

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MINORS

PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Business Minor
Business Leadership Minor
Global Business Minor
Business Diversity Minor
Real Estate Minor**

BUSINESS MINOR

Do I have to complete all of the requirements to apply for the minor?

No, you can apply at any time as long as you have completed 24 hours at Virginia Tech, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and have completed the math requirement.

I wasn't accepted into a restricted major in Pamplin. Is it as hard to be accepted into the minor? What GPA do I need for the minor?

As long as you meet the minimum criteria to apply and complete the application, you will be accepted into the minor. To be awarded the minor at graduation, you must have a 2.0 average in the five junior level required courses. This average includes all retakes of any class.

This is my first semester at Tech and I have transfer credits for all of the lower division classes. Can I apply for the minor now?

No. You must have a 2.0 or better overall GPA and have completed at least 24 credit hours at Virginia Tech.

How many hours does it take to get a business minor?

While the minor requires only 15 hours of specific junior level business classes, there are an additional 27 hours of prerequisite courses. Therefore, in order to get the minor, 42 hours are required.

Am I guaranteed to get the minor if I complete all of the classes?

If you meet the GPA requirements and have no grades below C- in any business classes, you can get into the Business Minor. You must have a 2.0 average in the upper division classes to be awarded the minor.

Do I have to complete all of the lower level classes in order to apply for the minor?

No. Only the math sequence of courses must be completed to apply for the Business Minor.

How do I get into the business classes that are restricted to business majors during course request?

Business students who need classes in order to complete their majors frequently get preference during course request. In this case, force/add (on a space available basis) is the only option for business minors to get into restricted business classes.

I'm in the business minor, but I can't course request BIT 2405. How can I get the class?

BIT classes, as well as other business classes, may be restricted to majors during course request. If so, the restriction often continues during the drop/add period. At the beginning of the semester, you can request to force/add the class. If there are available spaces available, you may be added. There is no guarantee you will get the class. The class is taught during both summer sessions and there are no restrictions for summer.

What other math can I take to get the prerequisite for the minor?

Beside MATH 1525-1526, any of the following combinations will count for the math requirement:

MATH 1205, 1206, & 1114

MATH 1205 & 1526

MATH 1015, 1016, & 2015

MATH 1016 & 1526

MATH 1114, 1205, & 2015

MATH 1114, 1016, & 2015

I am a computer engineer. Do I have to take the Information Systems class?

No. If you have any of the following combinations, you have a suitable substitution for ACIS 1504: (1) ENGE 1024, and either 1104 or 1114, (2) ENGE 1015 & 1016, (3) ENGE 1005 & 1006, (4) CS 1104, ((5) CS 1205 & 1206, or (6) CS 1705 & 1706.

Will STAT 2004 count for BIT 2405?

No. The statistics class does not cover statistics to the extent required by the BIT class. However, STAT 3005, 3615, 3704, 4604, 4705, 4706, or 4714, may substitute for BIT 2405 only.

Will my two statistics classes substitute for both BIT 2405 and 2406?

No. The first quantitative methods, BIT 2405, is all statistics. However, BIT 2406 only has one topic in statistics and then it moves to management science topics. These are topics not covered in a statistics class. While you find some overlap in the beginning of the second quantitative methods class, most of it will be new and required material.

I am a junior and still taking Principles of Accounting. Can I still take the management and marketing courses required for the minor?

As long as you have at least 60 earned hours and junior standing, you can take MGT 3304 and MKTG 3104. You can also take FIN 3055, Legal Environment of Business. However, MGT 3304 is restricted to majors, so you would need to force add this class on a space available basis. Requests for force/adds are taken in the management department office in 2007 Pamplin Hall.

If I have a D in math, but C and better in the business classes and economics, can I still get into the minor? Or, do I have to retake the math classes in which I have D grades?

You do not have to retake the math. However, you must have both a 2.0 average in the lower level classes, and a C- or better in all ACIS, BIT, ECON, FIN, MKTG, and MGT courses.

If I am in the minor and I change my major to management, will the substitutions on the minor count for the management major and the minor?

Not all of them will count. The math equivalencies will count for any major in business. The statistics substitutions for BIT 2405 will count. However, you will need to go back and take ACIS 1504, since the management major does not have an in-major information systems course. Also, you cannot minor in business if you have a major in business. The minor is only open to students not in a business major.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP MINOR

Do I have to complete all of the requirements before I apply for the minor?

No, you can apply at any time as long as you have completed 24 hours at Virginia Tech and have at least a 2.5 GPA.

I am majoring in management. Can I still do the Business Leadership Minor?

Yes. The leadership minor is open to all students who have completed at least 24 hours and have a 2.50 GPA.

I can't get into the sociology or communication courses to get my electives for the minor. What can I do?

