## **Curriculum Standard for Business Administration**

**Career Cluster:** Business Management & Administration, Finance, Government & Public Administration, and Marketing.

**Cluster Description:** The planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations; planning and related services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management; executing governmental functions including governance, national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation, and regulations; planning, managing, and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives.

Pathway: Business Administration Effective Term: Fall 2017 (2017\*03)

Program Majors Under Pathway						
Program Major / Classification of Instruction Program	Credential Level(s) Offered	Program Major Code				
Business Administration	CIP Code: 52.0201	AAS/Diploma/Certificate	A25120			

# **Pathway Description:**

The Business Administration curriculum is designed to introduce students to the various aspects of the free enterprise system. Students will be provided with a fundamental knowledge of business functions, processes, and an understanding of business organizations in today's global economy. Course work includes business concepts such as accounting, business law, economics, management, and marketing. Skills related to the application of these concepts are developed through the study of computer applications, communication, team building, and decision making. Through these skills, students will have a sound business education base for lifelong learning. Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities in government agencies, financial institutions, and large to small business or industry.

#### I. General Education Academic Core

[Curriculum Requirements for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCC 400.10: Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.

Business Administration							
Recommended General Education Academic Core		AAS	Diploma	Certificate			
Minimum	Gene	ral Education Hours Required:		15 SHC 6 SHC		0 SHC	
Courses listed below are recommended general education courses for this curriculum standard. Colleges may choose to include additional or alternative general education courses to meet local curriculum needs.  Communication:			6 SHC	3-6 SHC	Optional		
сом	110	Introduction to Communication	3 SHC				
СОМ	120	Intro Interpersonal Com	3 SHC				
СОМ	231	Public Speaking <b>U</b>	3 SHC				
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry <b>U</b>	3 SHC				
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc <b>U</b>	3 SHC				
ENG	114	Prof Research & Reporting	3 SHC				
ENG	116	Technical Report Writing	3 SHC				

<sup>\*</sup>Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

Humanit	ies/Fine	Arts:				
AR	T 111	Art Appreciation <b>U</b>	3 SHC	3 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
HU	M 110	Technology and Society	3 SHC			•
HL	IM 115	Critical Thinking	3 SHC			
HU	JM 230	Leadership Development	3 SHC			
MU	JS 110	Music Appreciation <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
PH	I 230	Introduction to Logic	3 SHC			
PH	I 240	Introduction to Ethics <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
Social /B	ehavior	al Sciences:				
EC	0 151	Survey of Economics	3 SHC			
EC	O 251	Prin of Microeconomics <b>U</b>	3 SHC	3 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
EC	O 252	Prin of Macroeconomics <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
PO	L 120	American Government <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
PS'	Y 118	Interpersonal Psychology	3 SHC			
PS'	Y 150	General Psychology <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
SO	C 210	Introduction to Sociology <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
Natural S	ciences	/Mathematics:				
MA	AT 110	Math Measurement and Literacy	3 SHC			
MA	AT 121	Algebra/Trigonometry I	3 SHC	3-4 SHC	0-3 SHC	Optional
MA	AT 143	Quantitative Literacy <b>U</b>	3 SHC			
MA	AT 152	Statistical Methods I <b>U</b>	4 SHC			
MA	AT 171	Precalculus Algebra <b>U</b>	4 SHC			
		ersal General Education Transfer Componer				
•		ticulation Agreement. UGETC courses are g	•			
the sixtee		sity of North Carolina senior institutions as	equivalent credit within defined			

- **II. Major Hours**. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. Below is a description of each section under Major Hours.
  - A. Technical Core. The technical core is comprised of specific courses which are required for all Program Majors under this Curriculum Standard. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the curriculum core courses or core subject area of the AAS program.
  - **B. Program Major(s).** The Program Major must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The Program Major is in addition to the technical core.
  - **C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from each prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core.

