

Program Overview: Bachelor of Business Administration Human Resource Management Concentration

About This Major . . .

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree with a concentration in Human Resource Management combines business knowledge with a focus on the Human Resource Management skills needed in today's organizations. With increasing legislation, the need for additional personnel in the area of human resource management will only grow in the future. Become part of an industry that performs a vital function for all businesses – finding the right person for the right job, and then providing training and development for that employee. This concentration aligns with the Society of Human Resource Management curriculum.

The senior-level capstone course, Business Strategy, allows students the opportunity to bring together the functional areas of business and apply business knowledge and skills to solve today's complex and ever-changing problems. The course focuses on developing a strategic plan for an organization using critical analysis of business data. To develop the strategic plan, students identify the current strengths and weaknesses of the organization as well as strategies for maintaining a competitive advantage in the future. Assignments such as oral presentations, written papers, and working on a team simulation help students to develop the knowledge and skills needed to manage successfully in the future.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning.

In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Critical Thinking Skills: Apply business knowledge and skills in appropriate business contexts and transfer knowledge and skills to new business situations.
2. Communication Skills: Independently communicate clearly, appropriately, and persuasively to the audience, both orally and in writing.
3. Quantitative fluency: Analyze business data critically, reason logically, and apply quantitative analysis methods correctly to develop appropriate business conclusions.
4. Strategic Application of Information: Strategically apply information across functional business areas.
5. Team Work: Effectively work in a team.
6. General Business Knowledge: Integrate knowledge from multiple functional areas of business to solve business problems and to develop sound business strategies.
7. Work Products: Produce professional business work products.
8. Apply human resource practices to organizational issues. (Specialized Knowledge)

Program Highlights:

Graduates of this program currently hold the following positions: HR specialist, staffing administrator, HR benefits coordinator, and HR manager.

HR Club students participate in state and regional competitions, commonly scoring highly or winning these competitions.

Students in the HR concentration are encouraged to join the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and the Western Colorado Human Resource Association (WCHRA) in order to begin building career connections while still in school. Students attend WCHRA meetings and participate in HR seminars and conferences with the professional members.

Each fall, HR students present the 45-minute professional monthly program to the WCHRA membership, an opportunity for students to showcase their talent and create additional career connections.

Internships are available for juniors and seniors at local, regional, and international companies. Recent internships have been completed at Aspen Square, Halliburton, St. Mary's Hospital, City of Grand Junction, and Hilltop Community Resources.

A solid base in business enables students to gain the necessary knowledge to work across the functional areas of business in today's global environment.



Program Requirements

A student must follow CMU graduation requirements by completing 120 semester credit hours, including 40 credits of coursework at the 300+ level. See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the catalog for additional graduation information. Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration. In general, CMU’s programs of study are based on two curriculum groups:

1. Essential Learning

CMU’s Essential Learning program provides the foundation of skills and information that cuts across all fields of study and the support for advanced concepts that students will later encounter in their majors. Before moving into work at the 300+ level, students complete the Maverick Milestone and its co-requirement, Essential Speech. This pair of courses is a capstone experience where students integrate what they have learned from their foundation courses by making connections among diverse areas of knowledge. The capstone is also an opportunity for students to work with disparate ideas, a critical skill expected of all CMU graduates that will aid them in solving the complex and unscripted problems they will encounter in their personal, professional, and civic lives.

2. What You Will Study in This Major. . .

Foundational Courses

These courses provide a solid basis for upper-division business classes and focus in functional areas. An exciting first class in the business program is Freshman Business Seminar, which provides an overview of both the world of business and the Department of Business at CMU.

- Accounting
- Business Communications
- Economics
- Business Statistics
- Computer Information Literacy

Business Core Classes include the following functional areas.

- Management
- Marketing
- Finance
- Management Information Systems
- International Business
- Legal Environment of Business
- Human Resource Management
- Quantitative Analysis

Concentration Requirements

These courses will provide the basis for study in the ever-evolving field of human resource management. Analysis, critical thinking, and communication are key skills any effective business person needs in today’s workplace.

Required

- Employment Assessment
- Leading Organizations
- Effective Workplace Communications
- Compensation and Reward Systems
- Advanced Human Resource Management (Capstone)

Electives from which to choose:

- Risk Management
- Advanced Managerial Accounting
- Sales and Sales Management
- Solving Problems Using Spreadsheets
- Solving Problems Using Databases
- Management of Information Systems
- Effective Workplace Communication

Electives

An option within the BBA for most concentrations is the ability for students to graduate with two concentrations within the required 120 hours. For example, many students pair a Human Resource Management concentration with a Management or Managerial Informatics concentration. This opportunity enables students to gain knowledge and skills in two differing business areas.

Additionally, students choose electives from the following topics.

- Small Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Business Ethics
- Big Questions in Business
- Project Management
- Financial Management: Theory and Application
- Consumer Behavior
- Promotions

For more information about this major, go to: <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/business/degrees.html> or contact the Academic Department Head for Business, 309 Dominguez Hall, 970.248.1778.