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How To Become A Lawyer: A Complete Guide With FAQs

Lawyers uphold the law of the country and protect their client's legal rights. A career in law can be rewarding, in terms of earning potential and job satisfaction. Learning about the duties of a lawyer and how to become one can help you determine if it is a good career path for you. In this article, we discuss how to become a lawyer, what these professionals do and answer some frequently asked questions about this profession.

What Does A Lawyer Do?

Lawyers use their knowledge of the law to help clients understand and navigate legal matters. While their roles and responsibilities may vary depending on their area of expertise, most lawyers perform the following duties:

- Preparing legal documents and filing them with the appropriate courts/authorities
- Attending trials and hearings with clients
- Collaborating with police and investigators and building cases for trials and mediations
- Reviewing a case and suggesting legal options for clients
- Presenting arguments in favour of a client in front of the judge

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Combined LL.B

You can pursue a combined law degree that concentrates the duration of two degrees into five years, which would otherwise usually take six years. The popular combined Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degrees are:

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How To Become A Lawyer?

To know how to become a lawyer, its important to be aware that lawyers require to meet the minimum educational requirements and pass certain industry exams to practice law. Here are the basic steps to become a lawyer:

1. Complete your higher secondary education

You require to at least complete your higher secondary education (10+2) from a recognised school education board to pursue a bachelor's degree in law. Students of any stream, including science, arts and commerce are eligible to enroll in a bachelor's programme. If you choose to pursue the law degree after your 10+2, you require to enroll in a five-year integrated Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) course, such as BA LL.B, B.Com LL.B or BBA LL.B. Some universities even offer a five-year integrated honours programme, such as BA LL.B. (Hons.) These programmes allow you to choose a law specialisation.

2. Complete your graduation in any stream

Another route to pursue a law degree is through a three-year LL.B. course after your graduation. If you choose to take that route, you first require to earn a bachelor's degree in any stream. Whether you have a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) or Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), you can apply for the three-year LL.B programme.

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3. Take a law entrance exam

Most law schools select candidates based on their results in a law entrance exam. One of the most popular national level entrance exams is the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). It is a two-hour long exam that usually comprises 150 multiple-choice questions, with one mark for each correct answer and a deduction of 0.25 marks for each incorrect answer. Candidates require to score at least 50% marks in the CLAT to be eligible for admission. The CLAT scores are accepted by most law colleges.

Here are some other law entrance exams you can take to get admission to a law college:

All India Law Entrance Test (AILET)

Symbiosis Law Admission Test (SLAT)

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

Maharashtra Common Entrance Test - Law (MC-CET)

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4. Apply to law school

Once you have received your law entrance test scores, you can begin applying to law schools. Most students apply to several law schools so they have a few options to choose from. For each application you send, you require to submit official transcripts, law entrance test scores, letters of recommendation and additional information.

Many schools seek candidates with high CLAT scores, excellent letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities. Completing an internship at your local courthouse or law firm can show your interest in the field. Volunteering with a group in your community can demonstrate your eagerness to learn.

5. Complete your bachelor's degree in law

During your undergraduate degree in law, you study subjects like political science, sociology and economics. These subjects help you understand more about the society within which you would practice law. Along with these subjects, you also require to study law subjects such as constitutional law, criminal law and family law. You require to pass all the subjects in your final year to become a law graduate.

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6. Pass the All India Bar Examination

According to the government guidelines, law graduates are required to clear the All India Bar Examination (AIBE) to be eligible to practice as a lawyer in India. The Bar Council of India conducts this exam once every year, and prior registration is mandatory for all aspirants. To be eligible to appear for the All India Bar Examination, you are required to enroll as an advocate with a State Bar Council. But, this requirement is only applicable to students who have graduated in the academic year of 2009-10 or later. If you have passed your law degree before that, then this exam is not mandatory for you.

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7. Gain Experience

Once you have cleared the AIBE, you have the licence to practice law as a profession. The next ideal step would be to either seek out a legal job with a legal firm as an associate advocate or start practicing law independently.

Corporate law
Finance law

All guidance will be provided for legal study in corporate law and legal study of finance in India and internationally.

MSc in Law and Finance -oxford university

About the course

The MSc in Law and Finance (MLF) is taught jointly by the Law Faculty and the Saïd Business School. It will provide you with an advanced interdisciplinary understanding of economic and financial concepts and their application to legal topics. The MSc combines a highly analytic academic core with tailor-made practical applications derived from collaboration with professional and regulatory organisations.

Course structure

Students studying the MLF take three core courses and then choose either to take the law or finance stream.

There are also pre-sessional courses in maths and financial reporting.

Core courses

There are two core finance courses (Finance and First Principles of Financial Economics), and a core interdisciplinary course (Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions). Finance is taught during the first and second terms. First Principles of Financial Economics is taught during the first term and Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions is taught during the second and third terms.

Law stream

In addition to the core MLF courses, students selecting the Law Stream will take two law electives from a tailored list of about 10 law courses that are available to students on the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL). Students may choose to select two half options in law in place of a law elective, thereby allowing students to study a wider range of subjects. The list of law electives comprises courses that are business law-oriented and thus are intended to complement both each other and the MLF course as a whole. In taking these electives, you will be joined by students taking the Law Faculty's other taught graduate courses, the BCL and the Magister Juris (MJur). Teaching may be delivered over the duration of the academic year using a range of different formats, including lectures, seminars and tutorials. Outside of the seminars and tutorials you will be expected to read extensively in order to acquire the necessary knowledge to engage with course material at an appropriate level.

Finance stream

Currently, as an alternative to taking two law electives, MLF students can select the Finance Stream, which is taught by interactive classes at the Saïd Business

School during the second and third terms. By selecting the Finance Stream, you will take only one law elective. In lieu of the second law elective, you will take a mandatory finance course, Corporate Valuation, in the second term and one finance elective in the third term. The menu of finance electives has been selected from those offered by the Saïd Business School for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and MSc in Financial Economics (MFE), comprising finance courses intended to complement the MLF programme. The electives are studied at the Saïd Business School alongside MBA and MFE students. It is anticipated that the Finance Stream will be available in future years, subject to notice.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Law Faculty and/or the Saïd Business School and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Law Faculty and/or the Saïd Business School.

Assessment

MLF students undertake assessment and/or examinations in each of the three terms of the programme. The core courses of Finance, Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions and First Principles of Financial Economics use a range of assessment methods which may include group work exercises, timed examinations and formal coursework.

Most law elective subjects are assessed by means of timed examinations at the end of the course but some subjects use assessed essays written over a longer period. Further information about forms of assessment

is provided on the [Law Faculty Admissions page](#). Those taking the dissertation option are required to submit a dissertation in the third term.

Finance Stream elective subjects are assessed by formal coursework and/or practical work and/or a timed examination during the third term. The mandatory Finance Stream course, Corporate Valuation, is assessed during the second term.

Graduate destinations

Typically, over half of each class of MLF graduates go on to employment within the legal sector in London or internationally, usually at large, corporate law firms, at training contract or associate level, as well as in a variety of in-house roles. Others go on to work in fields such as investment banking, private equity, consulting and policymaking. Each year, a small number of students also embark on a career in academia.

As an MLF student, you will have access to the University Careers Services as well as to some relevant support from the Saïd Business School's Careers Service, and to dedicated MLF careers support as you consider your career strategy and move into the application and interview processes.

Additional speaker events are run to complement the MLF programme, which facilitate contact with senior practitioners of law and finance, and MLF students will be a member of both the SBS and wider University alumni networks.

Changes to this course and your supervision

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course page. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after

registration. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have to be made in circumstances of a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

Where possible your academic supervisor will not change for the duration of your course. However, it may be necessary to assign a new academic supervisor during the course of study or before registration for reasons which might include illness, sabbatical leave, parental leave or change in employment.

For further information please see our page on [changes to courses](#) and the [provisions of the student contract](#) regarding changes to courses.

LLM International Finance Law - Full-time

The University of Law Postgraduate Programmes



- London, United Kingdom
- UK Online, United Kingdom

LL.M. International Banking, Finance and Insurance Law



**University of
Zurich^{UZH}**

EBI Master in EU Banking & Financial Regulation

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management



Frankfurt School

- Frankfurt, Germany

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Trade and Investment Law (TRAIL+)

World Trade Institute



- Bern, Switzerland

Insurance Law LLM

University of Connecticut UCONN - School of Law



- Hartford, USA

Master in European Economic and Financial Criminal Law (LL.M.)

University of Luxembourg, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance



- Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Online LLM in Banking & Financial Law

Boston University School of Law



Boston University School of Law

- Boston, USA

LL.M. in Business and Finance Law

George Washington University, Law School



- Washington, USA

Corporate Finance Law LLM

University of Westminster

**UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER** 

- London, United Kingdom

LLM International Finance Law - Part-time

University of Law Online Postgraduate



- Online United Kingdom

LLM in Corporate Law

Edinburgh Law School - The University of Edinburgh



LLM in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law

Fordham University Law School



- New York, USA

LLM

Full time, Part time

12 months

On-Campus

English

Students in the LLM program in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law acquire a sophisticated appreciation of corporate structure, an understanding of the laws relating to capital markets and financial institutions, and genuine insights into the goals

LL.M. Finance

Institute for Law and Finance



- Frankfurt, Germany

LLM

Full time, Part time

On-Campus

English

Numerous rapid changes in the global financial markets over the past few decades have dramatically altered the requirements for and contents of legal study. With the development of new financial instruments such as derivatives and international hedge

LLM in International Financial Law

University of Sussex



- Brighton, United Kingdom

LLM

Full time, Part time

1 year

On-Campus

English

Sussex Law School provides an international, stimulating learning environment for you to build on your knowledge. You'll learn from today's leading lawyers – our world-leading research underpins our teaching.

LLM in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law

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LLM Banking and Debt Finance - Full-time

The University of Law Postgraduate Programmes



- London, United Kingdom
- UK Online, United Kingdom

LLM

Full time

12 months

Distance Learning, On-Campus

English

A Master of Laws (LLM) Banking and Debt Finance is a postgraduate degree designed to enhance your academic legal knowledge, particularly focusing on specific areas of interest. Specially designed for law and non-law graduates who want to gain a Master's

LL.M. & M.Jur. Curriculum in Risk Management

Texas A&M School of Law



- Fort Worth, USA

LLM

Full time

Distance Learning

English

Our Risk Management program provides you the knowledge and skills you need to work successfully in a fast paced, highly-structured, deadline driven culture.

In this article, we profile the top 30 most affordable online master's in finance degree programs.

Financial analysts provide guidance to businesses and organizations. Investment decisions, portfolio assessment, and other types of assistance require the help of a financial expert. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, the job outlook for financial analysts is projected to grow 11 percent through the year 2026. Due to the anticipated growth, colleges and universities are offering master's in finance and online master's in finance degree programs.

We reviewed 63 colleges and universities with online master's in finance programs, or closely related degrees. We confirmed accreditation, either regional or national, to help narrow our search. We collected graduate tuition/fees from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) College Navigator and selected programs that cost under \$20,000/year. We also looked at rankings from major publications like U.S. News and World Report to see if the program or institution had received recognition. The colleges and universities on our list are ranked in order of raw affordability.

Below is our list of the top 30 most affordable online master's in finance degree programs.

#30 – Southern New Hampshire University

Online Master's in Finance

Manchester, New Hampshire

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,810

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, non-profit institution offering an online master's in finance for professionals seeking a senior financial position within an organization. The program can be completed in as little as 15 months provided the student takes two courses per 10-week semester. The program is delivered

completely online allowing for maximum flexibility. Courses include corporate financial management, cost accounting, financial modeling, and graduate finance capstone. Southern New Hampshire University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The MS in Finance program is accredited by the NEASC and ACBSP. U.S. News ranks Southern New Hampshire #86 in regional universities North and #1 in most innovative schools North.

#29 – Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration

Online Master's in Finance

Troy, Michigan

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,135

Walsh College offers a master's in finance online to professionals seeking to increase their career trajectory with an advanced degree. The Walsh College MSF is built upon critical theory and advanced financial practices needed to oversee the fiscal health and solvency of a variety of institutions including non-profit, private, and public organizations. Students can choose from a financial management or financial services concentration. Coursework includes advanced managerial accounting, financial management, financial markets and institutions, and global economics. Admission requirements include a 2.75 undergraduate GPA, an accredited undergraduate degree, and a minimum of two years work experience. The GMAT is not required.

28 – Upper Iowa University

Online Master's in Business – Corporate Financial Management

Fayette, Iowa

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,964

Upper Iowa University offers an online finance degree master's with a variety of concentration areas including corporate financial management. The online degree requires students to successfully complete 36 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The degree's curriculum is designed to provide graduates with updated financial management theory and practices needed to oversee today's complex organizations. Graduates have taken jobs in a variety of industries and sectors.

Students can matriculate up to six times per year. Terms are divided into five 8-week sessions and a 6-week summer session. All courses are delivered asynchronously for maximum student flexibility. There is no on-campus residency requirement. U.S. News ranks Upper Iowa University #126 in regional universities Midwest.

#27 – California Lutheran University

Online Master's in Financial Planning

Thousand Oaks, California

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,650

California Lutheran University offers a master's in finance online for business professionals seeking an upward career trajectory to a leadership or management role within a business or organization where the main function is to oversee and guide the financial well being of individual clients. The program can be completed entirely online and consists of 45 credits broken into 15 3-credit courses. The average completion timeline is 12-36 months depending on enrollment level. California Lutheran University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. U.S. News and World Report ranks California Lutheran #14 in regional universities West and #13 in best value colleges regional universities West.

#26 – Golden Gate University

Online Master's in Finance

San Francisco, California

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,635

Golden Gate University offers an online master's in finance for people seeking a leadership position within the context of financial management in a business or organization. The program and Golden Gate is geared towards a more technical pedagogy especially well suited for financial managers, analysts, and bankers. The program is certified by the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute (CFA). The degree consists of 12 credits of foundational courses and 33 credits of advanced courses. Students also have to meet proficiency standards in business, math, and writing. Courses include accounting for managers, data analysis for managers, economics for managers, and financial management.

#25 – St. Thomas Aquinas College

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance

Sparkill, New York

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,640

St. Thomas Aquinas College's master's in finance online programs come with the option of several concentrations including finance, marketing management, and sport administration. The program is offered 100% online allowing for maximum flexibility. The curriculum is structured to accommodate a variety of students. Those with or without a bachelor's degree may matriculate as well as those with bachelor's degrees outside of business. The entire degree is 57 credits, but students can earn up to 24 waiver credits depending on their background. The program can be completed in one year with the typical timeframe being 2-3 years. GMAT waivers are available for those with five years of full time business experience.

#24 – Creighton University

Online Master's in Finance

Omaha, Nebraska

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,424

Creighton University offers master's in finance online programs designed to propel working professionals into leadership positions within a variety of business organizations and settings. The finance degree is a total of 33 credits and can be completed in two years. Students can also choose a dual degree in finance and business administration consisting of 48 credits, which can be finished in three years. Coursework for the finance degree includes business policy and managerial action, financial statement analysis, fixed income and derivatives, and leadership and organizational behavior. U.S. News ranks Creighton University #1 in regional universities Midwest and #2 in best online graduate programs.

#23 – Dallas Baptist University

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance Concentration

Dallas, Texas

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,208

Dallas Baptist University offers master's in finance online programs ideally suited for those individuals seeking leadership positions within a variety of businesses and organizations. The program covers an array of financial topics with advanced study

in budgeting, international finance, risk management, and leadership. The degree consists of 36 total credits and also allows students to complete multiple concentrations if they desire. The program is delivered completely online. Core coursework includes business ethics, corporate finance, creative problem solving marketing decisions, and quantitative analysis for managers. U.S. News and World Report ranks Dallas Baptist University #202 in national universities and #199 in best online MBA programs.

#22 – Florida Institute of Technology

Online Master's in Business Administration Finance

Melbourne, Florida

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,128

Florida Institute of Technology offers an online finance degree master's for professionals seeking advanced training and education in fiscal management and analysis. Students within the program study core business principles and functions as well as specialized knowledge of financial instruments and markets that allow them to make savvy financial decisions within a variety of personal and organizational contexts. The degree is flexible allowing students to complete all coursework online. Florida Tech's MBA in finance is offered under the auspices of the Nathan M. Bisk College of Business and is accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. U.S. News ranks Florida Tech #108 in best online business programs.

#21 – Saint Joseph's University

Online Master's in Financial Services

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,092

Saint Joseph's University offers a master's in finance online for individuals seeking an advanced degree in fiscal planning and analysis. The degree consists of 30-41 credits depending on the student's academic background. Students can receive an 11-credit waiver towards completion of the foundational requirements. Students without the waiver must complete the entire 41-credit curriculum. Courses include estate planning, pensions and benefits administration, personal financial planning, and personal insurance planning. Admission requirements include two letters of recommendation, personal statement, and GMAT/GRE scores. GMAT scores can be waived if certain criteria are met. U.S. News ranks Saint Joseph's #11 in regional universities North and #91 in best online MBA programs.

#20 – University of the Southwest

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance

Hobbs, New Mexico

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,376

The University of the Southwest offers an online master's in finance designed for individuals seeking certification in financial planning, a career in the financial services sector, or a securities license. The degree consists of 36 credits and can be completed in as little as one calendar year. Students receive a laptop and all electronic textbooks upon matriculation. Core courses include business analytics and econometrics, financial management, information technology for managers, and marketing concepts and strategies. The program is offered 100% online. U.S. News and World Report ranks University of the Southwest #96 in regional universities West among its cohort of regional universities.

#19 – Davenport University

Online Master's in Business – Finance Concentration

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,732

Davenport University offers master's in finance online programs designed for professionals to obtain leadership positions in a variety of organizations. The program consists of 39 credits all delivered online. The curriculum is built upon a pedagogical foundation combining real world financial solutions and strategies designed to help graduates effectively lead today's complex organizations and institutions. Students with a bachelor's degree in business from an accredited institution with a 2.75 GPA will be granted a waiver from taking the program's four foundational courses. Core coursework includes corporate finance, managerial accounting, managerial economics, and marketing strategies. U.S. News and World Report ranks Davenport #122 among regional universities Midwest.

#18 – University of St. Francis

Online Master's in Finance

Joliet, Illinois

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,677

University of St. Francis offer master's in finance online programs designed for students seeking professions within the business and financial sectors. Graduates of

the program often take positions as account analysts, budget consultants, credit analysts, and investment managers. University of St. Francis is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). Courses within the finance concentration include advanced financial management, derivatives valuation, entrepreneurship, and international finance. Depending on enrollment level, students can complete the online degree in 12-18 months. U.S. News and World report ranks St. Francis University #18 among regional universities West.

#17 – Walden University

Online Master's in Finance

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,555

Walden University offers an online finance degree master's for individuals seeking to prepare for a career in finance. Many graduates utilize the degree as preparation for the Chartered Financial Analyst exam, Certified Financial Planner exam, or Financial Industry Regulatory Authority qualification exams. The degree consists of 30 semester credits and can be completed within 20 months. Courses include analysis and communication for the financial professional, decision-making tools for today's financial professional, and financial budgeting and forecasting analysis. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a completed application. Students can earn up to 15 transfer credits depending on their background.

#16 – Webster University

Online Master's in Finance

Saint Louis, Missouri

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,690

Webster University offers an online finance degree for individuals seeking career opportunities in corporate finance, financial planning, and related institutions. The degree consists of 36 credit hours disaggregated into 27 course credits and nine elective credits chosen at the student's discretion. Admission criteria include a completed application and a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution recognized by Walden University. Walden has a rolling admission that allows students to apply at any time. Core coursework includes advanced corporate finance, applied business statistics, capital budgeting and corporate investments, and mergers and acquisitions. U.S News and World Report recognizes Walden University in its cohort of national universities.

#15 – Tiffin University

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance

Tiffin, Ohio

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,600

Tiffin University offers a master's in finance online for business professionals seeking upward career mobility. The degree is delivered entirely online with two 7-week terms per semester. Students can matriculate six times per year. The average full-time student completes the Tiffin MBA in finance in 1.5 years while the average part-time student finishes in 2.5 years. The finance degree curriculum is built upon best practice financial theory and praxis in order to thrive in a wide spectrum of industries and occupations where financial knowledge is paramount to success. U.S. News and World Report ranks Tiffin University #93 in regional universities Midwest.

#14 – Johnson & Wales University

Online Master's in Finance

Providence, Rhode Island

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,826

Johnson and Wales University offers an online master's in finance to prepare graduates for advanced positions within a variety of business settings. Graduates are trained to be well versed in financial competencies needed to thrive in today's complex corporate and business environment. The degree is designed for flexibility and convenience and is delivered online in an 11-week course format. The Johnson and Wales MBA in finance can be completed in as little as 18 months. Courses include applied behavioral finance, bond market analysis, derivatives and risk management, and effective leadership. U.S. News and World Report ranks Johnson and Wales University #64 in regional universities North.

#13 – Mississippi College

Online Master's in Finance

Clinton, Mississippi

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,806

Mississippi College offers an online finance degree master's designed to prepare graduates for the rigor of today's financial positions and institutions. Core coursework includes accounting issues in business decisions, advanced financial management, law and ethics in the business environment, and policy formulation and administration. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a 3.0 GPA. Students with less than a 3.0 GPA must submit appropriate GMAT scores or have 3-5 years of professional experience. U.S. News and World Report ranks Mississippi College #32 in regional universities South. Additionally, the organization also recognizes Mississippi College in its cohort of best graduate schools.

