

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The University of Akron

Petition: Approval of MBA Interdisciplinary Concentration

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Complete and return to:

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The University of Akron

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Interdisciplinary Concentration: The UA Flexible MBA Interdisciplinary Concentration is intended to meet the needs of students who wish to personalize their MBA and study across disciplines. Students seeking the Interdisciplinary Concentration are expected to do so as a means of meeting unique professional and educational needs that cannot be optimally met through one of the established MBA concentrations. The Interdisciplinary Concentration may include a mix of graduate courses from multiple departments within the CBA and/or graduate courses from disciplines outside of business.

Requirements:

- Approval of Interdisciplinary Concentration Checklist by the CBA Director of Graduate Programs upon initial admission to the UA MBA program or upon request to change concentrations after enrolling in the UA MBA program
- 9 credits of future graduate coursework
- MBA Interdisciplinary Concentration Rationale
- Description of how the MBA Action Learning degree requirement will be fulfilled

Proposed Inter-disciplinary Concentration Courses:

Course Number (s)	Name of Course	Description	# of Credits

NOTE: If the coursework being proposed will be transferred in from another institution or UA college please indicate such and provide the appropriate transcript (s). Eligible coursework must be graduate level; completed within six years of enrolling in the MBA program. Approval should occur prior to enrollment and completed with a grade of “B” or better. There is a limit of 9 credits total that may be transferred into the MBA program.

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MBA Interdisciplinary Concentration Rationale Instructions:

Students are required to provide a two-page typed rationale for the particular set of courses they are requesting for approval in fulfillment of the MBA Interdisciplinary Concentration Degree requirements. The statement of rationale must include each of the following items:

- Identify and explain your professional goals
- Identify and describe the particular industry sector (s) to which the Interdisciplinary concentration being proposed is relevant
- Establish the relevance of your previous education and/or professional experience to the Interdisciplinary concentration being proposed
- Discuss how each course you have chosen for your Interdisciplinary concentration will contribute to achievement of your professional goals.

Overall, your statement of rationale should be thoughtful, thorough and professionally written. Proposals “of convenience” will not be approved. There must be a thematic connection among the courses proposed for the Interdisciplinary concentration and a compelling rationale to pursue a personalized course of graduate study is required.

DATE:

Processing Advisors Initials: _____

- Approved
- Denied

Dean's Signature

Comments: