

MA/MBA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

In 2005-2006, the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM) and the Carroll School of Management (CSOM) developed the dual degree program in Pastoral Ministry and Business Administration for students interested in careers in the management and administration of churches and church-related organizations and corporations such as dioceses, hospital systems, and social service agencies. Understanding competent and ethical management as a ministry to the church and related organizations, the program reflects the University's mission to educate individuals to serve with excellence in their fields and to work for social and economic justice.

OBJECTIVES

1. To educate students in the languages and cultures of best management practices, theology and pastoral ministry.
2. To provide the core curriculum of each discipline while enabling students to concentrate in specific areas of knowledge and practice that correspond to their professional goals.
3. To provide applied learning experiences in contexts related to the student's professional interest, with competent and knowledgeable supervision from faculty and/or practitioners in management and pastoral ministry.
4. To prepare practitioners who have a commitment to work with the church in bringing best management practices to the church and related agencies, while bringing theological expertise and a social-ethical perspective to management in these contexts.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must apply to and be accepted independently to the IREPM and to CSOM. All admissions standards and requirements for each school apply to applicants to the MA/MBA program. *Typically, an MA/MBA student will enroll in the Evening / Part-time CSOM MBA program. Only in rare cases for students with exceptional credentials would an MA/MBA student be admitted to the full-time MBA program.*
2. Students may begin their studies in either IREPM or CSOM. CSOM requirements are sequenced but IREPM requirements need not be.
3. Full-time students in the program typically take both IREPM courses and CSOM courses in a given semester and complete the MA/MBA in 3.5 years. However, students have the flexibility of doing the MA/MBA program on a part-time basis, thus spreading their coursework over a longer period of time.
4. The entire dual degree program must be completed in 6 years.
5. Credit Totals:
 - a. The IREPM MA requires 33 credits for summers-only students and 41 credits for all other students.
 - b. Both the CSOM Evening (Part-time) Program and the CSOM Full-time Program require 56 credits.
 - c. Each school accepts 12 credits from the other program to reach its required total. CSOM gives 12 credits for the MA program and IREPM accepts the following courses:
 - MB 709 or 712 Managing People and Organizations

MA 701 or 713 Accounting
MF 704 or 722 Financial Management
MB 702 Management Practice III: Leadership Workshop or
MB740 Business Plan Project (this course is a field education project)

- d. Therefore the following are the credit totals for the MA/MBA program:
- i. IREPM **Summers-Only Program** and either CSOM Program:
(56-12=44 credits in CSOM courses)+
(33-12=21 credits in IREPM courses) =
65 credits total (RATHER THAN 89 IF THE PROGRAMS WERE DONE SEPARATELY)
 - ii. IREPM **NOT-Summers-Only** and either CSOM Program:
(56-12=44 credits in CSOM courses) +
(41-12=29 credits in IREPM courses) =
73 credits total (RATHER THAN 97 IF THE PROGRAMS WERE DONE SEPARATELY)

6. All students in the MA/MBA program enroll in IREPM course TH 730 Holistic Formation in their first academic year of study, regardless of whether they are enrolled primarily in IREPM or CSOM.

STUDENT ADVISEMENT

The IREPM Associate Director for Academic Affairs assigns each student a Course Selection Advisor in the IREPM when his or her graduate studies begin. The CSOM Associate Dean for Graduate Programs will manage the advisement process for all MA/MBA students.

The IREPM and CSOM each have a dual degree liaison for the MA/MBA program. They can help answer your questions regarding the program in general and will serve as your primary contact in each of the schools throughout the course of your studies. The liaisons for the dual degree program are:

- **IREPM:**
Jennifer Bader, PhD, Associate Director for Academic Affairs, 31 Lawrence Avenue, 617-552-4478 or baderje@bc.edu
- **CSOM:**
Jeffrey Ringuest, PhD, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, Fulton Hall 320B, 617-552-0461 or ringuest@bc.edu

For information concerning adding or dropping a course, course scheduling and availability, etc., please contact:

- **IREPM:**
Donna DeRosa, Assistant Director for Student Services, 31 Lawrence Avenue, 617-552-8441 or derosado@bc.edu
- **CSOM:**
Assistant Director of Student Services, 315 Fulton Hall, 617-552-3773, gsomstudentservices@bc.edu

FIELD EDUCATION

At the same time as they are enrolling in MB 702 Management Practice III: Leadership Workshop or MB 740 Entrepreneurship and Business Planning, dual MA/MBA students enroll in TH 530 Contextual Education. Using their leadership or business plan project as their field placement and receiving the benefit of feedback from CSOM faculty, students also attend the TH 530 practicum course and participate in theological/ministerial supervision.

By combining supervision from the two fields of study, the student integrates these fields into his/her management practice in a church or church-related setting.

IREPM summer students enroll in Contextual Education for three credits; IREPM academic year students enroll in Contextual Education for four credits.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition is paid to the school in which the dual degree student is currently enrolled. If a student is taking some courses in each of the two schools, s/he should pay tuition to the school in which s/he is enrolled for more credits. Financial aid packages are provided by each school independently. Students must apply for financial aid in each school.

COURSEWORK

Course worksheets are provided by each school and should be attached to this prospectus. CSOM lists specific courses for its requirements, but the IREPM usually lists requirement areas, in which many courses could fulfill a given requirement area (this is the case unless a specific course number is listed). The IREPM does not require that courses be sequenced in the order that they are listed on the worksheets, but CSOM generally does. For exceptions to this sequencing, students should consult the CSOM Associate Dean for Graduate Programs.

WORKSHEETS

Course worksheets are also available through the links below:

[Worksheet A](#)
[Worksheet B](#)
[Worksheet C](#)
[Worksheet D](#)