

Pathway to MBA

Bachelor's to Master's of Business Administration

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Prepare Now for an MBA Later

After completing your bachelor's degree with SPS, you could be only 12 courses away from your SLU MBA! The Pathway to the MBA is a series of courses that helps prepare you for an MBA. It's not a major, minor or certificate and can be taken with any SPS major as you pursue your bachelor's degree.

If qualified, you will take five courses (15 credits) through SPS as part of the Pathway to the MBA. You will then need to apply and be accepted into the MBA program and complete the 12 courses (36 credits) remaining for your SLU MBA. This accelerated option can save you both time and money.

Pathway to the MBA overview:

Students must apply and be accepted into both the School for Professional Studies and the part-time, evening MBA program through the John Cook School of Business.

Once admitted to SPS, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major, minor and MBA coursework in order to register for the graduate-level courses. No course is accepted toward the MBA if the student receives a letter grade below "B".

During their senior year at SPS, students will take the GMAT and apply for admission to the part-time, evening MBA program in the JCSB.

Students who are admitted and complete the Pathway courses successfully as required will then have only 12 courses (36 credits) remaining to complete their SLU MBA. The 12 remaining courses include the breadth and required courses/electives.

Pathway to MBA Courses		15 Credits
PST 1900	Survey of Economics	3
CIS 2850	Principles of Data Analysis	3
ACCT 5010	Accounting for Managers	3
OPM 5050	Operations Management	3
ECON 3120 or 3140	Interm Micro or Macro Economics	3

*Due to Saint Louis University School of Business AACSB accreditation standards, School for Professional Studies students may not apply more than 30 credit hours of "business related" courses toward their degree.

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SPS Admission Requirements

All students must apply directly to and be accepted into the School for Professional Studies in order to enroll in the program. Once admitted, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major, minor/certificate and master's-level coursework. Per the current standards, no transfer course is accepted toward the master's degree if a student receives a letter grade below "B."

- **AGE: 22 YEARS OR OLDER (EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS)**
- **WORK EXPERIENCE: AT LEAST 3 YEARS OR THE EQUIVALENT**
- **EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR COMPOSITE GED SCORE OF AT LEAST 2250**
- **INTERVIEW: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ADMISSION MEETING WITH AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR. THIS CAN BE DONE OVER THE PHONE OR ON CAMPUS**
- **GRADE POINT AVERAGE: A MINIMUM TRANSFER CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 (UNLESS QUALIFIED FOR CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE)**

Admission Procedures

STEP 1 – COMPLETE APPLICATION

Complete the application for admission online at busyadults.slu.edu. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

STEP 2 – MEET WITH ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Contact an admissions counselor to discuss the status of your application and your educational and career goals. You may schedule an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor at our St. Louis location or over the phone in certain instances. Appointments are available during business hours or weekday evenings. If possible, bring unofficial copies of all your college transcripts to your admission meeting, or fax them to 314-977-2333.

A writing and/or math assessment test may be necessary during or shortly after the admissions meeting if you are bringing in little or no transfer credits for these areas.

STEP 3 – OBTAIN TRANSCRIPTS

Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

School for Professional Studies

Attn: Admissions
3840 Lindell Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63108

If you are an applicant seeking a degree, you must obtain official transcripts from all previous college course work. If you have never attended college or have less than 15 hours of transferable college credits, you will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

Credit for Prior Learning / Transfer Credits

We now provide several options for our adult students to receive credit for prior learning from the following areas:

1. Transfer credits from other accredited institutions
2. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing
3. DSST testing (formerly DANES testing)
4. Industry certifications with an external accreditor (such as an association or agency) in which the certification is received upon successful completion of a test
5. Credit that is approved by the American Council of Education (ACE)

The number of total transfer credit hours (across all forms of prior learning) cannot exceed those permitted by Saint Louis University, SPS, or the specific program to which the credit will be counted.

Tuition

SLU for Busy Adults offers affordable tuition that is comparable to other institutions in St. Louis. Courses in the School for Professional Studies meet the same quality standards of the traditional day school at SLU. When you graduate, you graduate with a degree from Saint Louis University for nearly half the cost.

Dollars and Sense

We strive to make quality higher education accessible to students of all economic means. In addition to offering a reduced tuition rate, SPS offers numerous scholarships and awards specifically for new students. See the full list of scholarships at: www.slu.edu/x23497.xml.

SPS also offers budget payment plans and a deferred payment option for students whose employers reimburse tuition costs after completion of a course. More information can be found at: www.slu.edu/x10990.xml.

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