#12 – University of Saint Mary

Online Master's in Business – Finance Concentration

Leavenworth, Kansas

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,764

University of Saint Mary offers an online finance degree designed for working professionals seeking upward career mobility in finance-related jobs and industries. While the program offers theoretical concepts, the main thrust of the curriculum is designed to give students hands-on practice and skills with real-life situations they may face on the job. Faculty have advanced degrees and relevant work experience within the fields they teach. Coursework includes advanced financial topics, financial and capital issues, and financial decisions. U.S. News and World Report ranks University of Saint Mary #126 in regional universities Midwest and #205 in best online MBA programs.

#11 – Auburn University

Online Master's in Finance

Auburn, Alabama

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,696

Auburn University offers master's in finance online programs designed to train current and future leaders in a range of financial occupations and institutions. The program includes 30 credits and can be completed entirely online. The degree includes a thesis and non-thesis option. Coursework includes applied financial management, cost analysis and systems, and financial analysis. Students can matriculate two times per year including the fall and spring semesters. Students in the online program have the same professors and see the same lectures as students enrolled in the on campus program. The online option is currently available to students living in the United States, Canada, and those serving in the military both

domestically and abroad. U.S. News and World Report ranks Auburn University #103 in national universities, #11 in best online MBA programs, and #6 in best online graduate business programs.

#10 – Bellevue University

Online Master's in Strategic Finance

Bellevue, Nebraska

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,335

Bellevue University offers an online finance degree aligned well for individuals seeking a master's level degree that can be leveraged into a top position within a business entity or organization engaging in finance-related job functions. The degree provides a robust curriculum in corporate and individual finance as well as business leadership. Courses include accounting for performance management, business analysis for decision-making, business conditions in global markets, and financial reporting and analysis. Admission requirements include a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution and a 2.5 GPA for the latest 60 credits of coursework. U.S. News and World Report ranks Bellevue University #120 in best online graduate business programs.

#8 – Concordia University

Online Master's in Finance

Mequon, Wisconsin

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,290

Concordia University's online finance degree is designed to teach students to become fluent in the financial language and processes needed to succeed in today's competitive business job market. The pedagogical underpinnings of the Concordia degree are built on practical skill building as highlighted in courses such as financial institution management, fraud management, legal aspects of business administration, and securities analysis. The program consists of 39 total credits and is delivered completely online. Concordia has a rolling admissions process allowing students to start their education at any time. Concordia's program does not require the GMAT/GRE or a thesis. Students show mastery through course completion and a capstone course. U.S. News and World Report ranks Concordia University #41 in regional universities West.

#7 – Colorado State University

Online Master's in Finance

Greenwood Village, Colorado

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,000

Colorado State University offers an online finance degree master's that integrates business theory and financial operational functions needed to succeed on the job. Students are also taught best practices in managing human capital based on current leadership and management pedagogy. The 36-credit degree is broken down into eight 3-credit core classes and four 3-credit elective courses that can be chosen by the student. Core coursework includes bank management, corporate finance, effective organizations theory and practice, and financial markets and institutions. U.S. News and World Report ranks Colorado State University #124 in national universities and #42 in best online MBA programs.

#6 – Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance Concentration

Mount Vernon, Ohio

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,964

Mount Vernon Nazarene University offers a master's in finance online for working professionals seeking a graduate business degree while maintaining their professional and personal obligations. The program offers several MBA concentrations, with finance being one of the more popular options. The degree consists of 36 credits including 27 credits of core coursework and nine credits of elective coursework. Each class is 3 credits. Core classes include corporate finance, ethical leadership, global business, legal issues in management, and marketing management. The private Christian school prides itself in blending its curriculum of current financial and business theory with biblically based principles. U.S. News and World Report ranks Mount Vernon Nazarene University #93 in regional universities Midwest.

#5 – University of Houston–Clear Lake

Online Master's in Finance

Houston, Texas

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,434

University of Houston Clear Lake offers an online finance degree designed for students seeking finance related careers within a variety of professional contexts. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The 30-credit program can be completed in 18 months with a course load of two classes during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Courses include quantitative methods in finance, real estate investment analysis and financing, research topics in finance, and treasury management. Students can also add a healthcare administration option with an additional 12 credit hours. U.S. News and World Report ranks University of Houston Clear Lake #63 in regional universities West and #122 in best online MBA programs.

#4 – Gardner-Webb University

Online Master's in Business Administration- Finance

Boiling Springs, North Carolina

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,772

Gardner-Webb University offers online finance degree master's programs in several iterations including the finance-related concentration designed to train professionals in financial acumen and leadership within a variety of occupational contexts. Graduates have gone on to procure occupations in finance, logistics, administration, and accounting. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, a 2.5 GPA, three recommendations, and GRE/GMAT scores if cumulative GPA is below 3.7. The curriculum includes courses in accounting, financial analysis, marketing, economics, leadership, securities analysis, and organizational leadership. U.S. News and World Report ranks Gardner-Webb University #223 in national universities in its cohort of institutions.

#3 – Aspen University

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance

Denver, Colorado

School Profile

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,125

Aspen University offers an advanced online finance degree for individuals seeking a degree that will prepare them for finance-related occupations. Graduates work in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, and substantial experience in finance or accounting. Work experience can be substituted with a finance undergraduate degree or two graduate level finance courses from an approved institution. The program consists of 12 3-credit courses for a total of 36 credits. The cost is \$11,700 plus fees. Courses include business finance, corporate financial management,

eBusiness, and global corporate finance. Aspen University is recognized in the U.S. News cohort of best grad schools.

#2 – West Texas A & M University

Online Master's in Finance and Economics

Canyon, Texas

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,349

West Texas A&M University offers master's in finance online for individuals seeking the convenience of an online degree while learning cutting edge business theory and occupation skills important to finance-related occupations. The 36-credit degree is designed to be completed in two years, with some students able to complete the program in one year. Admission requirements include a GPA of 3.0, GMAT scores (can be waived with a GPA of 3.0 or higher), three letters of recommendation, personal statement, and resume. Courses include corporate governance and ethics, economics of health and medical care, financial management and health care, multinational finance, and quantitative business analysis.

#1 – Columbia Southern University

Online Master's in Business Administration – Finance Concentration

Orange Beach, Alabama

Website

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,085

Columbia Southern University has an online master's in finance that is designed to teach students relevant theory and occupational skills as preparation for an advanced career in finance. The finance concentration is specifically for individuals to learn how to oversee, manage, and administer funds on both the individual and organizational levels. The 36-credit degree is entirely online with an estimated time to completion of three years, although times may vary. Curriculum includes human resource management methods, management information systems, and strategic management and business policy. US News and World Report recognizes Columbia Southern University in its cohort of best graduate school rankings.

In this ranking, we profile 30 most affordable master's in economics online programs.

Earning a degree in economics equips you for a career as a consultant, economist, market researcher, or professor. These jobs typically require a master's degree in economics, but also ask for adequate experience. If you don't want to quit your day job and forego the valuable work experience you're acquiring, you don't have to. Online options are now available for economics degrees. You can earn a master's in economics online from accredited programs. Affordable programs are available from some of the nation's top institutions.

30 Most Affordable Master's in Economics Online Programs Methodology

We reviewed a total of 95 colleges and universities listed by the Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) College Navigator and reputable online sources that offered master's in economics online programs (or closely related degrees with specializations or courses in economics). We narrowed our original pool of schools by applying the following criteria: national or regional accreditation, institution rankings with at least one reputable publication like U.S. News and World Report, and affordable graduate tuition and fees less than \$34,000 per year. We then ranked our findings according to raw affordability.

Below are the results of our top 30 affordable master's in economics online programs.

#30 – University of Delaware

Online Masters Economics and Entrepreneurship for Educators
Newark, Delaware

Website



For educators!

University of Delaware's online master's in economics degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$33,678

The University of Delaware offers a unique master's in economics online that prepares current educators to teach students the principles of economics, investing, and monetary strategy. The admission process includes a bachelor's degree and at least three semester hours in economics. Additionally, applicants must be referred by their principal or school district as an individual with leadership potential and capacity. In addition to online coursework, students spend two 4-week residencies taking economics courses and creating an economics or personal finance project.

Courses may include contemporary issues for economics educators, current strategies for economic educators, and monetary and international trade theories for economic educators.

#29 – American University

Online Masters Economics

Washington, District of Columbia

Website



AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY

W A S H I N G T O N , D C

American

University's online master's in economics takes 20 months to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$31,446

Located in Washington, DC, American University offers an online master's in economics that focuses on economic policy and data analysis. Students from all academic and professional backgrounds are welcome, provided they have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and have successfully passed a calculus I course. The program is delivered entirely online and can be completed in as little as 20 months. Students take courses such as applied econometrics, financial stability and growth, macroeconomic theory, and survey of economic development. Graduates go on to successful careers in economics working for think tanks, NGOs, government agencies, and private consulting firms. Backed by an outstanding academic reputation, American University ranks #79 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#28 – University of Detroit Mercy

Online Masters Economics

Detroit, Michigan

Website



UNIVERSITY OF
**DETROIT
MERCY**

Build A Boundless Future

Ranked and

accredited – Online master’s in economics! University of Detroit Mercy.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$28,422

Students searching for online economics programs will want to consider the graduate program at the University of Detroit Mercy due to its affordable tuition and flexible online format. Applicants should hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0. In some instances, prerequisite courses may be required. Applicants from all backgrounds, both academically and professionally, are encouraged to apply. Moreover, Detroit Mercy has removed the requirement of standardized test scores as part of its application to the economics master’s program. Once matriculated, students will take courses such as analysis of economic conditions, economic analysis of enterprises, and quantitative foundations of economic analysis.

#27 – Northeastern University

Online Master’s in Science Commerce and Economic Development

Boston, Massachusetts

Website



development at Northeastern University.

Study economic

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$24,309

Through its College of Professional Studies, Northeastern University offers an online master's in economics and commerce that is STEM based and integrates public policy, leadership, technology, and economics that prepare students for successful careers in both the public and private sectors. Students can commit to a full- or part-time schedule and can take courses wherever there is an active internet connection. Admission requirements include bachelor's degree with transcripts, resume, statement of purpose, and two letters of recommendation. Test scores are not required to apply for the program. Featured courses include applied economic theory, commerce and economic development, and mathematical methods for economics. Northeastern has an outstanding reputation backed by its top 40 ranking in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#26 – The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Online Master's in Behavioral Economics

Chicago, Illinois

Website



Behavioral

Economics! The Chicago School of Professional Psychology!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$22,601

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's master's in economics online is a behavioral based program focusing on consumer behavior, marketing, and human decision-making. Students from all backgrounds are welcome to apply provided they have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and submit a resume and essay. Test scores are not required to apply. Additionally, relevant work experience is recommended but not required. Sample courses include brain and behavior, choice architecture, and consumer motivation. The program is structured to be completed in just two years with full-time enrollment. Moreover, all coursework is delivered online, making it an excellent choice for full-time professionals seeking to balance their current careers with graduate level coursework.

#25 – Pennsylvania State University

Online Master's in Community and Economic Development

University Park, Pennsylvania

Website



PennState

master's in economics program – Penn State!

A fully online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$22,578

Penn State University World Campus offers its master of professional studies in community and economic development, which is similar to an online economics degree. Throughout the program, students learn the skills and knowledge to build community capacity such as infrastructure, sustainability, services, and commerce. The program is an excellent fit for those working in economic development, non-profit agencies, and government agencies. In addition, those seeking a career change are also encouraged to apply. Past graduates have included community development directors, elected officials, adult educators, non-profit professionals, and much more. Pennsylvania State University World Campus is currently ranked in 22 different online degree categories by U.S. News and World Report.

#24 – Seattle University

Online Master's in Business with emphasis in Economics

Seattle, Washington

Website

SEATTLEU

MBA with emphasis in economics at Seattle University.

Earn an online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,880

Students searching for online economics programs may want to consider Seattle University's online MBA with an emphasis in Economics. The online program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, which accredits only 5% of all worldwide business schools. In addition, the program is delivered entirely online (one residency weekend required) making it an outstanding choice in terms of value and flexibility. Admission requirements include GMAT score submission, transcripts, and resume demonstrating at least two years professional work experience. Courses may include analytical tools for managerial decision making, building internal and community stakeholder relationships, enterprise financial performance analysis, and managerial accounting for organizational leadership.

#23 – Southern New Hampshire University

Online Economics Masters

Manchester, New Hampshire

Website



affordable master's in economics online program is accredited and ranked.

SNHU's

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,810

Southern New Hampshire online master's in economics program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs and is geared specifically for working professionals. The degree provides students with an applied economics skillset where they are prepared to work as economists in a variety of fields through coursework such as game theory and industrial organization, introduction to graduate economics, and macroeconomics theory and analysis. Upon graduation, students should expect to earn above-average salaries, according to the United States Labor Department, which states that the median income for an individual with a master's in economics is \$101,050 compared to the average salary of \$38,540 for all occupations.

#22 – University of Washington

Online MBA in Economics

Seattle, Washington

Website



UNIVERSITY *of*
WASHINGTON UW's online
economics programs rank with U.S. News.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,590

Similar to online economics programs, the University of Washington's Foster School of Business offers an MBA with a specialization in economics where students take core MB classes in addition to specialized coursework in advanced economics. The program uses the hybrid model and is 95% online and 5% in-person requiring students to make quarterly visits to the University of Washington Campus. Admission requirements include two essays, GRE/GMAT test scores, resume, three recommendations, and an interview (invitation only). The two-year program includes courses such as decision modeling, domestic and international economic conditions, financial reporting and analysis, leading teams and organizations, and strategic marketing management.

#21 – Regent University
Online MBA in Economics
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Website



A fully online

economics MBA! Regent University!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,179

Similar to a master's in economics online, Regent University's MBA in economics provides advanced studies in economic theory and applied economics. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs and teaches coursework through a Christian lens. Students will learn fundamental principles in business such as finance, accounting, and marketing. In addition, coursework is multi-disciplinary and combines elements of sociology, history, psychology, and economics to give students both depth and breadth in their understanding of economic conditions and what drives economic growth and retraction. Regent University is ranked #281 in national universities and #49 in top performers in social mobility.

#20 – Wright State University

*Online Master's in Business Administration with Concentration in Business Economics
Dayton, Ohio*

Website



Wright State's
online master's in economics prepares business leaders for top-level careers.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,298

Wright State University offers an online economics degree within its MBA curriculum designed to develop competent business and economic leaders ready to lead organizations. The business economic concentration prepares students for successful careers in business, government, and non-profit agencies predicting and reacting to monetary and fiscal policy. Students learn advanced quantitative and analytical skills through courses such as developing and implementing competitive strategies, financial analysis and decision making, survey of economics, and survey of quantitative business analysis. Wright State enjoys a solid academic reputation and is ranked #26 in best online business programs and #138 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#19 – Endicott College

Online Master's in Maritime Economics

Beverly, Massachusetts

Website



ENDICOTT COLLEGE

economics degree. Study maritime economics at Endicott College!

A unique online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,191

Through its Van Loan School of Business, Endicott College offers one of the most unique and affordable online economics programs, focusing on the maritime industry. In addition to its required MBA curriculum consisting of 12 courses, students also take maritime economics classes such as ocean sciences, maritime regulatory environment, port and shipping operation, and waterfront planning. Individuals with any academic and professional background are welcome to apply. In addition, Endicott has removed the GRE and GMAT test as admission components to help applicants save time and money in their pursuit of a graduate degree. The entire program is online, making it a very convenient option for working professionals or place bound individuals not able to take on-campus classes.

#18 – William Jessup University

Online Master's in Business Administration

Rocklin, California

Website



100% online –

William Jessup University's master's in economics online program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,763

William Jessup University offers an online MBA similar to an online economics degree. Admission requirements include a 3.0 cumulative GPA, bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, and a resume showing 3-5 years of work experience. In addition, students must have

successfully passed microeconomics and financial accounting. There is no GMAT testing requirement for this program, but students may send in their scores if they feel it adds value to their application. Core classes may include global operations and supply chain management, leadership and change, and managerial economics. William Jessup enjoys an outstanding academic reputation and is ranked #2 in best regional colleges West by U.S. News and World Report.

#17 – Xavier University

*Online Master's in Health Economics and Clinical Outcomes Research
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Website



Study health

economics online at Xavier University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,716

Xavier University offers an online master's in economics focusing on health economics that prepares students to utilize health care data to improve care. The 39-credit program is conducted entirely online and can be completed in as little as two years with full-time enrollment. The main goal of the program is to teach students to engage in research that generates useful data on how to improve healthcare decisions. Many graduates go on to careers as healthcare analysts and administrators in the public and private sectors. Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome to apply although the program prefers those with at least three years of health care experience. In addition, students must submit a resume, transcripts, letter of intent, and two recommendations.

#16 – Western Illinois University

*Online Master's in Community and Economic Development
Macomb, Illinois*

Website



WESTERN
ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY

Affordability

matters! Western Illinois University – Offering a master’s in economic development.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,604

Students interested in online economics programs may want to consider the program at Western Illinois University focusing on economic development. The program is a hybrid format with most of the coursework online in addition to occasional meetings at the Quad Cities campus in Moline. Students take courses such as advanced community development theory and practice, advanced economic development practices, and leadership and decision-making in community development. Potential students should have a bachelor’s degree in a related field such as economics, education, political science, sociology, and the like. The institution does not have a testing requirement as part of its application process.

#15 – Kent State University

Online Master’s in Business Administration

Kent, Ohio

Website



Kent State's

online MBA offers courses in economics.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,536

Similar to a master's in economics online, Kent State University offers an MBA where students take courses in advanced economic theory and application. The Kent State MBA offers a specialization in business analytics where advanced finance and economics courses are taught within a degree that can truly be tailored to the student's career interests. In addition, the program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business with classes taught by faculty who are recognized teaching and research leaders within their respective fields. Students can finish the degree in as little as 12 months but have the option to spread out coursework over a longer period of time, depending on their preference.

#14 – Bellevue University

Online MBA

Bellevue, Nebraska

Website



BELLEVUE
UNIVERSITY

A fully online

business and economics program. Bellevue University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,025

Bellevue University offers online master's in economics courses through its MBA curriculum. The concentration focuses on the global economic threat environment where students apply theoretical knowledge to the global arena economic, political, and cultural focuses. Courses within the concentration include green security: eco-conflict and its challenges; hard and soft power: balancing hawks and doves; and transnational crime and corruption: the dark side of globalization. Students with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution are encouraged to apply and should have a

2.5 minimum GPA within the last 60 credits of coursework. Test scores are not required as part of the application process.

#13 – Belhaven University

Online Master's in Business Administration

Jackson, Mississippi

Website

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Earn an online

MBA with economics theory studies at Belhaven University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,350

Similar to an online economics degree, the MBA degree at Belhaven University teaches students advanced economic theory and applied uses through its online curriculum. The 36-credit degree utilizes 8-week courses taught year-round in an online format that requires no on-campus residencies. This delivery makes the program an excellent choice for working professionals. Coursework may include ethical problems in business, managerial economics, principles of executive leadership, and the legal environment in business. Belhaven is a fully accredited institution and ranks in multiple U.S. News and World report categories such as #132 in best online business programs and #245 in best online MBA programs.

#12 – University of Missouri

Online Masters Economics

Columbia, Missouri

Website



100% online

delivery! University of Missouri's online master's in economics.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,017

The University of Missouri offers an online master's in economics featuring 30 credits and 100% online delivery. The degree is geared towards working professionals who prefer online courses due to their innovation and flexible coursework. Courses may include applied statistical modeling, economics of international trade, introduction to game theory, and the banking system and the money market. Students with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and a 3.0 minimum GPA within the last 60 credits are encouraged to apply. Graduates have gone on to successful careers as data scientists, energy markets managers, economic development specialists, and regional economists.

#11 – Purdue University
Online Economics Masters
West Lafayette, Indiana

Website

PURDUE

U N I V E R S I T Y

master's in economics online program – Purdue University.

An affordable

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,992

Purdue University offers one of the most affordable online economics degree through its Krannert School of Management. Purdue enjoys a stellar academic reputation as one of the leading teaching and research organizations in all of academia and is ranked in a myriad of U.S. News and World Report categories such as #57 in national universities, 418 in top public schools, and #6 in most innovative schools. In addition to the core economic curriculum, students can choose from three concentration areas including business and data analytics, financial economics, advanced theory (requires one year on campus), and public economics and policy. The specializations are designed to help graduates become exceptionally competitive on the economic job market.

#10 – University of North Dakota

Online Master's in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Website



Study applied

economics online at University of North Dakota.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,697

The University of North Dakota has one of the most affordable online economics programs in the country. Students can complete the 30-credit degree within two years, which prepares them for careers in economic research, forecasting, and consulting in both the public and private sectors. Applicants from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply provided they have successfully completed undergraduate courses in microeconomics, one semester in calculus, and one semester in statistics. In addition, students should have a minimum 2.75 GPA and have taken the GRE/GMAT within the last five years. Waivers are available for applicants with bachelor degrees in business or STEM. UND enjoys a sound academic reputation as evidenced by its #38 ranking in best online master's in business programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#9 – Ball State University

Online Master's in Health Economics, Policy, and Administration

Muncie, Indiana

Website



master's in health economics and policy at Ball State University.