Dr. Lang, Director of the Leadership Center, has selected some alternate courses as the electives. You can go to 28 Pamplin Hall to see what else will count; the office administrator will be glad to help you.

How do I get into the Management classes that are restricted to business majors during course request?

Business students who need classes in order to complete their majors frequently get preference during course request. In this case, force/add (on a space available basis) is the only option for business leadership minors to get into restricted business classes. To force-add Management courses, complete the force-add form on the Management Department's website (www.management.vt.edu) after drop/add opens.

I have an internship this summer with a consulting firm. Will it count for the experiential activity?

Dr. Lang, Director of the Leadership Center, must pre-approve all internships. His office is 28 Pamplin Hall.

GLOBAL BUSINESS MINOR

The Global Business Minor application asks me to present a plan for when I am going to take courses and study abroad. I don't know yet. What should I do?

The application requires you to do a plan, so you understand the requirements and put some thought into when and how you will complete the requirements. You will not be held accountable to the plan, but you must fill in all of blanks to indicate you have reviewed the requirements, or your application will not be reviewed.

Do I have to complete all of the courses and do my study abroad before I apply for the minor?

No. As long as you are a sophomore, junior, or senior with a minimum GPA of 2.0, you can apply anytime. You must, however, complete a plan of when you will take the courses and when and where you plan to complete the experience portion of the requirements.

I took two years of Latin and two years of German in high school. Will that meet the language requirement for the Global Business Minor?

Yes. The requirement is three years of foreign language. It does not specify all must be in the same language.

I heard that if I go on the fall program to Switzerland I will automatically have the Global Business Minor. Is that true?

It all depends on the course you have already taken. Students participating in the Pamplin fall CESA program in Switzerland, take three of the required business classes so that part of the requirement is met. This program is approved as the international experience requirement.

Students complete a three-hour study abroad while in Switzerland. The study abroad class will fulfill one of the elective classes. This leaves two more elective classes to complete the minor. You could take an Area 7 class for either your Area 2 or social science requirement, and this would not require using an elective for the other course.

I am majoring in marketing. Will the international marketing class count for my major and the global business minor?

Yes. One course can satisfy more than one requirement. In fact, the class could count not only for your major and minor, it could also be your Area 7 course. However, you only get the three credits for the class, so it cannot count as a required course and an elective course in the minor.

While I am a U.S. citizen, I grew up in England and it is still my permanent residence. Can this count as the international experience?

Yes. Nonetheless, it is highly recommended that you participate in a study abroad program. For example, consider going to another continent to broaden your international experience.

BUSINESS DIVERSITY MINOR

I am not a primary business major. Can I still complete the Business Diversity Minor?

No. The Business Diversity Minor is open only to students who are already in the College of Business.

When should I apply for the Business Diversity Minor?

Since all of the courses in the minor require at least junior standing the ideal time to apply for the minor is as a second semester sophomore. However, you may apply for the minor at any time as a sophomore, junior or senior.

How many hours does it take to complete the Business Diversity Minor?

The minor requires 18 hours. However, if your major is HTM, Marketing, or Management, certain courses required for the minor will also count towards your major. Additionally, you may select from over 30 elective courses, many which also count for CLE Areas 2, 3 or 7.

Do I have to be accepted into the minor to take the courses?

Several of the required courses in the minor do require that you have been accepted into the minor.

I have an internship this summer with a firm back home. Will it count for the experiential activity?

Dr. Connerley, Director of the Business Diversity Center, must pre-approve all internships and field studies. Her office is 28 Pamplin Hall.

Can the experiential activity that I did for my Business Leadership Minor count for the Diversity Minor?

No. And, each activity must be pre-approved by the director of the respective minors.

Can some of the Business Diversity Minor electives also count for area requirements in the Curriculum for a Liberal Education?

Yes. Elective courses may also fulfill an area 2 requirement, except for ECON and PSCI classes which count for social science credit, area 3.

REAL ESTATE MINOR

Do I have to complete all of the requirements to apply for the minor?

No. In fact if you look at the courses, all of them are upper level classes. The vast majority of the students who apply for the minor have not taken more than one class at the time they apply. You need to be at least a sophomore with a 2.0 GPA at Virginia Tech.

Why does the form state 13-16 hours of required courses? How many am I supposed to take?

The college wants business majors who complete the real estate minor to take both finance and marketing courses. As the footnote states, if you are a business major you must take all five of the required courses for 16 hours and then just one of the elective courses. Many students outside of business who complete the real estate minor have more than one of the elective courses required for their major.

One of the classes listed as a prerequisite for FIN 4154 is ACIS 2004. Should a business major take this class?

No. This class will not count toward a degree for a business major. Business majors should take ACIS 2115.