Degree Requirements

MBA students must satisfactorily complete fourteen (14) three semester-hour graduate courses. Students seeking the Master of Accounting degree must complete ten (10) three semester-hour graduate accounting and business courses.

Admission Requirements for the MBA

The Mitchell MBA admits students into the program during the fall semester only. The requirements are:

1. a bachelor’s degree from an institution accredited by the appropriate United States regional accreditation agency or equivalent for international institutions;
2. a minimal grade-point average of 3.0 on all undergraduate work (A=4.0);
3. a minimum GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) of 450; and
4. a combination of GPA and GMAT score that meets the requirements of the following formula:

   \[ 200 \times \text{GPA} + \text{GMAT} = 1050 \]

Provisional Admission: A student who has a bachelor’s degree with less than 3.0 but greater than a 2.5 (A=4.0) or a minimum grade-point average of 2.75 on the last 64 semester hours of college work may attain Provisional Admission provided the student meets the minimum GMAT score requirement and the requirements of the following formula:

   \[ 200 \times \text{UDGPA (last 64 hours)} + \text{GMAT} = 1100 \]

In addition, all applicants must achieve a minimum GMAT Analytical Writing score of 3.0 or higher. The GMAT must have been taken in the last five years. The GMAT requirements MAY be waived for applicants with an earned Master's degree in select disciplines from an accredited U.S. institution of higher education.

International students must submit documentary evidence showing TOEFL test scores of 71 or above or its equivalent. International students can obtain more information regarding admission by visiting International Admissions and Student Services link at http://www.southalabama.edu/international/internationaladm/futurestudents.html

The non-degree category is reserved exclusively for students with an MBA Degree. Students in this category must obtain permission of the Director of Graduate Studies before registering for any graduate courses in the Mitchell College of Business.

Requirements for Regular Standing

Provisional Admission students will qualify for Regular Standing upon completion of a minimum of nine semester hours taken for graduate credit (500 level) toward degree requirements provided at least a “B” average is maintained in all such work attempted.
In addition, at least a “B” average is required for all work taken as a graduate student. If the student has not met these requirements upon completing 15 semester hours of graduate credit (500 level) for degree requirements, the student will be dismissed from the MBA program.

Courses taken outside the Mitchell College of Business that are not an approved part of the degree program will not be included in the computation of the grade-point average.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit earned in another institution may be considered for credit toward the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Transfer credit is approved only after completion of a minimum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit (500 level) toward degree requirements at the University of South Alabama and the student has qualified for Regular Standing. Only grades of “A” or “B” may be accepted as transfer credit. Transfer credits are not used in the calculation for the grade-point average.

Program Time Limit

All requirements for a graduate degree must be completed within seven (7) calendar years from the date of matriculation as a graduate student.