Earn an online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,392

Ball State University offers a master's in economics online accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, which accredits only 5% of the world's business programs. All interested persons are encouraged to apply – even those without a background in business or economics. The degree ranges from 30-51 credits, depending on the academic background of the applicant. The health economics program is embedded within the MBA curriculum and features courses such as health economic analysis, health economics and policy, and human resources and management. The health economics program prepares students to analyze the costs and benefits of delivery methods within the health care space.

#8 – Youngstown State University

Online Master's in Financial Economics

Youngstown, Ohio

Website



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

affordable! Youngstown State's master's in economics online program.

Accredited and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,384

Youngstown State University offers an online master's in economics specializing in financial economics where students learn to analyze financial markets. The program is one of only two online programs of its kind. The program welcomes applicants who possess a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.7 GPA along with the completion of one of the following courses: principles of microeconomics, principles of macroeconomics, statistics, or calculus. Courses may include accounting and finance for decision making, applied time series analysis and forecasting, the economics of financial markets and institutions, and SAS programming for data analytics. Youngstown State ranks #117 in regional universities Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

#7 – Gardner-Webb University

Online Master's in Business Administration with Emphasis in Economics

Boiling Springs, North Carolina

Website



GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY

economics online program available at Gardner-Webb.

MBA in

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,050

Gardner Webb University offers an online economics degree as part of an MBA concentration. The program is conducted fully online and is an excellent fit for working professionals who desire an academically challenging program with maximum efficiency. In addition to the core curriculum, students will take advanced courses in economics, allowing them to build the theoretical and applied knowledge to predict and react to monetary and economic changes on a global level. Graduates go on to work for a variety of public and private organizations. The institution has a solid academic foundation and reputation within the region and is ranked in multiple U.S. News and World Report categories including #281 in national universities and #204 in top social mobility performers.

#6 – Georgia Southern University
Online Economics Masters
Statesboro, Georgia

Website



**GEORGIA
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY**

Top ranked and affordable! The master's in economics online degree at Georgia Southern University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,728

Georgia Southern University offers one of the top online economics programs based on its affordable tuition and commitment to teaching and learning. The program takes an applied economics focus to develop students into adept policy and market analysts able to work in a variety of organizations and contexts. The program is backed by the accreditation of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and embeds stackable credentials, including a graduate certificate that meets regional accreditation for teaching the subject. All applicants with a bachelor's degree, 3.0 GPA, and courses in calculus, statistics, and micro/macroeconomics are welcome to apply.

#5 – Liberty University
Online Master's in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Economics
Lynchburg, Virginia

Website

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

MBA with economics concentration at Liberty University.

Earn an online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,333

Liberty University's master's in economics online trains students to understand complex market forces by studying complex micro and macroeconomic policies along with socio-political forces, history, and culture to give the student a broad perspective into what shapes and impacts the global economy and individual firms. In addition, students take foundational business courses as part of Liberty's top ranked MBA program taught by highly trained faculty. Courses may include global economic environment, microeconomic theory, and money and capital markets. Interested applicants must possess a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA. There is no GRE or GMAT testing requirement to apply.

#4 – Lamar University

Online Master's in Business Administration

Beaumont, Texas

Website



for the online MBA with economics classes at Lamar University.

Only 16 months

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,174

Lamar University offers an MBA degree similar in nature to an online master's in economics. The program features both fundamental and advanced economics courses including microeconomic principles, managerial economics, and ERP review. The 36-credit degree features an accelerated

format and can be completed in just 16 months and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. In addition, Lamar University ranks #293 in national universities, and #213 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report. Students from all academic disciplines are welcome to apply; they may need to take one or more leveling courses as preparation for advanced coursework.

#3 – University of Houston

Online Master's in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship

Victoria, Texas

Website



Accredited and affordable! University of Houston's online master's in economic development.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,559

The University of Houston offers a master's in economics online focusing on entrepreneurship and economic development. The degree provides students with the coursework to become experts in two distinct but related pathways. The entrepreneurial courses instill the capacity for students to create and sustain their own business endeavors, while the economic development classes teach students to assist others in starting their own ventures or to help existing businesses. Featuring one of the lowest tuition rates in Texas, the program is also accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business so students can be assured they are earning a quality, respected degree.

#2 – West Texas A & M University

Online Master's in Finance and Economics

Canyon, Texas

Website



A fully online

master's in economics at West Texas A&M University!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,733

Students searching for an online economics degree may want to consider the finance and economics degree offered by West Texas A&M University. It is designed for current finance professionals seeking additional education and development into the understanding of the economic and financial forces that shape both the broader economy and individual markets. The 36-credit degree is designed to be completed in two years but can be finished sooner. Admission requirements include an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0, three letters of recommendation, résumé, statement of goals, and proficiency in business foundation courses. GMAT test score waivers are available for those with an UG GPA of 3.0 or higher.

#1 – Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Online Master's in Business Administration

Durant, Oklahoma

Website



Ranked #1 in most affordable master's in economics online programs! Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,022

Similar to a master's in economics online, Southeastern Oklahoma State University offers an online MBA with critical courses in economics and financial decision-making. Ranked in multiple U.S. News and World Report categories including #87 in regional universities West and #74 in top social mobility performers, the institution provides students with a flexible and rigorous degree that can

be used in a variety of contexts. In addition, the John Massey School of Business is fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Designed for the busy working professional, this degree can be completed in just 12 months from start to finish.

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Top 25 Affordable Online MBA Programs Under \$10,000 Per Year Methodology

We reviewed approximately 80 colleges and universities listed by the Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) College Navigator and reputable online sources that offer affordable online MBA programs for less than \$10,000 per year. We narrowed our original pool of schools by applying the following criteria: regional or national accreditation, full- or part-time online completion pathways, program and/or school rankings with U.S. News and World Report, and graduate tuition/fees less than \$10,000 per year. We then ranked the top 25 online MBA programs according to raw affordability.

Ranking the Most Affordable Online MBA Programs of 2021

#25 – University of Wisconsin

Online MBA

Whitewater, Wisconsin

Website



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
WHITEWATER**

MBA that is flexible and highly affordable – University of Wisconsin.

Earn an online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,118

For those in search of cheap online MBA programs, University of Wisconsin has options. The Wisconsin online MBA is flexible and customizable, offering 12 areas of emphasis that can be added to the degree. Emphasis areas include data analytics, environmental health and safety, finance, HR, international business, management, and marketing. All classes are delivered online and taught by UW faculty who hold doctoral degrees. In addition to affordable tuition and customizable classes, the school offers rankings with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, these rankings include #58 in best regional universities in the Midwest and #25 in best online MBA programs.

#24 – Mississippi State University

Online MBA

Mississippi State, Mississippi

Website



affordable! Mississippi State University's online MBA.

Ranked and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,910

Mississippi State University offers affordable online MBA programs for under \$9,000 per year. The Mississippi State online MBA is AACSB-accredited and ranked with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, the school's online MBA program ranks #40 out of more than 1,200 programs surveyed by U.S. News. The school ranks #206 in best national universities and #105 in top public schools. In addition to institution and MBA program rankings, MSU offers flexibly designed online courses taught by esteemed faculty. MBA courses cover topics like business decision analysis and strategic management in a competitive environment. Admission to the online MBA program does not currently require the GRE.

#23 – University of Mississippi

Online MBA

University, Mississippi

Website



100% online

MBA at Ole Miss!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,828

For under \$9,000 per year, the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) offers an online MBA through its AACSB-accredited business school. The 36-credit hour degree takes two years to complete by taking two courses per term. Required courses focus on the development of communication, entrepreneurial, interpersonal, leadership, and strategic thinking skills. Courses are delivered 100% online, giving students a flexible degree completion process. University of Mississippi ranks nationally with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, the school's rankings include #160 in best national universities, #119 in best value schools, and #6 out of more than 1,200 in best online MBA programs.

#22 – Oklahoma State University

Online MBA

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Website



U.S. News! Oklahoma State's online MBA programs.

Ranked with

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,460

Oklahoma State University offers affordable online MBA programs designed for full-time working professionals with limited time for a traditional classroom experience. Adding to the flexibility of the degree, part-time enrollment options allow working professionals time to balance outside obligations with MBA requirements. Courses cover topics like corporate and business strategy, individual and organizational behavior, marketing management, and MBA financial reporting. Successful admission to the online MBA requires a four-year degree from an accredited program and competitive GMAT or GRE scores. Oklahoma State University ranks #187 in best national universities by U.S. News and World Report. Also, the online MBA programs rank #40 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#21 – Lamar University

Online MBA

Beaumont, Texas

Website



Finish in just

12 months! The online MBA program at Lamar University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,264

Lamar University, a top-ranked public institution, offers an affordable online MBA designed for busy students. The online MBA requires the completion of 30 credit hours and takes as few as 12 months to complete. With an AACSB-accreditation stamp and a strong academic reputation, the online MBA at Lamar draws qualified students from all over the globe. Admission requires an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. Lamar's strong reputation includes rankings from U.S. News and World Report. These rankings include #298-#389 in best national universities and #213 in best online MBA programs.

#20 – Texas Tech University

Online MBA

Lubbock, Texas

Website



TEXAS TECH
UNIVERSITY.

Texas Tech

offers an affordable MBA online program designed for working students.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,181

The Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University offers an affordable MBA online program for less than \$10,000 per year. The MBA is fully accredited with the

AACSB and designed to empower students to become competent leaders in their field. Courses are delivered 100% online, requiring no campus visits. Adding to the degree's flexibility, both full-time and part-time completion options are available. Courses cover topics like financial and managerial accounting, financial management concepts, leadership and ethics, and strategic and global management. In addition to the MBA degree, students may elect to add on a concentration in areas like healthcare organization management, information technology, or marketing analytics. Texas Tech ranks #217 in best national universities and #131 in best online MBA programs.

#19 – Sam Houston State University

Online MBA

Huntsville, Texas

Website



Sam Houston State University Sam Houston

State University – affordable online MBA programs!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,016

Sam Houston State University offers a 36-credit-hour online MBA suited for qualified students from any academic discipline. Three start dates allow students to enter the program at various times throughout the year. Courses cover topics like accounting for management, financial management, managerial communication, marketing management, and techniques of statistical analysis. To apply for admission to Sam Houston's affordable MBA online program, you will need an earned bachelor's degree and competitive GMAT scores (waived in 2021 with a GPA of 2.75 or greater). Sam Houston State ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 272nd best national university. Also, SHSU's online MBA programs rank #95 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#18 – Kennesaw State University

Online MBA

Kennesaw, Georgia

Website



Affordable

online MBA programs at Kennesaw State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,334

At Kennesaw State University, one may earn an accredited online MBA that costs less than \$8,000 per year. Known as the Georgia WebMBA, the program offers qualified students the opportunity to earn a graduate business degree through online study. Courses cover general business and advanced practices in the field. Course topics include human behavior in organizations, management information systems, operations and supply chain management, and strategic marketing. Kennesaw State ranks nationally with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, recent 2021 rankings include #298-#389 in best national universities and #154-#209 in top public schools. Kennesaw is fully accredited and offers one of the most affordable MBA online programs on our list.

#17 – Tarleton State University

Online MBA

Stephenville, Texas

Website



12-month

online MBA! Tarleton State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,215

Tarleton State University offers affordable online MBA programs with fast-track completion options. The fully online MBA can be completed either in 12 months or by

following a traditional track. Courses emphasize functional areas of business such as accounting, business strategy, finance, information systems, management, and marketing. These classes are administered online and taught by Tarleton's experienced faculty. In addition to offering a fully accredited MBA, Tarleton State presents national recognition from major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, Tarleton's rankings include #64 in best regional universities in the West and #31 in top public schools.

#16 – Georgia Southern University

Online MBA

Statesboro, Georgia

Website



**GEORGIA
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY**

online MBA at Georgia Southern University is highly affordable. The 21-month

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,069

Georgia Southern University offers affordable online MBA programs for motivated students. The 21-month MBA program is internationally accredited and available completely online. The program admits students for fall and spring semesters and requires no visits to campus for classes or proctored examinations. A two-day orientation does take place in Atlanta and allows students to meet their faculty, peers, and other people associated with the program. Since 2001, Georgia Southern has offered online MBA study to qualified students. The school ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as a top national university. Also, the online MBA programs rank #59 out of more than 1,200 programs surveyed by U.S. News.

#15 – Eastern New Mexico University

Online MBA

Portales, New Mexico

Website

The logo for Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) features the letters 'ENMU' in a large, bold, green serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the 'U'.

Ranked and affordable! Eastern New Mexico University's online MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,044

The online MBA at Eastern New Mexico University lands a top spot on our list of affordable MBA online programs. This cheap online MBA degree is ACBSP-accredited and designed for working professionals and busy students alike. Admission requires an undergraduate degree and competitive GMAT scores. The online MBA consists of 30 credits with classes that cover topics like accounting for managers, law and ethics, managerial economics, managerial finance, and production and operations management. In addition to the MBA core requirements, students may elect to pursue an accounting concentration also offered within the program. Eastern New Mexico ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 95th-124th best regional university in the West.

#14 – Southern Arkansas University

Online MBA

Magnolia, Arkansas

Website



Southern Arkansas University offers one of the cheapest online MBA programs on our list!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,582

Southern Arkansas University offers one of the cheapest online MBA programs on our list. AACSB-accredited and offering an annual cost of less than \$7,000, the

reputable program is one of the most affordable in the state of Arkansas. Admission to this cheap online MBA degree is competitive, though applicants with a 3.5 undergraduate GPA or higher will receive a GMAT waiver. The institution ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 99th best regional university in the South, 80th in top performers on social mobility, and 47th top public school. Also, the Southern Arkansas's online MBA programs rank #245-#321 out of more than 1,200 surveyed by U.S. News.

#13 – William Woods University

Online MBA

Fulton, Missouri

Website



Less than 10K

per year online MBA – William Woods University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,580

William Woods University offers an ACBSP-accredited online MBA that is highly affordable. Enrolled students earn the degree by completing twelve three-credit courses. These courses cover topics like business strategies, economics for managers, financial decisions, management systems, and managerial ethics. All classes are delivered online and taught by William Woods University's experienced faculty. In addition to the online MBA, students may elect to earn an emphasis in global business and small business. The emphasis requires the completion of nine additional credit hours. WWU ranks #298-#389 in best national universities and #71 in top performers on social mobility. Also, the online MBA programs rank #245-#321 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#12 – University of Central Arkansas

Online MBA

Conway, Arkansas

Website



UNIVERSITY OF
**CENTRAL
ARKANSAS™**

The University of Central Arkansas's online MBA is ideal for working students.

The University

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,539

The University of Central Arkansas offers affordable online MBA programs designed for busy professionals and working students seeking a flexible business program. The online MBA requires 30 credit hours beyond prerequisites and requires applicants hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution for admission. The fully online MBA explores business topics like accounting for management decisions, financial decision making, and organizational behavior. In addition to being accredited, University of Central Arkansas ranks with U.S. News and World Report as a top national university. These rankings include #298-#389 in best national universities, #154-#209 in top public schools, and #245-#321 in best online MBA programs.

Featured Programs

#11 – Arkansas State University

Online MBA

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Website



**ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

State's online MBA ranks with U.S. News!

Arkansas

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,422

If you're seeking affordable and quality online MBA programs, Arkansas State University's should be on your radar. The program costs less than \$6,500 per year and consistently ranks among the top online MBA programs. In fact, as of 2021, U.S. News and World Report ranks the online MBA programs at ASU #112 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs. In addition to program rankings, the school also ranks among the top national universities and top public schools. Enrolled MBA students may choose to earn a concentration in addition to their graduate business degree. Concentration options are available in finance or supply chain management.

#10 – Missouri State University

Online MBA

Springfield, Missouri

Website



online MBA – Missouri State University!

A flexible

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,250

The Missouri State University online MBA is designed for working professionals and busy graduate students seeking a flexible business degree. The online program is highly affordable and costs the same for in-state and out-of-state students. All MBA courses are delivered online and taught by the same university professors who instruct on campus. Required courses cover topics like administrative, organizational, and operations concepts for managers; fundamentals of economics; and statistical methods in business research. Missouri State ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 298th-389th top national university. Also, the online MBA programs rank #179 out of more than 1,200 programs.

#9 – University of the Cumberland

Online MBA

Williamsburg, Kentucky

Website



For less than \$6,000/year, students at University of the Cumberland earn their online MBA!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,970

With one of the lowest tuition prices on our list, University of the Cumberland offers a quality and affordable online MBA program. For less than \$6,000/year, students may earn their online MBA. The program is designed to accommodate working professionals and busy students balancing outside obligations like a job and family. Several concentrations are available, adding to the program's flexible design. These concentrations allow students to tailor their degree toward interests. Concentrations in accounting, healthcare administration, marketing, project management, and strategic management are available. In addition to offering quality graduate programs, the university has received IACBE-accreditation for its business programs. Also, the school and online MBA rank nationally with U.S. News and World Report.

#8 – Southeast Missouri State University

Online MBA

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Website



**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873**

accredited and affordable! Southeast Missouri's online MBA.

AACSB-

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,959

Southeast Missouri State University, an affordable public institution with an outstanding reputation, offers one of the cheapest online MBA programs on our list. The MBA program holds the same AACSB accreditation as the on-campus MBA, offering the same rigor and coursework. Also, all online courses are taught by the same university professors who instruct on campus. Several available concentrations allow students to tailor their degree toward areas of interest. The concentrations include accounting, entrepreneurship, financial management, general management, health administration, industrial management, and international business. Southeast Missouri State ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 76th best regional university in the Midwest.

#7 – University of Nevada

Online Executive MBA

Reno, Nevada

Website



University of Nevada, Reno

100% online!

The MBA at University of Nevada!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,931

Like most of the affordable online MBA programs on our list, University of Nevada offers a distance education program that can be completed in just two years. What sets University of Nevada's online MBA apart from other programs is whom the degree is intended for. Admission criteria states applicants with five or more years of professional work experience may qualify. The online EMBA offers a 12-course curriculum that covers topics like financial management, financial reporting and analysis, marketing management, personal branding, production and operations management, and strategic management for executives. University of Nevada Reno ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 227th best national university. Also, the online MBA programs rank #59 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#6 – Fitchburg State University

Online MBA

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Website



FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Ranked and affordable MBA online program! Fitchburg State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,742

Fitchburg State University offers one of the most affordable MBA online programs on our list. To earn the online Fitchburg MBA, students must complete a total of ten courses (30 credit hours), including 18 hours of advanced core requirements, nine hours of management concentration courses, and a three-hour elective course. Admission to the program is evaluated holistically, though applicants need a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and university. Undergraduate academic performance is also evaluated. In addition to offering affordable tuition, Fitchburg ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. These rankings include #96 in best regional universities in the North, #29 in top public schools, and #245-#321 in best online MBA programs.

#5 – Fayetteville State University

Online MBA

Fayetteville, North Carolina

[Website](#)



Under 6K per year! The online MBA at Fayetteville State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,730

For less than \$6,000 per year, students may earn an online MBA from Fayetteville State University. The online MBA is flexibly designed for business professionals and offers ten concentrations, allowing students to tailor their degree toward areas of interest. These concentrations include business intelligence and data analytics, entrepreneurship, finance, healthcare management, international business, management, marketing, and project management. In addition to offering accredited and affordable online MBA programs, Fayetteville State ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. Current rankings include #89 in best regional universities in the South, #42 in top public schools, and #88 in best online MBA programs.

Featured Programs

#4 – Texas A & M University

Online MBA

Kingsville, Texas

Website



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY KINGSVILLE

Texas A&M

University offers cheap online MBA programs for working students.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,701

Texas A&M University offers cheap online MBA programs for less than \$6,000 per year. The affordable online MBA also offers a quick completion time of 12 months, making the program one of the fastest on our list. Admission to the AACSB-accredited MBA program does not require the GRE or GMAT for the upcoming year; however, undergraduate performance will be evaluated. An earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is also required. Courses are delivered online and cover topics like accounting and value creation, economics and managerial decision making, financial management and sustainability, and strategic management. Texas A&M ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 66th best national university.

#3 – Chadron State College

Online MBA

Chadron, Nebraska

Website

CSC

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

Ranked and
cheap! Chadron State College's online MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,352

Chadron State College offers an affordable MBA online program designed for working and busy students. The eight-week format allows students to take rigorous courses in a compressed amount of time. This means students will finish their degree in less than the two years that a traditional graduate degree takes. There are also six entry points throughout the year that allow students to jump into the program at a time that is convenient. Successful admission requires an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Official transcripts and satisfactory undergraduate academic performance are also required. Chadron State ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 119th-156th best regional university in the Midwest and 39th-51st top public school.