Business Administration		AAS	Diploma	Certificate		
Minimun	n Majo	jor Hours Required: 49 SHC		49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. Techn	ical Cor	·o·		33-38 SHC	30-31 SHC	
		e. ıired for the diploma program major aı	re designated with an asterisk (*).	50 50 5115	00020110	
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BUS		Introduction to Business	3 SHC			
* BUS		Business Law I	3 SHC			
* BUS		Principles of Management	3 SHC			
* MKT	120	Principles of Marketing	3 SHC			
Required S	ubject A	reas:				
*Accountir						
ACC	115	College Accounting	4 SHC			
ACC	120	Prin of Financial Accounting	4 SHC			
*Economic	s. Salac	t one:				
ECO		Survey of Economics	3 SHC			
ECO		Prin of Microeconomics	3 SHC			
ECO		Prin of Macroeconomic	3 SHC			
taken Econ	omics to	or ECO 252 must be taken to meet this meet the Social/Behavioral Science r				
"Compute: CIS		tions. Select one:	3 SHC			
CIS		Introduction to Computers Basic PC Literacy	2 SHC			
OST		Office Applications I	3 SHC			
Required	Subject	Areas (Select one subject area):				
General R	usiness	Administration				
		e selected from the following prefix	P5.			
	and CS					
Banking a	nd Eina	200				
_		illowing tracks:				
BAF		Principles of Banking	3 SHC			
BAF		Fund of Bank Lending	3 SHC			
BAF	141		3 SHC			
BAF	222		3 SHC			
OR			3 33			
AIB	110	Principles of Banking	3 SHC			
AIB	131	Fund of Bank Lending	3 SHC			
AIB		Law & Banking: Principles	3 SHC			
AIB		Money and Banking	3 SHC			
Human Rec	sources l	<b>Management</b>				
BUS	217	Employment Law and Regs	3 SHC			
BUS	234	Training and Development	3 SHC			
BUS		Recruit Select & Per Plan	3 SHC			
BUS		Compensation and Benefits	3 SHC			
BUS	259	•	3 SHC			
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Internation	al Busin	ess		
Select one o	f the fo	llowing tracks:		
Global Bu	usiness	Management Track		
ACC	270	International Accounting	3 SHC	
INT	110	International Business	3 SHC	
INT	210	International Trade	3 SHC	
INT	220	International Economics	3 SHC	
INT	230	International Law	3 SHC	
Import E	xport Co	ompliance Track		
IEC		International Shipping	3 SHC	
IEC	226	Intro to Export Admin Reg	3 SHC	
IEC		Elec Import/Export Doc	3 SHC	
IEC		Importing	3 SHC	
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Marketing				
MKT	220	Advertising & Sales Promotio	3 SHC	
MKT	225	Marketing Research	3 SHC	
MKT	227	Marketing Applications	3 SHC	
MKT		Social Media Marketing	4 SHC	
Select one:		-		
MKT	123	Fundamentals of Selling	3 SHC	
MKT		Customer Service	3 SHC	
Operations				
ISC	121	Envir Health & Safety	3 SHC	
ISC	210	Oper & Prod Planning	3 SHC	
OMT	112	Materials Management	3 SHC	
OMT	260	Issues in Operations Mgt	3 SHC	
Select one:		-		
ISC	130	Intro to Quality Control	3 SHC	
ISC		Quality Management	3 SHC	
ISC		Mfg Quality Control	3 SHC	
ISC		Statistical Qual Control	3 SHC	
			-	
Public Admi	inistrati	on		
PAD	151	Intro to Public Admin	3 SHC	
PAD	251	Public Finance & Budgeting	3 SHC	
PAD		Public Policy Analysis	3 SHC	
Select one.				
PAD	152	Ethics in Government	3 SHC	
BUS	240	Business Ethics	3 SHC	

### C. Other Major Hours.

*To be selected from the following prefixes:* 

ACC, AIB, ARA, ASL, BAF, BAS, BUS, CHI, CIS, COM, CSC, CSV, CTI, CTS, DBA, DME, ECM, ECO, ENT, ETR, FRE, GER, GIS, GRA, GRD, HMT, HRM, INS, INT, ISC, ITA, JPN, LAT, LDR, LOG, MAT, MKT, NPO, OMT, OST, PAD, PMT, POR, RLS, RUS, SPA, SST, WBL and WEB.

Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.

#### **III. Other Required Hours**

A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate (0-1 SHC), diploma (0-4 SHC), or an associate in applied science (0-7 SHC) program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

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## IV. Employability Competencies

Fundamental competencies that address soft skills vital to employability, personal, and professional success are listed below. Colleges are encouraged to integrate these competencies into the curriculum by embedding appropriate student learning outcomes into one or more courses or through alternative methods.

- **A. Interpersonal Skills and Teamwork** The ability to work effectively with others, especially to analyze situations, establish priorities, and apply resources for solving problems or accomplishing tasks.
- **B.** Communication The ability to effectively exchange ideas and information with others through oral, written, or visual means
- **C. Integrity and Professionalism –** Workplace behaviors that relate to ethical standards, honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, self-control, criticism and demeanor.
- **D. Problem-solving** The ability to identify problems and potential causes while developing and implementing practical action plans for solutions.
- **E. Initiative and Dependability** Workplace behaviors that relate to seeking out new responsibilities, establishing and meeting goals, completing tasks, following directions, complying with rules, and consistent reliability.
- F. Information processing The ability to acquire, evaluate, organize, manage, and interpret information.
- **G.** Adaptability and Lifelong Learning The ability to learn and apply new knowledge and skills and adapt to changing technologies, methods, processes, work environments, organizational structures and management practices.
- **H. Entrepreneurship** The knowledge and skills necessary to create opportunities and develop as an employee or self-employed business owner.

Summary of Required Semester Hour Credits (SHC) for each credential:

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

<sup>\*\*</sup>The North Carolina Career Clusters Guide was developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College system to link the academic and Career and Technical Education programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels to increase student achievement. Additional information about Career Clusters is located at:

<a href="http://www.nc-net.info/NC">http://www.nc-net.info/NC</a> career clusters guide.php or <a href="http://www.careertech.org">http://www.careertech.org</a>.