International Business Highlights

Modern enterprises operate in a global environment, and success can be elusive for those unable to navigate cultures other than their own.

The International Business major is designed to equip students not only with strong business skills, but with the ability to work comfortably in more than one corner of the global marketplace.

Competency in a second language and thorough exposure to a chosen second culture are graduation requirements. In addition, study abroad or a one-semester international internship are required and must be integrated into the student’s schedule. The requirements of the major are designed to allow students to choose an optional concentration in finance or marketing. Some international business majors also declare a second major, such as foreign language or another business area.

- James Madison University is a member of the Virginia International Trade Alliance, and students in the International Business senior level capstone class complete customized export plans for local businesses.

- The international business program is a full member of the Consortium for Undergraduate International Business Education (CUIBE).

- The College of Business is one of 5% of business schools with AACSB international accreditation (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

Career Possibilities

- Expatriate Services Coordinator
- Foreign Currency Investment Advisor
- Global Marketing Manager
- Immigration Specialist
- Import/Export Data Coordinator
- International Bank Officer
- International Trade Specialist
- Investment Counselor
- Management Consultant/Analyst
- Marketing Coordinator
- Sales Executive
- Tourism Promotion Director

RECOMMENDED MINORS

- Asian Studies
- Economics
- Foreign Language
- Global Supply Chain
- Latin American Studies

CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Choose from more than 25 College of Business co-ed fraternities, clubs and honor societies to connect with peers and build leadership skills.
International Business is an interdisciplinary program with students taking internationally-focused courses from all of the business disciplines and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature. You will be expected to develop competency in a second language and culture of your choice.

All students majoring in International Business are required to study abroad for at least a semester or complete a semester-long international internship in a country where English is not the primary language.

THREE CONCENTRATIONS
Students must select one of three concentrations:

- General
- Marketing
- Finance

COB ACCEPTANCE
After completing the lower-level B.B.A Core Courses and earning at least a 2.7 average GPA in those courses (excluding calculus and managerial accounting) students may apply for formal acceptance into the College of Business and become eligible for upper-level courses.

LOWER B.B.A. CORE COURSES

- COB 191 - Business Analytics I*
- COB 202 - Interpersonal Skills
- COB 204 - Computer Information Systems
- COB 241 - Financial Accounting
- COB 242 - Managerial Accounting
- COB 291 - Business Analytics II
- ECON 200 - Intro to Macroeconomics
- ECON 201 - Intro to Microeconomics
- MATH 205 or 235 - Calculus*

*Differential Tuition
As a student in the College of Business (CoB), you will pay “differential tuition,” an additional fee over JMU’s standard tuition. This enables us to add significant value to your overall academic experience, and is a practice common among top business schools. These funds help ensure that our students gain a competitive edge for internships and job openings by providing hands-on experiences such as career treks, professional networking opportunities and career-development activities.

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