#2 – Georgia Southwestern State University

Online MBA

Americus, Georgia

Website



**GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Less than 5K
per year! The MBA online program at Georgia Southwestern State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$4,928

Georgia Southwestern State University offers affordable online MBA programs that are accredited and flexibly designed. The program is AACSB-accredited and requires the completion of 30 graduate semester hours in business-related courses. These courses cover advanced business topics like advanced business finance, managerial economics, marketing management, organizational theory and behavior, and strategic management. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in the MBA program. Georgia Southwestern State ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, Georgia Southwestern ranks #103-#133 in best regional universities in the South and #50-#62 in top public schools.

#1 – Cameron University

Online MBA

Lawton, Oklahoma

Website



#1 most

affordable MBA online program – Cameron University!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$4,590

Offering affordable online MBA programs, Cameron University earns the #1 spot on our list of affordable MBA online programs under \$10,000 per year. In fact, Cameron's online MBA costs less than \$5,000 per year. Designed for working adults, the 33-credit hour program can be completed entirely online. Courses cover a range of business topics, including accounting for management, applied business statistics, contemporary marketing problems, current issues in organizational design, and managerial finance. In addition to being the most affordable school on our list, Cameron ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 95th-124th best regional university in the West. Also, the online MBA programs rank #191 out of more than 1,200 programs surveyed by U.S. News.

Frequently Asked Questions on Online MBA Programs

What can you do with an MBA online degree?

An online MBA is an excellent investment due to its vast utility and versatility. The quantity of post-MBA career paths is innumerable. Graduates can move into virtually any job sector including accounting, finance, economics, information technology, management, marketing, and more. A general MBA prepares the graduate for advanced business positions in a variety of contexts. The coursework covers

advanced business practices and concepts establishing the graduate as an innovator and problem solver within a business environment.

Many programs offer specialty tracks or concentrations allowing the MBA student to not only complete the foundational coursework, but to choose a specific area of expertise such as information technology, logistics, marketing, sales, and more. These specialty concentrations are attractive to potential employers and allow students to choose a field that aligns well with their interests within a specific career trajectory.

Some of the top jobs for those with an online MBA include IT manager, financial manager, data analyst, HR manager, and management analyst. These occupations are expected to experience above-average demand due to the specific skills and knowledge these graduates possess. In addition, the pay for these occupations is typically well into the six-figure range, putting the employee into the upper echelon of earnings.

What is the job outlook for individuals with an affordable MBA online degree?

Obtaining a master's in business administration is a vital component for individuals seeking management positions in many industries and career paths. An affordable online MBA gives professionals the chance to learn broad-based skills and knowledge that can be applied to many different contexts. From accounting, finance, and supply chain management to data-driven decision making, students learn applied skills that make them attractive candidates for management positions. Moreover, many management positions now require a master's degree, compared to years past where a bachelor's degree and experience would suffice. As such is the case, an MBA is more important than ever.

All online MBA degrees are not created equal. Some programs offer a generalist MBA, while others embed specializations students can choose from. Those focusing on a specific specialization tend to do better in the job market because of their specialized skill sets. Common specializations include finance, accounting, project management, information technology management, and healthcare management. It is critical for the MBA candidate to select a program with a specialization that fits their career trajectory and interests.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), management positions are expected to experience above average growth of 8% through 2026. This is double the average growth for all other occupations tracked by the BLS. The data confirms an affordable online MBA is still a worthwhile investment.

How much money can you earn with an MBA online degree?

Postsecondary education has historically been the most effective method of improving socioeconomic status. More education and training in an individual will typically equate to more earning power and social mobility. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the average starting salary for 2020 MBA graduates is expected to be \$79,043, more than \$20,000 more than those who graduate with a bachelor's degree in business. Moreover, the \$79,043 salary far

outpaces the average salary for all occupations, which is just over \$39,000, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A recent survey of MBA graduates stated the importance of contemplating and crystalizing career goals. This allows the MBA candidate to have a specific career path and to follow that path with determination and conviction, which improves job prospects.

As with other occupations, industry plays a major role in compensation. Data obtained from U.S. News and World Report shows the highest paying industries for MBA graduates includes consulting (\$140,187), financial services (\$130,001), technology (\$120,784), retail (\$115,370), and real estate (\$112,086).

An online MBA has always been a sound investment – with a handsome return on investment. The newest data indicate that the trend should continue for the foreseeable future.

What are the admission requirements for affordable MBA online programs?

Admission requirements for affordable online MBA programs do vary, but there are multiple admission requirements and components that are common across most programs.

The vast majority of online MBA programs require foundational knowledge and skills in core business functions such as accounting, economics, finance, management, and mathematics. Most programs either require undergraduate coursework to show mastery or a bachelor's degree in a business-related major. Students with non-business bachelor degrees typically enroll in approved undergraduate courses at a four-year institution or community college upon approval. These courses generally consist of a year of basic accounting classes, micro/macroeconomics, finance, statistics, business calculus, management, and marketing.

Students applying to top business programs will need to take either the GMAT or GRE. These tests are common requirements among graduate business programs. Top schools are competitive and require strong scores, typically at or above the 75th percentile. There are also a number of business programs that require standardized testing that require test scores between the 30th and 50th percentile. For those wishing to forego standardized testing, there are several programs that do not require it for admission. Other common admission application requirements include transcripts, 2-3 letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a writing sample.

What classes do you take while earning an MBA online degree?

While curriculum varies between programs, most online MBA programs focus on developing core business competencies, along with strong leadership and management practices. Because the degree prepares graduates for management-level, and even executive-level careers, a strong foundation in common business functions and management are a must.

Core curriculum classes focusing on applied skill-building tend to center on accounting, marketing, finance, data analysis in decision making, and supply chain/logistics. Courses come with a variety of different names, but these concepts are generally universal.

Aside from core business classes, MBA candidates will take a number of courses to help them develop competencies in leadership, decision-making, strategic planning, and management. These courses are critical to the MBA graduate, who will be tasked with leading teams and organizations during their career. In recent years, these courses have taken on more of an analytical approach that requires students to be able to make decisions based on strong data analysis. As such, courses in statistics and computer science are becoming more common.

Aside from core business and management classes, the remaining coursework tends to focus on elective classes related to a specialization or concentration chosen by the student. These courses are career- and industry-specific and drill down into the key skills and concepts within the chosen field.

This concludes our list of the top 25 affordable online MBA programs under \$10,000 per year for 2021.

MPA

In this article, we profile 49 accelerated online MPA programs for 2021.

Earning a master's in public administration (MPA) prepares and equips you as a civil servant. MPA degrees carry moderate to high earnings potential, but salary depends on job location, level of experience, and career sector. With an online master's in public administration, students gain knowledge and a skill set necessary for work as an administrator in government, nonprofit, and private organizations. The online format of an MPA program is ideally designed for individuals with outside obligations, such as work and family.

Top Accelerated Online MPA Programs Methodology

We reviewed over 150 colleges and universities listed by the Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) College Navigator and reputable online sources that offered online MPA programs. We narrowed our original pool of schools by applying the following criteria: accelerated program offerings (online MPA programs taking less than two years to complete or fast-track courses that run less than 16 weeks in length), accreditation (regional and/or national), and institution and/or program rankings with at least one major publication like U.S. News and World Report. We then listed the MPA programs according to raw affordability.

Below are the resulting selections for our top accelerated online MPA programs of 2021.

#49 – Syracuse University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Syracuse, New York

Website



Fast online

MPA programs – Syracuse University. Finish in 15 months!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$40,188

Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs offers an accelerated online MPA for mid-career professionals with 5-7 years of professional experience. This accelerated program can be completed entirely online in as few as 15 months in a flexible format that allows full-time professionals to earn their degrees quickly while maintaining their careers. The program is taught by the same faculty that teach on-campus courses. When the degree is conferred, there is no mention of courses being online. The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs is ranked #1 in best public affairs programs in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

#48 – American University
Online Master's in Public Administration and Policy
Washington, District of Columbia

Website



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

W A S H I N G T O N , D C ^{Only 12}
courses! American University offers an online MPA that's fast and accredited.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$31,113

American University's School of Public Affairs offers a master's in public administration online for individuals seeking upward career mobility from the skills and knowledge gained through a master's degree in public policy and administration from a top institution. The program consists of 12 3-credit classes lasting eight weeks each. Each course consists of one learning unit per week with specific deadlines that keep the learner on track, yet allow for flexibility. Located in Washington, DC, the program is in the heart of where public policy is created at the Federal level. American University ranks #13 in best public affairs programs, #4 in public management and leadership, and #14 in public policy analysis by U.S. News and World Report.

#47 – Nova Southeastern University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Website



Nova

Southeastern University's online MPA takes less than 2 years to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$21,206

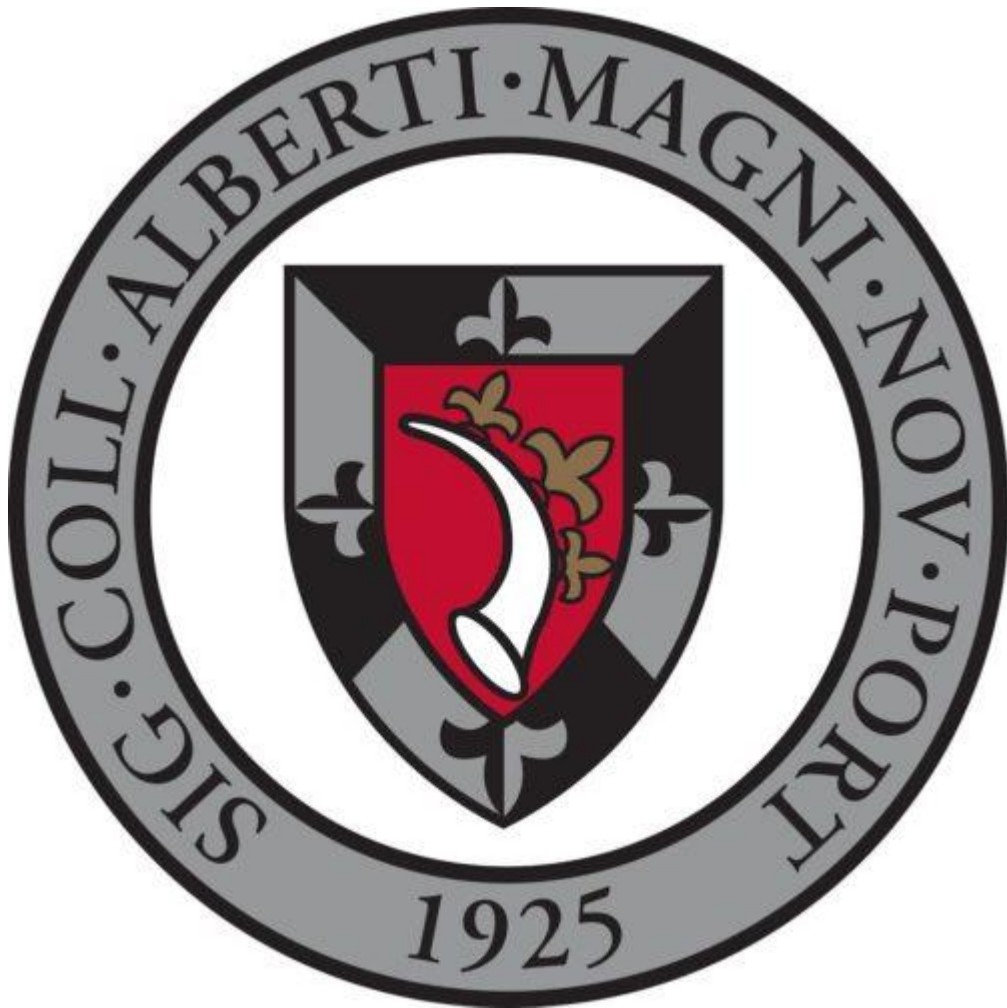
Nova Southeastern University offers an online master's in public administration through its H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship. The program is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), which is the global standard for public policy and affairs programs. The program is for current or aspiring professionals who desire to lead programs, departments, and institutions that create, maintain, or otherwise influence public administration and policy at all levels. The program requires a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 3.1 GPA. Students with less than a 3.1 will be considered and are required to submit GRE scores. The program can be completed in less than two years.

#46 – Albertus Magnus College

Online Master's in Public Administration

New Haven, Connecticut

Website



Albertus

Magnus College offers one of the fastest online MPA programs! Finish in just 18 months!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$20,704

Albertus Magnus College offers one of the fastest online MPA programs that can be completed entirely online in just 18 months while taking no more than two courses at a time. The 36-credit program is designed specifically for working professionals who need flexibility and rigor. Coursework is all geared towards the individual seeking a long-term career in public administration, leadership, or public policy, working for a non-governmental agency (NGO), non-profit, or government agency. Courses may include ethical issues in public administration, quantitative research for public managers, and labor-management relations. Albertus Magnus is ranked #88 in regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report.

#45 – Villanova University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Villanova, Pennsylvania

Website



Villanova

University's online MPA takes less than 2 years!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$20,606

Villanova University offers one of the best MPA programs that is delivered entirely online and can be completed in just two years. The program is geared towards full-time professionals seeking the skills and knowledge to become an effective leader within a public service environment. Candidates should have at least three years of professional experience in non-profit, public, military, or private industry and show the potential to be excellent leaders. The program is accredited by NASPAA (Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration). Courses include applied data analysis, human capital management, and public administration theory. Villanova is ranked #53 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#44 – Hilbert College

Online Master's in Public Administration

Hamburg, New York

Website



The accelerated

online MPA program at Hilbert College runs 16 months!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$20,080

Hilbert College offers a master's in public administration online designed to develop ethical leaders in world policy and public administration. The program's all online coursework, in combination with its accelerated 16-month format, makes it an outstanding choice for the busy working professional. The program is based on a cohort model where students enter the program in September and start new classes every five weeks. In addition, there is an integrated research project throughout the coursework, unlike the traditional thesis that takes place in the last semester. Hilbert College is ranked #40 in regional colleges North by U.S. News and World Report.

#43 – Gannon University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Erie, Pennsylvania

Website



Believe in the possibilities. Gannon

University offers one of the fastest online MPA programs on our list.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,850

Known as one of the fastest online MPA programs, the Gannon University offering provides a rigorous MPA that can be finished in just one year. The overarching goal of the coursework is to prepare students for a career in leadership in the public sector or a non-profit organization. There is no application fee and many students meet the criteria for a GRE waiver. Unlike many other programs that provide a generalist curriculum, the Gannon degree allows students to choose from specializations in administrative or organizational leadership. Gannon University is ranked #227 in national universities according to U.S. News and World Report.

#42 – Golden Gate University

Online Master's in Public Administration

San Francisco, California

Website



Golden Gate

University's online MPA takes 18 months from start to finish!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,705

Golden Gate University offers an online master's in public administration featuring an accelerated model allowing the student to graduate in just 18 months. The program is designed for working professionals seeking to become public sector or non-profit leaders. And with concentrations in law enforcement and security, urban innovations, or generalist, students can choose the pathway that best fits their career trajectory and aspirations. Required courses may include personnel management and labor relations, public enterprise management and public sector business relations, and public policy analysis and program evaluation. Golden Gate University ranks #243 in best public affairs programs, according to ranking publication U.S. News and World Report.

#41 – Norwich University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Northfield, Vermont

Website



NORWICH UNIVERSITY™

U.S. News! Norwich University's accelerated online MPA program.

Ranked with

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,554

Working professionals looking for fast online MPA programs may find the 18-month offering at Norwich a good fit. The program is entirely online, except for a one-week residency that allows students to network with faculty and fellow students. In addition, students can choose from one of several concentrations such as criminal justice, municipal governance, fiscal management, public administration leadership, policy analysis, and more. And with a cap of 15 students per class, individuals are able to get the one-on-one mentorship and interaction with faculty that enriches their education. Norwich University is ranked #62 in regional universities North, according to U.S. News and World Report.

#40 – Fairfield University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Fairfield, Connecticut

Website



Fairfield

UNIVERSITY

Fairfield

University – a top pick for an accelerated online MPA program!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,890

Fairfield University offers an accelerated online MPA that can be completed in just 1.5 years. Courses are taught in traditional 14-week semesters, as well as non-traditional 7-week iterations. The program welcomes both current and aspiring public administration professionals and does not require a specific undergraduate degree or major to apply to the program. Candidates must possess an accredited bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and have successfully passed an undergraduate statistics course. Applicants must submit a resume, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and transcripts. No GRE is required. Fairfield University is ranked #3 in regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report.

#39 – Lindenwood University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Saint Charles, Missouri

Website



accelerated online MPA! Lindenwood University.

15-month

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,100

Lindenwood University offers one of the best MPA programs in the nation for current or aspiring public service, non-profit, and NGO professionals seeking a rigorous program that can be finished in just 15 months by taking just six credits per term. The program is available entirely online, making it an excellent option for busy working professionals. There are no campus visits or residencies required. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 minimum GPA, official transcripts, letter of intent, and letters of recommendation. The GRE is not required. Featured courses include business-government environment, economic analysis for policymakers, and public finance and taxation. U.S. News and World Report ranks Lindenwood #298 in national universities.

#38 – Northcentral University

Online Master's in Public Administration

La Jolla, California

Website



Northcentral

University's online MPA takes 19 months to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,095

With a 19-month completion timeline, Northcentral University is one of the fastest online MPA programs in the country. The 36-credit program offers 10 specializations for students to choose from, such as financial management, homeland security, health care administration, and non-profit management. The specializations add value to the program by allowing students access to specialized skills and knowledge catered to their career interests. And with no residency requirements or group projects, students are truly in control of their own time and education. The application process is quick and easy and does not require the GRE examination. Northcentral is ranked #53 in regional universities Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

#37 – Barry University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Miami, Florida

Website



Barry

University's 100% online MPA moves at a fast pace.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,910

Barry University's online master's in public administration is a rigorous degree program offering outstanding faculty engagement for mid- and executive-level public administration professionals that can be completed in just 14 months. The 100% online delivery means students have the flexibility they need to pursue their education while keeping up with the demands of their careers. The practitioner-based model focuses on the practical skills and knowledge it takes to be a successful public service leader who is able to think deeply and critically. Barry's program is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). The institution is ranked #298 nationally by U.S. News and World Report.

#36 – Regent University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Website



Flexible

enrollment! Regent's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,952

Regent University offers a master's in public administration online through its Robertson School of Government that helps students boost their leadership skills and knowledge of public administration. The program is accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). The courses are taught by public administration professors with years of practical experience in the field. Students have flexible enrollment options and can earn their MPA in 2-4 years. Core classes include, but are not limited to, Christian foundations of government, public budgeting and taxation policy, and public human resources management. Regent University ranks #298 nationally by U.S. News and World Report.

#35 – University of New Hampshire

Online Master's in Public Administration

Durham, New Hampshire

Website



University of New Hampshire

online MPA! University of New Hampshire.

A 16-month

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,265

Ranked as one of the best MPA programs, the University of New Hampshire offers full-time professionals a 16-month program through its Carsey School of Public Policy. Admission requirements include transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and resume. Students requesting a graduate assistantship or tuition assistance are required to submit GRE scores. The curriculum is divided into four core, three advanced core, and five elective courses. Core classes may include foundations and theories of public administration, introduction to statistical analysis, and organization and management in public and non-profit sectors. U.S. News and World Report ranks the University of New Hampshire #143 nationally.

#34 – Franklin University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Columbus, Ohio

Website



Franklin

University's online MPA takes 17 months!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,080

Working professionals researching fast online MPA programs may find the offering at Franklin University a good fit. The curriculum offers flexibility that allows students to choose from several courses depending on career interests and goals. In addition, the program can be completed quickly in just 17 months. Students with a minimum 2.75 GPA also save time and money by automatically qualifying for a GRE admission application waiver, which means no time and money wasted on expensive and laborious test preparation. Core classes may include foundations of government and non-profit administration, leading government and non-profit organizations, and methodological reasoning and quantitative analysis.

#33 – National University

Online Master's in Public Administration

La Jolla, California

Website



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Accelerated

and ranked with U.S. News! The online MPA at National University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,480

National University offers a fully online master's in public administration. The program utilizes an accelerated format with 4-week courses that allow you to focus on one class at a time while keeping to a short completion timeframe. Students can earn the degree in two years or less and never take more than one course at a time. For current or aspiring public or non-profit professionals, the coursework covers leadership within the public sector while teaching critical skills and knowledge regarding public policy research, media communications, grant proposal creation, financial management, and more. U.S. News and World Report ranks National University #95 in regional universities West.

#32 – Colorado Technical University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Website



Colorado

Tech's online MPA is affordable and accelerated.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,321

Colorado Technical University offers an accelerated online MPA that can be completed in two years or less. The program is appropriate for current or aspiring public service professionals desiring a career at the leadership level. Graduates have gone on to lead at all levels of government, non-profit agencies, and organizations that coordinate with government agencies. The 48-credit program is divided into 28 core classes and 20 public administration concentration classes.

Courses may include budgeting and finance for public administration, graduate research methods for public administration, and public administration theory and practice. Colorado Technical University ranks #298 in national universities according to U.S. News and World Report.

