of enrollment classification, must maintain a minimum graduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a four-

point scale. The graduate GPA is computed on all graduate course work taken at this University in the student's present program of study.

If, at the end of the semester or term, the student's grade point average (as described in the previous paragraph) falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on scholastic probation until the required grade point average is restored. If, while on scholastic probation, a student's grade point average for any term or semester falls below 3.0, the student will be on enforced withdrawal.

No grade of less than "C" and no more than two "C's" earned in the College of Business masters' programs will be accepted as credit.

After a one-year period, a student who has been on enforced withdrawal must reapply and meet the current requirements for degree seeking students. The student must also petition the Curricula Management Committee to seek readmission. The College Dean must approve the Curricula Management Committee recommendation for readmission. Enforced withdrawal is reflected on the student's academic record.

## Application for Graduation

(see graduation in "General Academic Policies and Regulations" (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/general-academic-policies-regulations/>))

Students must apply for graduation through the Office of Admissions and Records by the deadline indicated in the Class Schedule in order to receive their degrees.

## Academic Honesty and Integrity

The College of Business endorses and expects the highest level of honesty and integrity from business students.

The College of Business policies are the same as general University policies on academic honesty and integrity, which are described in the "General Academic Policies and Regulations (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/general-academic-policies-regulations/>)" section of the catalog.

## Student Appeals

Appeals for exceptions to policies or academic standards of the College of Business may be made in writing to the College of Business Curricula Management Committee in care of the Director of Master's Programs, College of Business, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412. The College of Business Curricula Management Committee will review written appeals and subsequently make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Business.

## Programs

- Master Degree Programs (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/business/masters/>)
  - Accountancy, MAcc (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/business/masters/accountancy-macc/>)
  - Master of Business Administration (MBA) (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/business/masters/mba/>)