#31 – Colorado Christian University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Lakewood, Colorado

Website



COLORADO CHRISTIAN

UNIVERSITY

Grace and Truth

Colorado

Christian University offers a 15-month online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,029

With a completion time of just 15 months, the degree at Colorado Christian is one of the fast online MPA programs that combine Christ-centered teachings with limited government and free market philosophies. The 36-credit program is divided into 5-week courses so students never have to take multiple courses at once unless they choose to. Required courses include, but are not limited to, introduction to public administration and governmental law, leading organizational change, and public information and civic engagement. Candidates must submit an essay and official transcripts showing a bachelor's degree. No GRE exam is required to apply. Colorado Christian ranks #68 in regional universities West by U.S. News and World Report.

#30 – Johnson & Wales University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Providence, Rhode Island

Website



JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY

100% online!

Johnson & Wales – offering an accelerated online MPA program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,734

Ranking #30 on our list of best MPA programs that can be completed in two years or less, Johnson and Wales University offers a program focusing on career skills needed to manage public service organizations. The comprehensive curriculum focuses on core functions of public service jobs as well as leadership development. Courses may include effective leadership, public personnel administration, public policy analysis, and strategic planning and leadership in nonprofit organizations. Courses are eight weeks long and allow students to focus on one course at a time. The degree is 100% online and requires no GRE to apply. The program welcomes students with bachelor degrees from all backgrounds.

#29 – California Baptist University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Riverside, California

Website



California Baptist University Only 12

months! CBU's accelerated online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,560

California Baptist University offers a master's in public administration online with a completion time of only 12 months, making it one of the quickest programs available. The coursework provides an interdisciplinary perspective to give graduates a comprehensive view of leadership in the public service sector. The coursework is designed for 9-to-5 work schedules and family life and allows students to network with faculty and peers in real time to form lifelong bonds and networks. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree and 2.5 minimum GPA, transcripts, 500-word essay, and transcripts. Cal Baptist University ranks #40 in regional universities West according to U.S. News and World Report.

#28 – Lynn University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Boca Raton, Florida

Website



University offers an accelerated online MPA program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,420

Lynn University offers a fully online master's in public administration that can be completed in just one year. The program welcomes applicants from all academic backgrounds and levels of experience working in public service or nonprofit agencies. The online delivery utilizes the latest distance learning technology and provides an iPad Pro to each graduate student with pre-loaded apps and textbooks. Students are welcome to keep their iPad Pro upon graduation. The coursework provides comprehensive skills and theories needed to become an effective manager and leader within a public service job. Lynn University is ranked #53 in regional universities South according to U.S. News and World Report.

#27 – Arizona State University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Tempe, Arizona

Website



ASU online

accelerated MPA takes 19 months to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,608

With a 19-month timeline, Arizona State University offers one of the fastest online MPA programs in the higher education space. This executive level program is designed for those with 5-7 years of leadership experience in the public service and nonprofit sectors or for private sector professionals who deal extensively with government officials. The program is structured so students never take more than one course at a time, which allows them to balance their busy professional and family lives. In addition to the online coursework, students engage in 3-day in-person sessions in Washington, DC and Phoenix. Arizona State ranks #103 in national universities according to U.S. News and World Report.

#26 – Aurora University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Aurora, Illinois

Website



Aurora

University – offering a fast track online MPA!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,600

Current or aspiring public service professionals researching fast online MPA programs may find the MPA degree at Aurora University an excellent option due to its dynamic online learning environment, engaging content, and 12-24 month completion timeline. Applicants from all academic backgrounds are welcome, with preference given to those with undergraduate degrees in political science or public policy. Courses may include administration of public institutions, government and community relations, public finance and budgeting, and public policy and analysis. The GRE is not required to apply to the program. Aurora University is ranked #298 in national universities according to ranking publication U.S. News and World Report.

#25 – Shippensburg University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Website



Only 18

months! Shippensburg University's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,970

Shippensburg University offers a master's in public administration online designed for working professionals to complete in as little as 18 months. The 36-credit program includes six core classes, four elective courses, and a six-credit internship. Students who work full-time in management level positions may qualify for an internship waiver. Those who are approved for a waiver will take a 3-credit course in place of the internship. Candidates should have a minimum 2.75 GPA along with relevant coursework or professional experience. Candidates with neither of these qualifications may be required to take an introductory course. U.S. News and World Report ranks Shippensburg #88 in regional universities North.

#24 – Northern Illinois University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Dekalb, Illinois

Website



Northern Illinois University

No GRE and fully online! Northern Illinois University's online master's in public administration.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,280

Through its Department of Public Administration and School of Public and Global Affairs, Northern Illinois University offers one of the best MPA programs for working professionals seeking a fully online degree. The online program is designed for those with at least two years of professional experience in the public service sector. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree with completed courses in U.S. government and statistics. Additional applications materials include three recommendation letters, statement of purpose, transcripts, and resume. The GRE is not required. U.S. News and World Report ranks Northern Illinois University in multiple categories, including #298 in national universities and #154 in top public schools.

#23 – Florida International University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Miami, Florida

Website



months! Online MPA program at FIU.

Finish in 12

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,106

Florida International University offers an accelerated online MPA in a hybrid format that combines online coursework with convenient face-to-face courses that accommodate full-time professionals. The 36-credit program can be completed in just 12 months (three semesters). The program is administered by the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs and provides graduates with the leadership and public sector knowledge to take their careers to the next level. The typical student in the program has 5-10 years of public service experience, with many holding management-level positions. Students also work for nonprofit organizations as well as private entities that work with government agencies. FIU ranks #187 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#22 – Grand Canyon University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Phoenix, Arizona

Website



GCU's online

MPA is accelerated and affordable.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,074

Grand Canyon University offers an accelerated online MPA that can be completed in approximately two years. The coursework features a focus on government and policy and will be noted on the transcript. Students learn how modern issues impact government policy and governance to help them develop pertinent leadership skills and policy knowledge. Courses may include economics for public administrators, public and nonprofit administration, and public budgeting and financial management. Graduates have gone on to positions as city managers, government administrators, policy analysts, charity managers, and more. Grand Canyon University ranks #298 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#21 – Belhaven University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Jackson, Mississippi

Website

**BELHAVEN
UNIVERSITY**

Ranked with U.S. News! Belhaven University's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,620

Fast online MPA programs such as the Belhaven University's offering provides students with the leadership and policy skills and knowledge needed to be an effective public service or nonprofit leader. Graduates have gone on to careers as policy analysts, nonprofit executives, public administration managers, and more. Applicants should have a regionally accredited bachelor's degree and a 2.5 minimum GPA. Once accepted and matriculated, students can choose from concentrations in finance and human resources. Courses may include administration of financial resources, economics and public policy, and state and local governmental administration. U.S. News and World Report ranks Belhaven University #53 in regional universities South.

#20 – Anna Maria College

Online Master's in Public Administration

Paxton, Massachusetts

Website



ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

With management experience, the online MPA at Anna Maria College can be cut shorter.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,530

Anna Maria College offers an online master's in public administration that can be completed in just 1.5 years. The 12-course curriculum can be shortened to 10 courses for those professionals with four years of managerial experience in a public services-related career. The program has several concentration options to choose from such as criminal justice, emergency management, fire and emergency services, and homeland security. To apply, students must possess a bachelor's degree with at least a 2.7 GPA and submit two letters of recommendation, resume, and personal statement. The GRE is not required. Anna Maria College ranks #136 in regional universities North according to U.S. News and World Report.

#19 – Eastern Kentucky University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Richmond, Kentucky

Website



Eastern Kentucky University's online MPA is open to current and aspiring public service leaders.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,450

Featuring one of the fastest online MPA programs, Eastern Kentucky University offers a 100% distance degree program for current or aspiring public service leaders. In addition to the degree, students also can earn a certificate in a unique

specialization, including community development, emergency management, or interdisciplinary studies. The program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and follows the standards put forth by the American Society for Public Administration. The accelerated format utilizes 8-week terms allowing students to earn the degree faster than most traditional programs. U.S. News and World Report ranks ECU #51 in regional universities South.

#18 – Trevecca Nazarene University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Nashville, Tennessee

Website



Nazarene – an affordable choice for an online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,067

Fast online MPA programs like the one offered at Trevecca Nazarene University combine rigorous coursework with an accelerated format, allowing students to graduate in just 18 months. The curriculum provides a foundation that equips graduates to serve as public service leaders while also providing specific job skills and knowledge through concentration options such as data analytics, health care, human resources, management and leadership, and project management. Candidates must possess an accredited bachelor's degree with a 2.75 GPA, along with successful completion of a college-level math and English course. The GRE is not required. Trevecca Nazarene ranks #298 in national universities according to U.S. News and World Report.

#17 – Corban University
Online Master's in Public Administration
Salem, Oregon

Website



CORBAN
UNIVERSITY

Dedicating Heart and Mind to God Corban

University's online MPA takes 12 months to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,930

Corban University's accelerated online MPA offers a practitioner-based master's degree that is entirely online and can be completed in just 12 months. The blend of challenging classes and convenient, flexible scheduling serves as an excellent fit for busy working professionals. Courses include business strategy and entrepreneurship, finance reporting and control, leadership and organizational behavior, and public sector human resource management. Faculty have doctorate degrees and professional experience in the field that enables them to provide insight into the coursework from both academic and professional viewpoints. Classes are 8 weeks long and scheduled in a way that allows students to take just one course at a time. Corban is ranked #11 in regional universities West by U.S. News and World Report.

#16 – Purdue University Global

Online Master's in Public Administration

Indianapolis, Indiana

Website



18 months!

Purdue University Global's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,603

Ranked as one of the best MPA programs, Purdue University Global offers a fully online degree with four starts per year, which means accepted students do not have to wait to begin their educational journey. The accelerated program offers 10-week classes that allow students to earn their degree in just 18-months with a course load of just two classes per semester. Students can also attend part-time and take just one course per term. Core classes cover critical subject matter for current and future public service leaders such as budgeting of public funds, applied research, human resource management, and public policy analysis.

#15 – University of Louisiana

Online Master's in Public Administration

Monroe, Louisiana

Website



Fast-track

classes! University of Louisiana's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,239

The University of Louisiana Monroe offers a master's in public administration online featuring 8-week classes within a traditional 16-week format. The accelerated delivery means students take two courses per term, but never more than one class at a time. The entire program is online with no campus visitation requirements. Students working full-time find the program an excellent fit due to its flexible online delivery and outstanding faculty teaching and mentoring. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree with a 2.75 GPA, combined GRE score of 900 (old scale), transcripts, letters of recommendation, and statement. Students can earn a GRE waiver through multiple pathways. ULM ranks #298 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#14 – Murray State University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Murray, Kentucky

Website



online master's in public administration is highly affordable.

Murray State's

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,114

Murray State University offers an online master's in public administration with concentrations in economic development, health administration, non-profit leadership, public health, and public management. The coursework blends public administration theory with practitioner-based skills, resulting in knowledgeable professionals able to conduct research and apply it to the job. To qualify for unconditional admission, students must have a GPA of at least 2.75 and an undergraduate degree in political science, social sciences, or business. Students from other relevant academic backgrounds will be considered. The GRE is not a requirement for admission. U.S. News and World Report ranks Murray State #26 in regional universities South.

#13 – Touro University Worldwide

Online Master's in Public Administration

Los Alamitos, California

Website



TOURO

University Worldwide

Touro

University offers a fast-track online MPA with 100% online delivery.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,000

Touro University Worldwide offers one of the fast online MPA programs that can be completed in less than two years. In fact, the average completion for students in the program is just one year, which means graduates can begin seeing a return on their investment right away. 8-week courses allow students to take multiple classes per term. The 100% online delivery means no need to expend time and money on costly residential requirements common at many other programs. The focus of the Touro program is to teach students the knowledge and skills needed to be effective public service and non-profit organizational leaders.

#12 – San Diego State University
Online Master's in Public Administration
San Diego, California

Website



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ranked and accredited! San Diego State's online MPA programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,944

Working professionals researching fast online MPA programs may find the 16-month offering at San Diego State University an appealing option due to its national reputation and job placements upon graduation. The program is designed specifically for public service and non-profit professionals currently in managerial and leadership positions who desire a graduate degree to better their career and improve their on-the-job performance through more skill and knowledge. Administered by the School of Public Affairs, nearly all faculty have PhDs in the discipline and extensive research publications. U.S. News and World Report ranks San Diego State's graduate program in public affairs #72 in the nation.

#11 – Wilmington University
Online Master's in Management
New Castle, Delaware

Website



WILMINGTON

UNIVERSITY™

Wilmington University's online master's in management is a good fit for those seeking MPA degrees.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,834

The master's in management at Wilmington is similar to accelerated online MPA and may be a good fit for working professionals seeking a flexible degree designed for public service and non-profit career paths. The program offers concentrations in several areas, including non-profit management and public administration, giving the students the knowledge and skills to successfully lead these specific types of organizations within their unique contexts. Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome to apply, provided they have a bachelor's degree and 3.0 GPA. Courses may include academic research writing, administrative law, and analysis of public policy. Wilmington ranks #298 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#10 – University of Oklahoma

Online Master's in Public Administration

Norman, Oklahoma

Website



36 credits and
fully accredited! University of Oklahoma's online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,577

The University of Oklahoma's Department of Political Science offers a master's in public administration online that can be completed through occasional online coursework in combination with face-to-face classes. The courses are all taught by respected University of Oklahoma faculty members, most of whom have PhDs in the field and significant research and professional experience. The 36-credit program is designed to be self-paced and offers both part- and full-time enrollment. The coursework has a professional emphasis that builds student's capacities to lead and manage public service organizations and non-profit entities. U.S. News and World Report ranks Oklahoma #133 in national universities.

#9 – Troy University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Troy, Alabama

Website

TROY

UNIVERSITY™

Finish in just 15 months! Troy University's accelerated online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,506

Troy University offers an accelerated online MPA that is entirely online and can be completed in just 15 months. Students have a maximum of eight years to complete the degree. The program is 36 credits, or 39 if a student completes an internship. Courses may include ethics in public administration, foundations of public administration, and governmental budgeting and financial management. Designed for the working professional, all coursework is flexible and allows students to dictate when they complete assignments. Graduates have gone on to fill top positions in all levels of government or non-profit agencies. Troy ranks #51 in regional universities South by U.S. News and World Report.

#8 – Liberty University

Online Master's in Criminal Justice Public Administration

Lynchburg, Virginia

Website

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY.

Liberty

University offers an online MPA with criminal justice focus.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,400

Similar to an online master's in public administration, Liberty University offers an online master's in criminal justice with a concentration in public administration. The purpose of the degree is to train current and future criminal justice leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively lead organizations and departments as a criminal justice administrator. The 36-credit program is fully online with an average completion time of just 15 months. Featured courses include communication and conflict, fundamentals of public administration, and public policy analysis. Liberty University ranks #298 in national universities according to college ranking publication U.S. News and World Report.

#7 – Lamar University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Beaumont, Texas

Website



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Lamar

University's online MPA ranks with U.S. News.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,264

Lamar University offers one of the best MPA programs due to its accelerated online format designed so that the working professional can earn a degree from a respected institutional member of the Texas State University System. The program requires candidates to have a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.6 GPA. Those with a 3.25 GPA or above qualify for a GRE test waiver when applying for admission. The online MPA consists of 36 credits (12 courses) that focus on a wide range of topics from public service leadership to public policy analysis. Core classes include, but are limited to, ethics and morality in public administration, leadership in public administration and non-profits, and state law and policy. Lamar ranks #298 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#6 – University of Colorado

Online Master's in Public Administration

Denver, Colorado

Website



University of Colorado Denver

Accelerated

online MPA programs at University of Colorado!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,069

The University of Colorado Denver offers an accelerated online MPA through its School of Public Affairs that can be completed in just one year through an accelerated format. The regular format allows students to complete in just two years. The program welcomes both current and aspiring public service professionals and offers tracks for those with no experience all the way up to senior-level management.

Courses may include economics and public finance, evidence-based decision making, introduction to public administration and public service, and the policy process and democracy. UC Denver is ranked #227 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#5 – Clayton State University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Morrow, Georgia

Website



12 months to

complete the online MPA at Clayton State.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,234

Clayton State University offers an online master's in public administration with an accelerated 12-month time-frame that allows students to quickly complete the degree and begin seeing a return on their investment. The program provides a comprehensive curriculum covering the essential leadership and business skills needed to effectively lead at all levels of government and non-profits. Students with an accredited bachelor's degree are welcome to apply. Other materials to submit include transcripts, statement of purpose, two letters of reference, and resume. Students with GPAs below 3.0 must have a combined GRE score of 300. Clayton is ranked #103 in southern universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#4 – Tarleton State University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Stephenville, Texas

Website



**TARLETON
STATE UNIVERSITY**
Member of The Texas A&M University System

Affordability!

Tarleton State's online MPA takes 18 months and is highly affordable.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,215

Working professionals researching fast online MPA programs may discover the 18-month offering through Tarleton State University a strong candidate due to its efficient timeline and comprehensive coursework. Students can attend either part- or full-time and can choose a thesis or non-thesis option. In addition, students can choose a hybrid or fully online experience, depending on their schedule or location. Example coursework includes advanced ethics in public administration, budgeting and finance, and human resource management. The current coursework is designed to develop broad leadership capacity within the context of a government or non-profit agency. Tarleton ranks #64 in western universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#3 – American Public University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Charles Town, West Virginia

Website



American Public University
A member of the accredited American Public University System

fast-track online MPA program.

APU offers a

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,005

American Public University offers an online master's in public administration with accelerated 8-week classes. The program is conducted entirely online in an effort to accommodate full-time professionals. Students from all academic and professional backgrounds are welcome to apply and there are no GRE test score requirements to be considered for admission. To further accelerate the degree, students can transfer up to 15 of the 36 credits needed to graduate – nearly cutting the coursework in half. Students can choose from nine concentrations, such as coaching and conflict resolution, disaster management, health policy, national security, public policy, and more. Grants are available for current and ex-military personnel.

#2 – Arkansas State University

Online Master's in Public Administration

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Website



Ranked and affordable! Arkansas State University's online MPA takes 18 months.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,422

Landing just outside the top spot for accelerated online MPA programs, Arkansas State University's program features an 18-month time-frame and is designed to enhance the career mobility of law enforcement personnel and public service professionals. The program has achieved the gold standard of public administration accreditation through approval from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). The 36-credit offering offers internship opportunities at the halfway point of the degree and are highly recommended for pre-service students. Those with professional experience in the field are not required to intern. Arkansas State ranks in several U.S. News and World Report categories, including #154 in top public schools.

#1 – The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Online Master's in Public Administration
Odessa, Texas

Website



The University

of Texas of the Permian Basin offers a 12-month online MPA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,038

Coming in at number one on our list of accelerated online MPA programs, the University of Texas at Permian Basin combines efficient coursework, rigorous inquiry, and affordable tuition, resulting in a comprehensive public administration graduate degree. Working professionals from all backgrounds and levels of experience are encouraged to apply and can complete the entire program in just 12 months. Coursework is designed to develop competencies in areas such as ethics, financial management, public policy analysis, and research. University of Texas Permian Basin ranks #68 in regional universities West and #32 in top public schools by U.S. News and World Report.

Frequently Asked Questions

What jobs can you get with an accelerated online MPA degree?

An accelerated online MPA degree opens doors to various occupations that pay moderate to high wages. Similar to an MBA, a master's in public administration teaches business and leadership skills within the context of a government or non-profit agency. Many MPA graduates move on to positions at all levels of government (local, regional, state, federal) with the hopes of moving into administration. Similarly, MPA graduates often move on to manage non-profit organizations as well as managing firms that regularly deal with government personnel. Common careers include city planners, city managers, policy analysts, government program coordinators, and statisticians.

Because the government is so vast, MPA graduates may work in several employment sectors, including criminal justice, education, health care, homeland security, and much more. Working at the federal level analyzing and developing public policy is also a common career path. Many online MPA programs offer specializations within their programs designed to give students the skills and knowledge in a specific area. Because MPA curriculum develops skills in accounting, economics, finance, policy, public relations, and leadership, graduates are well equipped to move into public service positions with great upward mobility. MPA graduates with internship experience often have better employment outcomes upon graduation.

What is the job outlook for individuals with an accelerated online MPA degree?

The job outlook for individuals with an accelerated online MPA degree vary by industry. The average growth rate for all occupations tracked by the Bureau of Labor Statistics through 2028 is expected to be 5% with some industries such as health care and information technology expected to be in the double digits.

MPA graduates often move into occupations with the federal government, which employs over 2 million people who carry out critical government functions such as food safety, emergency services, and scientific research. In total, there are over 350 federal government occupations. According to the United States Department of Labor, the average federal employee earns a salary of \$85,000.

While the growth rate for federal government jobs is expected to be marginal, one of the main benefits is job security. The federal government is far less likely to lay off employees compared to private sector employees. MPA graduates with the option to move to high-employment areas should have outstanding job opportunities. Approximately 22% of federal employment is concentrated in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC – home to many federal agencies. In addition, 15% of federal workers reside in California and Texas. Other states with an above-average number of federal jobs include Florida, Georgia, and Pennsylvania.

Are there professional associations students can join while enrolled in an accelerated online MPA program?

American Society for Public Administration – the ASPA offers a student discount through its website and is one of the leading organizations for public service professionals. The association provides professional development, networking, and research opportunities, and more through its membership services. In addition, students and new professionals have access to services specifically for them through the Founders' Fellows program, which supports new professionals through conference attendance and research opportunities and presentations. The Student and New Professional Summit, which takes place during the ASPA annual conference, also serves as a support and networking system for students and new hires.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management – The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management was founded in May 1979 at a conference at Duke University, through the cooperation of 15 institutions. Since that time, the association

has evolved into a comprehensive group of individuals and institutions that foster policy analysis and research, networking opportunities, career support, and one of the most respected journals in the industry – The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, which published its first issue in 1981. After years of being headquartered at Duke University, the association is now housed in Washington, DC and governed by a full-time executive director and staff.

How long does it take to earn an accelerated online MPA degree?

As with other accelerated online master's degrees, the timeline to complete varies but is typically in the 12-18 month range. It should be noted that most students complete a program in 2-3 years due to outside demands such as work and family. Most programs require 36 credits to complete, which equates to 12 courses. It is important any potential candidate understand the program's structure before applying as they vary greatly when it comes to course loads. Students who want to finish in 12-18 are required to attend full-time, which means taking at least six credits (two classes) per term.

Understanding the challenges faced by online students, many institutions utilize an accelerated course structure where students enroll in 8-week classes within a traditional 16-week semester. The result is a full-time course load of six credits in a term without ever taking more than one class at a time. Some programs have distilled courses down further to five weeks. Other programs follow a 16-week semester as well, but do not shorten the class time, resulting in full-time students taking courses congruently.

Conversely, it is important for potential online MPA students to understand the maximum time allowed to complete a degree. Most institutions allow up to six years to finish all coursework, which includes any semester the student is not enrolled.

How much money can I earn with an accelerated online MPA degree?

An MPA degree opens the door to opportunities for a fulfilling career with an attractive salary and benefits. According to the Office of Personnel Management, the average federal government worker earns a salary of approximately \$85,000. And with more than 350 distinct careers, there are careers of all types to choose from.

Online MPA graduates often work for organizations known as non-governmental organizations, or NGOs. These organizations generally work toward social change through policy creation and analysis. The salaries vary greatly, but senior policy analysts earn well into the six-figure range, with salaries averaging \$135,000 on an annual basis. For context, the average salary of all occupations tracked by the Bureau of Labor Relations is \$39,820.

One of the great strengths of an MPA is its diversity and utility. Graduates learn useful skills needed for top positions in a wide range of industries. MPA graduates work in higher education, health care, human resources, information technology, and virtually any industry out there. That means salaries vary greatly but are generally well above the norm, given the fact MPA degrees are designed to help people fill

leadership positions. When considering salary, MPA graduates should also consider high-paying regions of the country such as Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

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50 Most Affordable Best Online MBA Programs No GMAT Methodology

We reviewed a total of 165 colleges and universities listed by the Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) College Navigator and reputable online sources that offered online MBA programs. To narrow our search, we considered programs with no GMAT requirement and online instruction. We further narrowed our original pool of schools by applying the following criteria: accreditation (both national or regional), institution rankings with a publication like U.S. News and World Report, and affordable graduate tuition and fees less than \$25,000 per year. We then ranked our findings according to raw affordability.

Below are the results of our top 50 most affordable best online MBA no GMAT programs.

#50 – Northeastern University
Online MBA
Boston, Massachusetts

Website

Northeastern University

Ranked with
U.S. News! Northeastern University offers an online MBA no GMAT required program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$24,309

Northeastern University offers online MBA programs no GMAT required nor any other standardized test for admittance. Ranked as a top 40 institution by U.S. News and World Report, Northeastern also ranks as the #4 best online MBA in finance and #7 best online MBA in marketing. Housed within the D'Amore-McKim School of Business, the program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and takes just two years to complete. Students can tailor their degree by choosing from eight concentrations. Some of the concentrations include healthcare management, finance, innovation leadership, and supply chain management.

#49 – Fairleigh Dickinson University

Online MBA

Teaneck, New Jersey

Website



**FAIRLEIGH
DICKINSON
UNIVERSITY**

Affordable

options! Online MBA No GMAT at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$23,802

Students seeking a no GMAT online MBA will want to consider the degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University offered through its Silberman College of Business that ranks #131 in best online business programs and #56 in regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report. Students gradually build both business and leadership competencies over the course of the three-year program, where they take classes such as financial accounting, foundations of management, principles of finance, and statistical data analysis. Applicants must provide official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, five years of business experience, and a bachelor's degree. Students are granted test score waivers based upon academic background and professional experience.

#48 – Rider University

Online MBA No GMAT

Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Website

RIDER UNIVERSITY

No GMAT
required for the online MBA at Rider University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$22,048

Rider University's no GMAT required online MBA offers students the opportunity to earn a respected graduate degree from the #38 ranked northern regional institution according to U.S. News and World Report. The institution's online MBA program is also ranked #229 in the nation and enjoys a sound reputation in both academic and professional circles. Students are able to tailor their degree by choosing from concentrations in business analytics, finance, or global business. Students possessing a business degree from an AACSB accredited school with a GPA of 3.3 are eligible for a test score waiver. Other academic and professional experience will also be considered for waiver eligibility.

#47 – Norwich University

Online MBA

Northfield, Vermont

Website



NORWICH
UNIVERSITY™
Archives & Special Collections

Only 18
months to earn the Norwich University online MBA. No GMAT required!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,360

Norwich University ranks as one of the most affordable online MBA programs that prepare students for top-level positions within a wide range of institutions and organizations. Students can choose from the general MBA curriculum or specialize in one of seven concentrations such as construction management, energy

management, supply chain management, and more. The MBA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs and the Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs and takes just 18 months to complete. In addition, the school does not require the GMAT or any other test to apply for admission.

#46 – Quinnipiac University

Online MBA

Hamden, Connecticut

Website



available! Quinnipiac University – affordable online MBA no GMAT required! Waivers

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,350

Quinnipiac University offers students a no GMAT online MBA that ranks as one of the most affordable MBA degrees. Students seeking a waiver can qualify through several different criteria such as five years of post bachelor's work experience reflecting increasing responsibility or through the successful completion of a graduate degree within 10 years of applying to the MBA program. In addition to the general MBA track, students can choose the health care management concentration that teaches students advanced business and leadership skills within the health care space. Required courses include decision making in a global economy, financial and managerial accounting for decision-making, and organizational behavior and leadership for decision makers.

#45 – Southern New Hampshire University

Online MBA

Manchester, New Hampshire

Website



SNHU offers
online MBA programs without a GMAT requirement for admission.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,810

Ranked as one of the most affordable online MBA programs, Southern New Hampshire University offers a graduate business degree with 20 concentration areas allowing students to truly create their own degree based upon their career aspirations and interests. The program is accredited by the ACBSP and can be completed in just 15 months. In addition, the institution has removed the GMAT requirement as part of the admission process. Courses may include accounting and financial analysis, financial reporting and analysis, and leading in an organization. These courses combine both hard and soft skills that result in both subject matter mastery and leadership excellence.

#44 – Northcentral University

Online MBA

La Jolla, California

Website



An affiliate of the National University System. Quick completion time and no GMAT requirement! The online MBA at Northcentral University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,917

Students seeking a no GMAT required online MBA will want to research the program offered by Northcentral University. In addition to a completion timeline of just 16 months, students can choose from a staggering 17 professionally relevant specializations such as criminal justice, computer and information security, and management of engineering and technology. Northcentral enjoys a regional ranking of #13 by U.S. News and World Report due to its commitment to outstanding teaching and learning. In addition, all courses are taught by highly trained faculty with doctoral degrees and experience working in the field. The degree is housed within the School of Business.

#43 – Stetson University
Online MBA Programs No GMAT
DeLand, Florida

Website



No GMAT or standardized testing for admission! Stetson's MBA online programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,369

Stetson University offers a top online MBA no GMAT degree that prepares students for top positions within a wide range of organizations. With an increasingly complex business environment, firms need innovative and dynamic leaders with business acumen and management ability. The Stetson online MBA creates these types of graduates through its cutting edge curriculum taught by world-class faculty. And because the degree is 100% online, the program is an excellent fit for working professionals seeking to balance their academic and personal matters. Stetson does not require the GMAT or other types of standardized tests as part of its admission process.

#42 – Franklin University

Online MBA

Columbus, Ohio

Website



GMAT

waivers available! Franklin University's online MBA programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,080

Franklin University ranks as one of the most affordable online MBA programs in the country due to its low-cost tuition and high value curriculum taught by highly trained faculty. Students automatically qualify for a GMAT waiver with a 2.75 undergraduate GPA. Additionally, students may qualify for a test score waiver based upon their work history, references, and recommendations. The IACBE accredited program can be completed in just 14 months and is delivered entirely online with a focus on practitioner-based skills needed to succeed on the job. The online delivery model makes the Franklin MBA an excellent choice for working or place bound professionals unable to take on-campus classes.

#41 – College of William & Mary

Online MBA

Williamsburg, Virginia

Website



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Short classes and a fast completion time for the online MBA at College of William & Mary.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,760

The College of William and Mary offer one of the most affordable and high ranking no GMAT online MBA in the country. The institution has an outstanding academic reputation as evidenced by its #40 national ranking by U.S. News and World Report. In addition, the college ranks #28 in best online MBA programs due to its flexible online classes and rigorous curriculum taught by outstanding faculty members. Courses are just 7.5 weeks, which means students can accelerate through the program quickly without sacrificing or watering down their learning. In addition to online classes, students have the opportunity to spend one week on campus.

#40 – Winthrop University

Online MBA

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Website



AACSB- accredited no GMAT online MBA programs at Winthrop University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,666

Winthrop University offers one of the most affordable online MBA programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which accredits only 5% of business schools. In addition to its AACSB accreditation, Winthrop ranks #17 in regional universities South and #245 in best online MBA

programs by U.S. News and World Report. Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome to apply provided they complete a set of undergraduate business foundation courses. Moreover, students with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA with at least four quantitative courses will receive a GMAT test score waiver. Students can also qualify for a waiver provided they have five years of professional experience with increasing responsibilities.

#39 – Maryville University

Online MBA

Saint Louis, Missouri

Website



No GMAT!

Maryville University's online MBA programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,646

Maryville State University's no GMAT required online MBA provides students with the rigorous training and education needed to lead complex organizations in a global economy that is characterized by competition and change. As firms seek innovative leaders, MBA students at Maryville take courses such as best practices in models and systems, controls for effective cyber defense, and organizational behavior and development, all taught by faculty with real world experience. And unlike some programs, Maryville State does not require the GMAT or any other test as part of its admission process. Maryville State University is ranked #50 in regional colleges Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

#38 – Southern Illinois University

Online MBA

Carbondale, Illinois

Website



100% online

and requires no GMAT – Southern Illinois University's online MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,626

Southern Illinois University offers a no GMAT online MBA that will waive test scores for applicants with five years of post-bachelor's degree work experience. Southern Illinois value real world experience and feels it is a valuable metric for working professionals seeking to leverage a graduate degree into greater employment prospects and knowledge acquisition. Offered through the SIU College of Business, the program is cohort-based and can be completed in just 23 months. Students take courses with their assigned cohort and are able to build valuable social networks with classmates and professors. Ranked #69 in best online MBA programs, students can expect a rigorous education.

#37 – North Central College

Online MBA

Naperville, Illinois

Website

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Founded 1861



Ranked and accredited with no GMAT or GRE requirement. North Central College's online MBA program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,372

North Central College provides working professionals with one of the most affordable online MBA programs in the industry. With the ever-changing landscape of business, firms are looking for dynamic leaders and innovative problem solvers. North Central MBA graduates are well positioned to fill these job openings after completing the program where they spend time learning advanced business concepts and skills from leading business faculty. Additionally, the MBA program is open to students from any discipline and does not require the GMAT or GRE for admission. Students can expect a quality education from an institution that ranks #13 regional universities Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

#36 – Mercer University

Online MBA

Macon, Georgia

Website



business school with no GMAT requirement. Mercer University!

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Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,674

Mercer University offers an online MBA with no GMAT that can be completed in just 18 months. Mercer's program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, putting Mercer in the top 5% of business schools worldwide. The average student in the program is 28 years old with five years of work experience. Students take courses such as issues in business law and corporate responsibility, marketing concepts and practice, and micro and macroeconomics. Mercer University is ranked in multiple U.S. News and World Report categories including #153 in national universities and #74 in best online MBA programs.

#35 – Lewis University

Online MBA

Romeoville, Illinois

Website

LEWIS UNIVERSITY

GRE required! Online MBA program at Lewis University.

No GMAT or

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,550

Lewis University offers one of the top affordable online MBA programs of its kind that invites applicants from all academic backgrounds to apply to its program. If admitted, students can select from a wide range of concentration areas such as health care informatics, finance, information technology, and more. Students with an academic and/or professional background in business may have courses waived through a transcript evaluation or by scoring 75% or higher on a proficiency exam. And like other programs on this list, Lewis does not require students take the GMAT or GRE to apply for admission to its MBA program.

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#33 – University of Cincinnati

Online MBA

Cincinnati, Ohio

Website



Fully online

MBA with no GMAT requirement. University of Cincinnati!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,468

The University of Cincinnati offers a no GMAT online MBA where students may be granted a test score waiver provided they have three years of relevant professional experience and a 3.0 undergraduate GPA. Additionally, students may qualify for the waiver if they have seven or more years of professional experience that shows advancement. Students may take courses such as corporate legal and social responsibility, information and technology management, and quality and high performance organizations. The program is ranked #62 in best online MBA programs and #139 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report for its 2020 ranking categories of colleges and universities.

#32 – Wright State University

Online MBA

Dayton, Ohio

Website



No test scores required for admission to Wright State University's online MBA programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,298

Wright State University offers one of the most affordable online MBA programs that prepare graduates to be competitive in a 21st century global economy that is rapidly changing. And with no GRE or GMAT test scores required, students can apply without spending time or money on costly standardized tests and test prep. Some of the courses include developing and implementing competitive strategies, financial analysis and decision-making, and survey of quantitative business analysis. Students will receive an outstanding education as Wright State is ranked #138 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report for its 2020 ranking cohort.

#31 – Queens University of Charlotte

Online MBA

Charlotte, North Carolina

Website

QUEENS

No GMAT
required for applicants with a 3.0 GPA – Queens University of Charlotte's online
MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,158

Queens University of Charlotte offers an online MBA no GMAT requirement for business professionals seeking to leverage a graduate degree into a top career. The no GMAT requirement for those with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 means an MBA is one step closer. In addition, the program is housed within the McColl School of Business and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Students can choose from concentrations in leadership and change, finance, healthcare management, and executive coaching. Queens University of Charlotte is ranked #102 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#30 – University of Hartford
Online MBA
West Hartford, Connecticut

Website

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

courses for the online MBA at University of Hartford.

Only 12

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,055

The University of Hartford offers one of the top affordable online MBA programs in the industry that can be finished in just 24 months. The degree includes 12 courses and nine concentrations. Classes may include accounting for decision makers,

corporate finance strategy and valuation, and managerial statistics and analysis. Applicants with at least three years of professional work experience and a minimum of a 3.0 undergraduate GPA may request a GMAT waiver. Waivers are done on a case-by-case basis after interviewing with a staff member. Known for its commitment to education and research, the University of Hartford ranks #211 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#29 – Louisiana State University

Online MBA

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Website



LSU's online MBA offers a GMAT waiver for those with qualifying GPAs at admission time.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,023

LSU ranks as one of the most affordable online MBA programs due to its value-based tuition and the return on investment experienced by its graduates. Recently decreased from 42 to 36 credits, the program can be finished in just 18 months entirely online and is ranked the #88 online MBA program in the nation. Students with at least three years of work experience and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA can apply for a GMAT waiver, making it even easier to apply for admission. Courses may include economic environment of the firm, elements of cost management, and understanding behavior in organizations.

Featured Programs

#28 – Washington State University

Online MBA

Pullman, Washington

Website



GMAT

waivers! WSU's online MBA programs – ranked and affordable.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,802

Washington State University offers interested applicants a no GMAT online MBA accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, an organization that accredits just 5% of business schools worldwide. Students can qualify for a GMAT waiver through several different criteria involving work experience, GPA, and academic background. Foundation courses may include data analysis for managers, foundations of business law, and introduction to financial and managerial accounting. Ranked #166 in national universities, #79 in top public schools, and #18 in best online MBA programs, Washington State provides students with an outstanding graduate degree with 12 start dates per year.

#27 – Walsh University

Online MBA

North Canton, Ohio

Website



No GMAT

required for the online MBA at Walsh University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,610

Students looking for a no GMAT required online MBA will find the program at Walsh University an excellent fit due to its commitment to teaching students the skills and knowledge required to advance in competitive firms where innovation and leadership are highly sought after qualities. The program can be completed entirely online and students can choose from concentrations in data analytics, health care management, and management and marketing. The GMAT is not required, which means students save time and money on expensive test preparation materials and testing fees. The program is designed to be completed in as little as one year and is ideal for business and non-business majors seeking to leverage an MBA into future career advancement.

#26 – Old Dominion University

Online MBA

Norfolk, Virginia

Website



U.S. News! Old Dominion University's online MBA.

Ranked with

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,552

Old Dominion University offers a no GMAT required online MBA for students who qualify for a test score waiver. Waiver criteria can be met in several ways including holding a terminal, having at least five years managerial experience, or having a military rank. The 40-45 credit program is part of the Strome College of Business and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for its business and accounting degrees – just one of only 200 institutions to hold such a distinction. In addition, U.S. News and World Report ranks Old Dominion's online MBA #47 overall and #29 best MBA for veterans.

#25 – Colorado State University

Online MBA

Fort Collins, Colorado

Website



No GMAT

required! Colorado State University's online MBA degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,495

Ranked as the #62 best online MBA by U.S. News and World Report, Colorado State offers a no GMAT online MBA for working professionals seeking to take their careers to the next level. Students take practitioner-based courses such as fundamentals of firm valuation, managing human capital, and strategic selling for business customers that teach them the skills and theoretical underpinnings needed to succeed in a fast paced environment. In addition to already low tuition prices, students may qualify for a military or corporate benefit that lowers the price of tuition 10-15%. And because there is no testing requirement, students can apply and get started right away.

#24 – Kettering University

Online MBA

Flint, Michigan

Website



GRE not required! Kettering University's online MBA.

GMAT or

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,460

Working professionals researching affordable online MBA programs may want to consider Kettering University, which offers a unique program for engineers looking to increase their business and management acumen through acquiring a master's in business. Additionally, students can also earn a master's in engineering to pair with their MBA, making them an even more competitive candidate for top jobs. Both the MBA and MSEM can be completed in just 14 total courses. The GMAT or GRE is not part of the admission process saving students time and money on test preparation materials and fees. U.S. News and World Report ranks Kettering's online MBA #218 in the nation.

#23 – University of Northwestern Ohio

Online MBA

Lima, Ohio

Website



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

No GMAT!

University of Northwestern Ohio offers a ranked and affordable online MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,288

The University of Northwestern Ohio offers an online MBA no GMAT test requirement for working professionals seeking a graduate business degree to

facilitate upward career mobility. Students learn both fundamental and advanced business and leadership concepts that apply directly to the job. Coursework focuses on advanced concepts in accounting, finance, marketing, management, and more. The program is conducted online making it an excellent choice for those unable to attend on-campus classes. The University of Northwestern Ohio abandoned the common practice of using the GMAT as an admission metric after the test's value in terms of selecting candidates was disproved by multiple research studies.

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#21 – Thomas Edison State University

Online MBA

Trenton, New Jersey

Website



Ranked and affordable online MBA with no GMAT requirement at Thomas Edison State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,024

Thomas Edison State University offers one of the more affordable online MBA programs that do not require the GMAT. Test scores may be requested by the dean, but only on a case-by-case basis. Offered through the School of Business and Management, the degree can be completed in just 15 months so graduates are able to apply what they learn right away. Courses may include designing a business case for sustainability, ethics for managers, financial statement analysis, and human resource management. In addition, students can choose from one of several concentration areas in accounting, data analytics, health care management, and human resource management.

#20 – University of Scranton

Online MBA

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Website



Ranked by
U.S. News! University of Scranton offering a no GMAT required MBA online degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,630

The University of Scranton offers an online MBA no GMAT program that enables students to pursue a graduate degree from a top six regional university without the burden of standardized testing. In addition to the general curriculum, students can choose from one of eight concentrations such as business analytics, enterprise resource planning, human resources management, and more. Housed within the Panuska College of Professional Studies and the Kania School of Management, graduates are well prepared for top industry positions requiring innovation and leadership. Along with its #6 ranking in regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report, the institution ranks #118 in best online MBA programs.

#19 – University of Saint Mary

Online MBA

Leavenworth, Kansas

Website



100% online MBA – University of
Saint Mary. No GMAT required!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,340

The University of Saint Mary offers a no GMAT online MBA for working professionals unable to attend on-campus classes due to location or other personal commitments. The program can be completed in as little as one year when taking two classes per term. The application does not require any standardized testing, which saves the applicant time and money. In addition to core classes, students can choose from six concentrations to tailor the degree to their career specifications. The University of

Saint Mary ranks #84 in regional universities Midwest and #245 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#18 – Auburn University

Online MBA

Auburn, Alabama

Website



Fully online

MBA! Auburn University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,282

Auburn University offers one of the top affordable online MBA programs through its Raymond J. Harbert College of Business that can be completed fully online. In addition to coursework, students have the opportunity to travel abroad as part of the program's Global Immersion Trip (not required). The degree consists of 13 total classes – nine core and four electives. The average student takes two courses per term and graduates in 2.5 years. Courses may include information systems for competitive advantage, integrated business project and case analysis, and strategic analysis and the competitive environment. Applicants with a terminal degree are eligible for a test score waiver.

#17 – Florida International University

Online MBA

Miami, Florida

Website



FIU's online

MBA requires no GMAT for admission.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,097

Florida International University offers an online MBA no GMAT for individuals with at least four years of professional work experience. Florida International enjoys a sound academic reputation as it ranks #218 in national universities, #22 in best online master's in business programs, and #62 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report. Students can select from three distinct pacing tracks and eight concentration areas, depending on their career interests. The three pacing tracks include 18, 21, or 33 months, which means students can benefit from their MBA within a short amount of time. In addition to classes, students have the opportunity to network with students and faculty as part of a two-day residency.

#16 – University of Kansas

Online MBA

Lawrence, Kansas

Website



13 courses required! University of Kansas's online MBA.

100% online,

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,027

The University of Kansas Business School offers a no GMAT required online MBA for those with at least four years of managerial experience or a significant track record in quantitative and analytical coursework. The University of Kansas has been an online leader in education and business for several years and currently holds a #31 ranking for best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report. The 13-course, 42-credit program consists of 8-week classes and is 100% online with no campus residency requirement. Students can graduate in as little as 27 months. And with three start dates per year, applicants do not have to wait to begin classes should they be accepted.

#15 – Grand Canyon University

Online MBA

Phoenix, Arizona

Website



No GMAT

required for the online MBA at GCU.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,760

Through its Colangelo College of Business, Grand Canyon University provides working professionals with a no GMAT online MBA. Many working professionals seeking an MBA do not matriculate into a program due to the daunting task of studying for the GMAT or GRE; Grand Canyon University invites applicants to submit their application without testing requirements, saving students both time and money on test preparation and fees. Students learn advanced business skills in finance and accounting along with skills such as communication and leadership. The end result is a business leader prepared to lead people and organizations in a modern 21st century economy characterized by innovation and competition.

#14 – Coastal Carolina University

Online MBA

Conway, South Carolina

Website



Coastal Carolina University offers GMAT waivers for qualifying applicants – online MBA!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,674

Coastal Carolina University provides working professionals with one of the most affordable online MBA programs. In addition to its general MBA degree, students can choose from concentrations in commercial and investment real estate, health care administration, and nonprofit administration. Potential students may be eligible for a GMAT waiver if they meet the criteria of a 3.75 undergraduate GPA or have 5+ years of professional experience. The 30-credit program includes courses such as managerial responsibility and law, marketing strategy, and operations and global supply chain. Coastal Carolina University enjoys a sound reputation and is ranked #41 in regional universities South and #245 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#13 – Ohio University

Online MBA

Athens, Ohio

Website



Ranked and affordable online MBA options at Ohio University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,720

Ohio University offers one of the most affordable online MBA programs in the country that can be completed entirely online. One of the hallmarks of the program is its focused curriculum that dives deep into specific content areas in relation to a specific career path. Students can choose from eight concentrations in fields like executive management, operations and supply chain management, business venturing and entrepreneurship, and more. In addition, the admission process does not include a testing requirement, which means students do not have to spend time and resources on GMAT test preparation. The program is well regarded and ranks #109 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#12 – Touro University Worldwide

Online MBA

Los Alamitos, California

Website



TOURO
University Worldwide

requirements for the online MBA at Touro University.

No test

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,000

Touro University Worldwide offers an online MBA no GMAT that can be completed in just one year. The curriculum is practitioner based and teaches the skills and

knowledge needed to excel on the job. The admission process is holistic and applicants are chosen based on the totality of their academic background, GPA, and bachelor's degree. There is no test requirement such as the GRE or GMAT when applying. Once matriculated, students can select a concentration from one of ten areas based on their career interests. Concentrations include artificial intelligence, cybersecurity management, health administration management, human resources management, and much more.

#11 – Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Online MBA

Standish, Maine

Website



18-month
online MBA with no GMAT requirement. Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,982

Working professionals searching for affordable online MBA programs may find the degree offered through Saint Joseph's College of Maine an excellent fit. The program has a rapid time to completion (18 months) and has removed one of the largest barriers to entry by eliminating the GMAT test as an admission requirement. Recent graduates typically choose the foundational MBA program, while seasoned professionals gravitate towards the leadership MBA. Both programs allow students to choose from concentrations in health sector management, financial management, sport administration, and quality and continuous improvement. Saint Joseph's College enjoys a solid academic reputation and is ranked #129 in regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report.

#10 – University of Wisconsin

Online MBA

Whitewater, Wisconsin

Website



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

GMAT and GRE

waivers for online MBAs at University of Wisconsin.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,957

Working professionals researching affordable online MBA programs will want to consider the degree offered by the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. The program welcomes students from all academic backgrounds and waives the GMAT/GRE test score requirement for the vast majority of applicants. Students can choose from 11 career concentrations and take courses such as business conditions analysis, managerial economics, business policy and strategy, fundamentals of project management, and strategic technology and innovation management. The institution enjoys an excellent academic reputation as part of the University of Wisconsin system and is ranked #61 in regional universities Midwest and #25 in online MBA programs.

#9 – Wilmington University

Online MBA

New Castle, Delaware

Website



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concentration options for the online MBA at Wilmington University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,636

Wilmington University provides a no GMAT required online MBA that provides quality coursework and affordable tuition. And because there is no test requirement,

potential students can now apply without spending wasted time and effort preparing for standardized tests. In addition to its general curriculum, students can choose to tailor their degree from a menu of 13 concentration areas that fit their career aspirations. Concentrations include unique offerings not found in most MBA programs such as business communications, environmental stability, and homeland security. The program is accredited by the international accreditation council for business education and can be completed entirely online.

#8 – University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Online MBA

Wilmington, North Carolina

Website



UNCW offers

an online MBA with no GMAT requirement.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,367

The University of North Carolina Wilmington provides individuals with a no GMAT online MBA that prepares them for a wide variety of professional careers. Students learn business fundamentals coupled with leadership and management skills needed to thrive in a fast paced economy marked by rapid change. The degree consists of 36 credits and can be completed in just one year. Additionally, it is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which only accredits 5% of business schools worldwide. Test score waivers are given to applicants with five or more years of managerial experience, an undergraduate GPA of 3.2, or an advanced degree with quantitative coursework.

#7 – University of South Dakota

Online MBA

Vermillion, South Dakota

Website



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota's online MBA offers GMAT waivers.

University of

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,835

In addition to being one of the most affordable online MBA programs, the University of South Dakota offers GMAT waivers that the majority of applicants will qualify for. Removing this difficult and costly barrier enables working professionals and recent graduates the ability to pursue a graduate degree preparing them for top business careers. Accredited by the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the curriculum enables students to tailor their degree through specializations in business analytics, finance, health administration, marketing, and operations and supply chain management. The institution has an excellent reputation and ranks #69 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#6 – West Texas A & M University

Online MBA

Canyon, Texas

Website



An online

MBA at West Texas A&M is affordable and accredited.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,733

West Texas A&M University offers an online master's in business no GMAT requirement for individuals with an undergraduate of at least 3.0. The program welcomes applicants from all academic and professional backgrounds to apply but may recommend that students complete a series of foundational courses such in financial accounting, statistics, and corporate accounting. Administered through the Paul and Virginia Engler College of Business, students may choose from concentration in computer information systems, management, marketing, and healthcare management to tailor their degree to their career specifications. Enjoying a sound academic reputation, West Texas A&M is ranked #54 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#5 – Florida Atlantic University

Online MBA

Boca Raton, Florida

Website



Atlantic University's online MBA.

Qualify for GMAT waivers! Florida

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,657

Florida Atlantic University ranks as one of the most affordable online MBA programs in the higher education space. Admission standards require a bachelor's degree, 3.0 minimum GPA in the last 60 credits, and four years of professional experience. Additionally, students may qualify for a GMAT/GRE waiver based upon their academic background and/or their work history. The program is designed to be completed in 23 months without interrupting the individual's professional life. Courses are taught by highly trained faculty and the program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which accredits only 5% of all business schools worldwide.

#4 – West Liberty University

Online MBA

West Liberty, West Virginia

Website



Affordable

options! West Liberty University – online MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,920

West Liberty offers an online MBA no GMAT requirement for working professionals. Students from all backgrounds are welcome to apply provided they have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and a 2.5 GPA. The degree can be finished in just 12 months and is delivered entirely online with no campus residency requirement. Concentrations in management, forensic accounting, and healthcare are available in addition to the general MBA curriculum. The online delivery makes it an excellent choice for working professionals attempting to balance their studies and career. West Liberty ranks #245 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#3 – New Mexico State University

Online MBA

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Website



accredited! New Mexico State University's online MBA.

Ranked and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,427

New Mexico State University offers one of the more affordable online MBA programs in the industry based on its affordable tuition and return on investment. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International and can be completed in just two years. Students with an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution are not required to take the GRE or GMAT to apply. Courses are delivered in both asynchronous and synchronous formats, which allow for both flexibility and live discussion. Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome to apply but may need to complete a set of foundational courses before entering the program.

#2 – Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Online MBA

Durant, Oklahoma

Website



Southeastern Oklahoma State University

No GMAT or GRE required for qualifying students applying to the online MBA at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,022

The John Massey School of Business at Southeastern Oklahoma State comes in at second among our cheapest online MBA no GMAT required programs. It is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, making it one of the top 5% of business schools in the world. In addition to the general degree path, students can choose from 12 concentration tracks in innovative and in-demand fields such as women in leadership, strategic communications, Native American leadership, and aerospace logistics. Students from any academic or professional background are welcome to apply and are not required to take the GMAT or GRE for admission. Additionally, students with no business background can take four 1-week pre-requisite courses to level up.

#1 – Fitchburg State University

Online MBA

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Website



#1 most affordable online MBA no GMAT required! Fitchburg State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$3,828

Fitchburg State University ranks as our number one cheapest online MBA no GMAT program due to its exceptionally affordable tuition and convenient admission process. Ranked as the #34 top public institution in the North and #245 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report, students can expect to receive a quality education marked by course rigor and faculty mentoring. Interested students should possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and a preferred GPA of at least 2.8. The degree is delivered entirely online and offers concentrations in management, accounting, and human resources management in addition to its general degree path.

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Below are the results of our top 30 most affordable online master's in business analytics programs.

#30 – Seattle University
Master's in Business Analytics Online
Seattle, Washington

Website



AACSB-

accredited and highly affordable – Seattle University's master's in business analytics programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,880

Seattle University's online master's in business analytics program requires the completion of 48 credit hours. Courses are delivered entirely online. With four annual start dates (fall, winter, spring, and summer) and ten-week quarters, the program is flexible and conveniently designed for working students seeking a business analytics degree. Online courses cover topics like big data analytics, law and ethics for business analytics, mathematical models for decision-making, and statistics for business analytics. Seattle University's online MSBA program is AACSB-accredited and ranked with U.S. News and World Report. Recent 2020 Seattle University rankings also include #139 in best national universities and #85 in best value schools.

#29 – Quinnipiac University
Online Master's in Business Analytics
Hamden, Connecticut

Website



Affordable

online master's in business analytics offered at Quinnipiac University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,350

Quinnipiac University's master's in business analytics online degree program prepares students for data-driven careers as business intelligence professionals. Upon completion of the master's degree in business analytics, students are awarded a certificate in business analytics using SAS. This credential is earned in addition to the master's in business analytics and designed to help strengthen your resumé. Courses cover a number of business analytics topics and are delivered entirely online. These courses include data mining, data warehousing, introduction to business analytics, predictive modeling, and text mining. Quinnipiac ranks with U.S. News and World Report in the most recent publication of Best Colleges. In fact, 2020 rankings include #153 in best national universities and #94 in best value schools.

#28 – Villanova University
Online Master's in Analytics
Villanova, Pennsylvania

Website



affordable online master's in business analytics – Villanova University. Ranked and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,005

Villanova University's School of Business offers online business analytics programs, including the master's in analytics. This fully online degree program is AACSB-accredited and graduates the students in 24 months. Classes remain small, though; they are delivered online and maintain approximately 20 students per online section. Core business analytics classes cover topics like advanced business applications, analytical methods for data mining, analytical methods for optimization and simulation, business intelligence, and machine learning and artificial intelligence. Villanova, a private and fully accredited institution, ranks with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, Villanova's 2020 rankings include #46 in best national universities and #54 in best value schools.

#27 – Fairfield University
Master's in Business Analytics Online
Fairfield, Connecticut

Website



Ranked #3 in best regional universities! Fairfield University offers master's in business analytics online programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,415

Fairfield University offers an accredited online master's in analytics through the Dolan School of Business. According to Fairfield's program site, what sets their business analytics master's apart from others is their strong regional alumni network and close proximity to Fortune 500 companies in New York City. All courses are delivered online and cover topics like business analytics, business forecasting and predictive analytics, business intelligence, databases for business analytics, and machine learning for predictive analysis. In addition to being an accredited institution, Fairfield ranks with U.S. News and World Report. Recent rankings for Fairfield include #3 in best regional universities in the North and #12 in best value schools.

#26 – Saint Joseph's University

Online Master's in Business Intelligence & Analytics

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Website



Choose from various specialization tracks! St. Joseph's University's online business analytics programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,992

Saint Joseph's University offers an accredited and affordable online master's in business analytics program designed by those at the center of the Business Intelligence and Analytics industry. The program also offers four career-focused tracks that allow students to specialize their business analytics degree to align with career endeavors. Tracks include cyber analytics, data analytics, data science, and managerial. Courses are delivered online and cover analytics topics such as foundations for business intelligence, introduction to data mining, and special topics in business intelligence. Saint Joseph's ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, recent rankings include #10 in best national universities in the North.

#25 – University of Dayton

Online Master of Business Analytics

Dayton, Ohio

Website



**University
of Dayton**

accredited! University of Dayton – online master's in business analytics.

Ranked and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,700

University of Dayton offers an accredited master's in business analytics online degree that can be earned in as little as 12 months. To be eligible for admission, applicants must submit a qualifying GMAT or GRE score and have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. GMAT or GRE waivers are issued for individuals holding a bachelor's in engineering, computer science, math, economics, or business with a minimum GPA of at least 3.0. All classes for the online master's in business analytics program at University of Dayton are taught by the same professors who instruct on campus. Online courses include advanced business analytics, advanced statistical models, introduction to business analytics, and data management for analytics. University of Dayton ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 132nd best national university.

#24 – Georgia Institute of Technology

Online Master's in Analytics

Atlanta, Georgia

Website



CREATING THE NEXT[®] Ranked by U.S. News and World Report, Georgia Tech offers a master's in analytics online.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,798

Georgia Institute of Technology offers an affordable online master's in analytics program designed for working and busy individuals. A total of eleven courses and 36 credit hours are required for the completion of the degree. Courses are delivered online and the program generally takes two to three years to complete. Courses cover a wide range of analytics topics, including business fundamentals for analytics, data analytics in business, data and visual analytics, introduction to analytics modeling, and introduction for computing for data analytics. Additional electives are offered to help students tailor their degree toward areas of interest or to meet career goals. In addition to accreditation and prestige, Georgia Tech ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 29th best national university.

#23 – College of William & Mary
Master's in Business Analytics Online
Williamsburg, Virginia

Website



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Only 15 months to earn an online master's in business analytics from College of William & Mary.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,760

One of the most affordable online master's in business analytics programs on our list is offered by College of William & Mary. The Raymond A. Mason School of Business offers the online MSBA that is designed to prepare students to embrace the power of data science and hone their business skills. A total of 32 credits are required for the program. Courses cover topics in artificial intelligence, business analytics, competing through business analytics, and probability and statistics for business analytics. The admission process can be completed online. Qualified applicants may earn a GMAT or GRE waiver. Once accepted, the program can be completed in as little as 15 months. College of William and Mary ranks #40 in best national universities.

#22 – Maryville University
Online Master's in Business Data Analytics
Saint Louis, Missouri

Website



Less than
\$16,000 per year for Maryville's online master's in business analytics degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,646

Maryville University's online business analytics programs include the master's in business data analytics. This top-rated and affordable graduate program offers online courses that provide an in-depth knowledge of the aspects of data analytics. Key concepts covered within the program include data analytics, database principles, data visualization, and forecasting and predictive modeling. To be considered for the Maryville online master's in business analytics degree, the application process includes having an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. For full admission, an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required. However, no GMAT scores or letters of recommendation are required for admission. In addition to offering a quality program, Maryville ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 202nd best national university.

#21 – Mercer University

Online Master's in Business Analytics

Macon, Georgia

Website



Ranked by U.S.

News – Mercer University’s online master’s in business analytics.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,674

Mercer University’s master’s in business analytics online degree program is offered through the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business. Designed for detail-oriented problem solvers seeking advanced degrees in business analytics, the program is offered both on-campus and online. Courses cover analytics topics like data management, data mining, fact-based management to drive decision-making, optimization, and statistical modeling. Applicants for the Mercer master’s degree must submit qualifying GMAT or GRE scores to be considered for admission. Mercer is fully accredited and ranked with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, the most recent publication of Best Colleges ranks Mercer #153 in best national universities.

#20 – Lewis University

Master’s in Business Analytics Online
Romeoville, Illinois

Website



100% online –

Lewis University's master's in business analytics programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$14,550

Lewis University's online master's in business analytics program offers our concentrations and 100 percent online curriculum. Students enrolled in the program take eight-week online courses designed to accommodate working professionals. These small interactive classes provide an ideal learning environment for students to learn from their peers and instructors. To help tailor the degree, Lewis offers four available concentrations in financial analytics, healthcare analytics, marketing analytics, and operations analytics. In addition to offering quality online curriculum, Lewis is accredited and ranked with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, rankings for 2020 include #20 in best regional universities in the Midwest.

Featured Programs

#19 – University of Maryland

Online Master's in Business Analytics

College Park, Maryland



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Finish the
online master's in business analytics in as little as 20 months at University of Maryland.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: Total program tuition is \$49,320

The master's in business analytics online program at University of Maryland offers an AACSB-accredited degree that can be earned fully online. Students should expect to complete the program and graduate in as little as 20 months. These courses cover topics like big data and artificial intelligence for business, data processing and analysis in Python, data mining, machine learning, and decision analytics. University of Maryland has received rankings from publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, UMD ranks #64 in best national universities and #144 in best value schools.

#18 – University of Colorado

Master's in Business Analytics Online

Boulder, Colorado



University of Colorado
Boulder

Specialization
tracks available! University of Colorado's master's in business analytics online degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,246

One of the most affordable online master's in analytics programs on our list is offered by University of Colorado at Boulder. The program is offered both on-campus and online. For working students, the online program allows part-time enrollment. Students work at their own pace and follow the same curriculum as the on-campus degree. There are also several tracks that allow students to specialize in a niche area of business. Specialization tracks include decision science, marketing, and security analytics. The public institution is both ranked and accredited. In fact, the most recent 2020 rankings with U.S. News and World Report include #104 in best national universities and #170 in best value schools.

#17 – Ohio State University

Online Master's in Business Analytics

Columbus, Ohio



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Hybrid course
delivery! Ohio State University's master's in business analytics online program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,425

Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business is home to online business analytics programs that are both affordable and accredited. While not fully online, the master's in business analytics offers hybrid course delivery format. This means 75 percent of the program is online while 25 percent takes place on campus at Saturday-online class meetings. Courses cover advanced business analytics topics such as descriptive data analysis and visualization, predictive analytics, and prescriptive analytics. Ohio State, one of America's largest institutions, ranks nationally with U.S. News and World Report. In fact, rankings include #54 in best national universities and #27 in best colleges for veterans.

#16 – Notre Dame of Maryland University
Online Master's in Analytics
Baltimore, Maryland



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Ranked and affordable! Notre Dame of Maryland's online master's in analytics.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,175

Notre Dame of Maryland University offers an accredited and highly affordable online master's in analytics. The program delivers classes entirely online and offers strong network-building opportunities with regional businesses. According to the program's website, seventy-five percent of graduates directly apply their research projects to the jobs they acquire after graduation. Online courses cover business, computer, and math modules. Class topics include data and decision modeling, data design and management, foundations of analytics, and project management. Notre Dame of Maryland ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, recent 2020 rankings for the school include #59 in best regional universities in the North and #70 in best value schools.

#15 – Arizona State University
Master's in Business Analytics Online
Tempe, Arizona



Only 11

classes! ASU's master's in business analytics online degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,134

If your desire is to be at the forefront of big data, ASU offers an affordable online master's in business analytics program. A total of 11 classes and 30 credit hours are required for the completion of the degree. Classes run five weeks in length, move at an accelerated pace, and are delivered completely online. ASU's required courses cover topics like analytical decision modeling, business analytics strategy, data-driven quality management, and introduction to enterprise analytics. Successful admission to the W.P. Carey School of Business requires that applicants hold a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited school. A minimum GPA of 3.00 is also required for admission, as well as adequate GMAT or GRE scores. ASU ranks among some of the best national universities. In fact, U.S. News and World Report ranks ASU #117.

#14 – Kent State University

Online Master's in Business Analytics

Kent, Ohio



Kent State University's online business analytics programs.

100% online!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,536

Kent State University's master's in business analytics online program is available for working students seeking online options for a business analytics degree. Core competencies cover a wide range of business, data mining, math, and programming disciplines needed to work as a business analyst. Classes include business analytics, database management and database analytics, fundamentals of machine learning, and quantitative management models. In addition to the online application, potential students must submit official transcripts from an accredited college or university, GMAT or GRE scores, and three letters of recommendation. Once admitted, students enjoy all that Kent State has to offer, including affordable tuition and prestigious rankings with U.S. News and World Report.

#13 – Bellevue University

Master's in Business Analytics Online

Bellevue, Nebraska

Website



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UNIVERSITY

U.S. News! Bellevue University – a top choice for master's in business analytics online programs.

Ranked by

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,025

Affordability and accreditation earn Bellevue University a top spot on our list of online master's in analytics programs. The 36-credit hour master's in business analytics is offered fully online, covering courses in business analytics and information systems. Online courses include business performance management, enterprise data information management, financial reporting and analysis, and systems development and deployment. Admission to the program requires an earned bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a GPA of 2.5 or better. According to recent rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Bellevue earns a spot among top regional universities in the Midwest. Also, the online master's in business programs, including business analytics, rank #132-#174 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#12 – The University of Alabama

Online Master's in Marketing Analytics

Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Study

marketing analytics online at University of Alabama.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,780

As far as affordable online business analytics programs go, The University of Alabama offers a top-ranked program. The online master's in marketing analytics covers business analytics as well as digging deeper into the marketing field. The online MS program requires 30 hours of coursework (33 hours for the marketing analytics specialization) and delivers classes online. Courses cover marketing and business topics like advanced marketing analysis, client-based marketing consulting projects, global market management, and statistical methods in research. U of A ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. In fact, U of A's recent 2020 rankings include #153 in best national universities and #129 in best value schools.

#11 – Grand Canyon University

Master's in Business Analytics Online

Phoenix, Arizona



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100% online –

Grand Canyon University's online master's in business analytics.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,760

Grand Canyon University's master's in business analytics online degree program requires the completion of 38 credits that can be earned entirely online. The online master's program at GCU provides students with a flexible learning environment geared to meet the needs of working students. Courses cover analytics and business topics like applied business probability and statistics, data mining, descriptive and predictive analytics, introduction to databases, and prescriptive analytics and advanced topics. Each class runs eight weeks and moves at an accelerated pace, making the program ideal for those who want to earn the master's quickly. According to U.S. News and World Report, GCU ranks #293-#381 in best national universities.

#10 – Clemson University

Online MBA in Business Analytics

Clemson, South Carolina



Earn an online MBA in business analytics from Clemson University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,602

Clemson University's online master's in analytics is an MBA program designed for working professionals. Focusing on big data and exposure to software programs used in business analytics, students gain an understanding useful to a variety of business fields. Clemson's MBA online program offers a concentration in business analytics so that students may tailor their degree to fit their personal interests and meet career goals. Online courses are taught by Clemson faculty and the program mirrors the curriculum and coursework of the on-campus MBA. For admission, GMAT scores may be self-reported. In addition to qualifying GMAT scores, applicants must submit letters of recommendation and transcripts from all accredited institutions attended. Clemson ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 70th best national university.

#9 – Indiana University

Online Master's in Business Analytics

Bloomington, Indiana



INDIANA UNIVERSITY Ranked and highly affordable! Indiana University's master's in business analytics online degree.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,564

Indiana University offers both affordability and accreditation with their online business analytics programs. For those seeking a graduate degree, the online master's in business analytics offers flexible classes and the ability to choose between earning a master's or MBA in business analytics. To graduate with MS in business analytics, students must complete 30 credit hours in business analytics core courses. These courses cover topics like business econometrics, developing value through business analytics applications, data warehousing and visualization, and strategic marketing management. U.S. News ranks Indiana University #79 in

best national universities. Also, prestigious Indiana University rankings include #1 in best online MBA programs and #2 in best online master's in business programs (including business analytics).

#8 – Iowa State University

Online Master of Business Analytics

Ames, Iowa

**IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY** 100% online
master's in business analytics! Iowa State University!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,504

Iowa State University's master's in business analytics online degree program seeks busy and working students seeking a career in the "Big Data" environment. The unique, blended program takes 21 months to complete with the majority of classes delivered online. Courses include applied statistical modeling, business analytics foundation, data analytics and visualization, and knowledge discovery and data mining. Successful admission to the program requires a completed online application. But, good news, for those without GRE or GMAT scores. The program does not require test scores to apply. Iowa State ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 121st best national university and 101st best value schools.

#7 – Ohio University

Online MBA in Business Analytics

Athens, Ohio



A highly affordable online master's in business analytics program – Ohio University!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,720

Ohio University's online master's in analytics is an MBA degree that is available entirely online. This convenient online program takes less than two years to complete, though students may work at their own pace. Admission is also convenient. No GMAT scores are required for admission. In addition to the program's convenient structure, it also serves as adequate preparation for careers in business and business analytics. Courses cover MBA and business analytics topics like business intelligence, predictive analysis, and prescriptive analysis. Ohio University ranks with U.S. News and World Report as a top national university. In fact, Ohio ranks #185 in best national universities and #77 in most innovative schools. In addition to school rankings, the online master's in business programs rank #78 out of more than 1,200 programs surveyed by U.S. News.

#6 – University of North Dakota

Online MBA

Grand Forks, North Dakota



An online

MBA with Big Data focus – University of North Dakota!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,697

One of the top online business analytics programs on our list is the general MBA at University of North Dakota. This fully online MBA is a general degree but offers some of the same classes seen in most graduate business analytics programs. In fact, students are able to tailor their degree by taking business intelligence and analytics courses that serve as preparation for a career in Big Data. A total of 34-43 credits are required for the program, which may be completed in just two years. Courses cover business intelligence and analytics topics like econometrics and quantitative analysis for management decisions. UND ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. These rankings include #263 in best national universities and #128 in top public schools.

Featured Programs

#5 – Cedarville University

Online MBA in Business Analytics

Cedarville, Ohio



Accredited & affordable! Cedarville University's online business analytics programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,594

Cedarville University's online master's in business analytics program is a fully online MBA with coursework that prepares students for a high impact career in data science. With a Christian background, students acquire leadership skills through the study of stewardship of God-given talents. This belief provides the foundation of all coursework offered by Cedarville's MBA program. Courses, delivered online, cover topics like business forecasting and econometrics, data mining for business analytics, data warehousing and visualization, and managerial data analysis. According to U.S. News and World Report, Cedarville ranks #25 in best regional universities in the Midwest. Also, the online MBA programs, including the MBA in business analytics, ranks #238 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#4 – Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Online Master's in Business Intelligence and Data Analytics

Winona, Minnesota



Ranked by U.S. News! The online master's in business analytics at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is a highly affordable program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,000

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota offers accredited online business analytics programs that are both affordable and flexibly designed for working students. The program promises real-world business analytics experience that hiring managers will notice upon graduation. Acquired skills come from online courses, coursework, and

project completion. These courses cover a series of core business and programming topics. Students explore topics like data analysis and business modeling, decision support systems, ethics in data analytics, and programming for data science – programming language. While these courses are just a sample of what's covered in the program, the content is vast and serves as preparation for careers in business intelligence and analytics. U.S. News and World Report ranks #33 in best regional universities in the Midwest.

#3 – University of Nebraska

Master's in Business Analytics Online

Lincoln, Nebraska



UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA
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Only 30
credits for the online master's in business analytics at University of Nebraska.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,588

University of Nebraska offers an accredited online master's in business analytics program consisting of 30 credits. Students earn 24 core credit hours by taking online classes followed by six electives. All courses run eight weeks in length and move at an accelerated pace. University of Nebraska's online business analytics courses cover topics like business data mining and descriptive analytics, data management and organization, and risk and simulation modeling. The program allows students to take classes from anywhere in the world without the feeling that professors and colleagues are distant. University of Nebraska is a fully accredited institution. In addition to accreditation, the school ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 139th best national university and 115th best value institution.

#2 – University of North Carolina
Online Master's in Business Analytics
Wilmington, North Carolina



UNCW's

online business analytics programs – Ranked and accredited.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,367

University of North Carolina Wilmington's master's in business analytics online program gives students the skills needed to navigate modern strategies within the business and business analytics fields. In as few as 12 months, students can earn a master's in business analytics degree online from UNCW's Cameron School of Business. Flexibly designed coursework covers topics like applications of business analytics, case studies in business analytics, descriptive analytics, and programming for analytics. The program moves at a rigorous pace and does not require GMAT or GRE test scores for admission. UNCW ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 185th best national university and 183rd best value school.

#1 – University of Nevada
Online Master's in Business Analytics
Reno, Nevada



University of Nevada, Reno

#1 most affordable master's in business analytics online program – found at University of Nevada.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: Total program tuition is \$29,700

University of Nevada offers the most affordable online master's in business analytics program on our list. Flexible coursework delivered 100% online and AACSB-accreditation are just some of the benefits offered by the online master's in business analytics. In addition to flexible class scheduling, the program provides three different start dates each year. Students may jump in during those times and begin earning credit toward their graduate degree. Classes include applied data science, business analysis methods, data transformation and SQL, enterprise processes and analytics, and predictive modeling and data mining. The University of Nevada ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 240th best national university.

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Top 50 Most Affordable Online Executive MBA Programs Methodology

We looked at 216 colleges and universities listed by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) College Navigator that offered executive MBA online degree programs. We narrowed our original pool of schools by applying the following criteria: national or regional accreditation, at least one ranking with a major publication like U.S. News and World Report, and graduate tuition/fees less than \$23,500. We then listed the top 50 programs according to raw affordability.

Below is our list of the top 50 most affordable online executive MBA degree programs of 2021.

#50 – New Jersey Institute of Technology
Online Executive MBA
Newark, New Jersey



The executive MBA online at New Jersey Institute of Technology blends innovative technology and strategic management.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$23,828

Administered through the Martin Tuchman School of Management, the executive MBA online at New Jersey Institute of Technology blends innovative technology with strategic management. The program blends in-person and online learning using a cohort model. The culmination of the program is a 9-day international study tour with classmates and professors. Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the program has been training business professionals for more than 30 years. Graduates have gone on to top positions in firms across the globe. New Jersey Institute of Technology is ranked in multiple U.S. News and World Report categories including #54 in top public schools.

#49 – Duquesne University
Online Professional MBA
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



professional MBA at Duquesne University.

Earn an online

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$23,580

Individuals seeking an online professional MBA may be interested in the STEM-oriented professional MBA from Duquesne University that trains graduates in technical skills needed to thrive in today's data-driven, global environment. The program is designated for working professionals and gives them the option to complete the program in a hybrid or completely online format. For an additional 10.5 credits, students can add an analytics and information management or supply chain management certificate. Admission requirements include transcripts, test scores (waivers available), three recommendations, an essay, and resume. Duquesne ranks #51 in best value schools and #80 in best online graduate business programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#48 – Marquette University
Online Executive MBA
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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Finish the online

EMBA at Marquette University in just 17 months.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$21,060

Marquette University offers an executive MBA online for working professionals that can be completed in just 17 months. The program uses a hybrid model with class meetings every other Saturday, along with an international trip to China. All other components of the program are delivered online. Courses include accounting for managerial decisions, corporate social responsibility and applied ethics, and leading people and change in organizations. Applications are evaluated throughout the year with acceptance decisions occurring quickly until the class is filled. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree with at least five years of managerial experience. Marquette ranks #88 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#47 – Quinnipiac University

Online Professional MBA

Hamden, Connecticut

Quinnipiac university

Offering an

online professional MBA for working professionals! Quinnipiac University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,730

The Quinnipiac School of Business offers an online professional MBA for working professionals that can be completed in less than two years attending part-time. Admission requirements include three references, resume, personal statement, and transcripts. GRE and GMAT waivers are available for those with five years of post bachelor's professional experience showing increasing responsibilities or those with a master's/JD degree. Courses include data mining, financial decision-making, leading organizational change, and project management. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and is ranked as the number one MBA program in Connecticut by U.S. News and World Report.

#46 – University of Virginia

Online Executive MBA

Charlottesville, Virginia



accredited! University of Virginia's online EMBA.

Ranked and

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,628

Administered by the world-class Darden School of Business, the University of Virginia offers an online executive MBA that is second to none. The program uses a hybrid model to deliver courses and programming. The program's base is the DC Metro area located near Reagan National Airport. All students engage in one international experience in countries such as Argentina, Germany, Japan, Ghana, Israel, and more. Admission requires transcripts, test scores, resume, and short answer essays. Test score waivers are administered on a case-by-case basis. The University of Virginia ranks in several U.S. News and World Report categories including #4 in top public schools and #7 in business programs.

#45 – Loyola University
Online Executive MBA
Chicago, Illinois



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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

Website

20

months to finish the executive MBA online program at Loyola!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$19,498

Loyola University of Chicago ranks #45 on our list of online EMBA programs based on its quality curriculum and affordable tuition. The program is housed in the Quinlan School of Business and blends in-person meetings with online instruction. The program also features an international experience. Students can graduate in just 20 months. In addition to core classes, students can choose from specialty tracks in business analytics, human resource management, international business, leadership, and management. In-person classes are held in downtown Chicago, two blocks from the Magnificent Mile. Loyola University of Chicago ranks #112 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#44 – Michigan State University
Online Executive MBA
East Lansing, Michigan

Website



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Michigan State

University's online EMBA offers two hybrid completion pathways.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$18,858

Housed within the Eli Broad College of Business, the Michigan State University online executive MBA offers two hybrid formats for its 20-month executive MBA. Students can choose from traditional bi-weekly classes or a flex option in-person classes just once per month. The program focuses on essential and high-level business skills along with leadership, all within a team environment. Along with individual learning, students engage in several team-based experiences that provide leadership development and collaboration. Candidates are required to have a bachelor's degree to apply. No test scores are required. Michigan State University is ranked in 25 U.S. News and World Report categories including #32 in top public schools.

#43 – Creighton University

Online Executive MBA

Omaha, Nebraska



Affordability and

prestige! Creighton University's online EMBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,898

Ranking #43 on our list of online EMBA programs, the Creighton program is specifically for healthcare workers seeking to build their leadership skills in preparation for top management positions. Candidates should possess a bachelor's or terminal degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA. In addition, applicants must have at least five years of management experience or clinical practice in a healthcare setting. No test scores are required although applicants can submit scores as part of their package. Courses within the 45-credit program include business and leadership courses such as executive leadership and organizational behavior, legal and ethical considerations in healthcare management, and quality and performance improvement in healthcare. U.S. News and World Report ranks Creighton #112 in national universities.

#42 – Saint Joseph's University

Online Executive MBA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



University's executive MBA online program is designed for working students.

Saint Joseph's

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$17,334

Saint Joseph's University's executive MBA online program is designated for existing professionals seeking to develop their management and strategy skills that align with top business positions across a variety of contexts. The program offers a 20-month track or a 12-month accelerated option. The program is managed by the Haub School of Business and features an international experience exposing students to the cultural, managerial, and political influences that drive global business. Applicants must possess at least five years of professional experience with a track record of increasing responsibilities and high performance. Saint Joseph's ranks #8 in top regional universities North by U.S. News and World Report.

#41 – University of Hawaii

Online Executive MBA

Honolulu, Hawaii



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News! University of Hawaii – a top school for an online EMBA.

Ranked by U.S.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$16,814

The Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawaii offers an online executive MBA with two tracks in health care or travel industry management. The program uses a cohort model where students navigate the program together in a lock step sequence. In addition to twice weekly in-person courses, students also participate in a five-day intensive residential experience. Application requirements include 3.0 GPA, test scores (GMAT/GRE/EA), resume, personal statement, and two letters of recommendation. Applications are evaluated holistically. Core classes include accounting for decision-making, data analytics and statistics for business, and micro- and macro-economic foundations for managers. The University of Hawaii is ranked #170 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#40 – University of Toledo

Online Executive MBA

Toledo, Ohio



University of Toledo.

12-month executive MBA online!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$15,809

Landing at #40 on our list of most affordable online EMBA programs, the University of Toledo offers a rapid-paced 12-month program through its College of Business and Innovation. The hybrid model requires students to meet for in-person classes on Fridays and Saturdays one weekend per month augmented by online instruction. The program welcomes people with a bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of three to five years of experience in business with management responsibilities. Test scores are not required for executive programs. The University of Toledo ranks #298 in national universities and #154 in top public schools according to U.S. News and World Report.

#39 – The University of Texas at Dallas

Online Executive MBA

Richardson, Texas



Ranked and

accredited! UT Dallas offers affordable online EMBA programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,874

Through its Naveen Jindal School of Management, the University of Texas at Dallas offers one of the top ranked executive MBA online programs in the country based on its affordable tuition and flexible course scheduling. The cohort model features Saturday-only classes augmented with online coursework that provides busy working professionals with the flexibility they need and rigor they demand. Core classes include, but are not limited to, business economics, managing information technology in the analytics age, organizational behavior, and statistics and data analytics. UT Dallas is ranked in nine U.S. News and World Report categories including #68 in social mobility and #65 in top public schools.

Featured Programs

#38 – University of Kentucky

Online Professional MBA

Lexington, Kentucky



professional MBA online at University of Kentucky!

Earn a

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,404

Through its Gatton College of Business and Economics, the University of Kentucky offers an online professional MBA offered in 20- and 32-month iterations. The new real-time online model allows students to attend traditional, live classes from any computer with an internet connection. In addition to the course curriculum, students can earn add-on certificates in Project Management, Lean Six Sigma, or Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Admission requirements include test scores, transcripts, bachelor's degree, personal statement, resume, and one letter of recommendation. GMAT/GRE waivers are available for those who qualify. Kentucky ranks #133 in national universities according to U.S. News and World Report.

#37 – The University of Tennessee

Online Professional MBA

Knoxville, Tennessee



Tennessee Knoxville offers an online professional MBA designed for busy, working students

University of

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,380

The Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee Knoxville offers an online professional MBA designed for busy working professionals seeking a graduate degree leading to increased career opportunities. The admission process requires students to have an accredited degree with a 2.7 GPA and at least five years of professional work experience with significant work accolades. Test scores are required with waivers for those who qualify. The coursework uses an integrated approach and teaches students advanced concepts in accounting, economics, finance, leadership, and more. The program takes 16 months to complete. The University of Tennessee Knoxville ranks #161 in top public schools by U.S. News and World Report.

#36 – University of Arizona
Online Executive MBA
Tucson, Arizona



Arizona offers an EMBA online degree that's affordable and accredited.

University of

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,271

The Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona offers an EMBA online degree featuring two-day on-campus courses per month along with online classes. The program is reserved for those with a minimum of seven years of post-bachelor degree experience. Applicants with fewer years may be considered if they show considerable talent and leadership potential with tangible evidence. Courses include applied business statistics, communication for managers, economics for managers, and leadership in organizations. As the flagship institution in Arizona, the university ranks in 13 U.S. News and World Report categories including #40 in top public schools and #121 in best value schools.

#35 – Washington State University
Online Executive MBA
Pullman, Washington



WSU's executive

MBA online program is 100% online!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$13,095

Washington State University offers an executive MBA online for individuals who have established themselves as managers and are seeking advanced training for top positions. The program is 100% online with options for an international experience and a leadership conference. Students can meet all program requirements without partaking in these two optional activities. If accepted, students can graduate in as little as 16 months. Applicants are required to have a bachelor's degree and management experience. No test scores are required to apply and be admitted. Washington State University's online MBA program ranks #20 in the entire nation according to U.S. News and World Report.

#34 – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Online Executive MBA

Indiana, Pennsylvania



Indiana

University of Pennsylvania – a top school for an online EMBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,744

Indiana University of Pennsylvania offers an online executive MBA through its Eberly College of Business, which features a hybrid model that blends online and in-person learning for a convenient yet challenging experience. In addition, the program provides excellent networking and teamwork experiences through its cohort-based model where applicants navigate the entire program with the same group of students. Students of the program are actively recruited by some of the top employers in the region and world including BNY Mellon, IBM, Ernst & Young, Deloitte & Touche, and more. Indiana University of Pennsylvania is ranked in multiple categories by U.S. News and World Report including #144 in top public schools.

#33 – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Online Executive MBA

Chapel Hill, North Carolina



UNC Chapel Hill

ranks among the top schools for executive MBA online programs.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$12,522

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ranks as one of the most affordable online EMBA programs in the country. The program is widely considered as the top academic program in the country by several publications and peer institutions. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and a minimum of two years of professional experience. Those with five or more years of post-bachelor degree work experience are granted a test score waiver. The program length ranges from

18-36 months. Students can choose from concentrations in data analytics and decision-making, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, or strategy and consulting. The University of North Carolina ranks #1 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#32 – James Madison University

Online Executive MBA

Harrisonburg, Virginia

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accredited! James Madison's EMBA online program.

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Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,976

James Madison University offers an executive MBA online for individuals with mid-management experience and at least two years of professional work history. Admission requirements include GMAT score, bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, resume, and two letters of recommendation. A bachelor's degree in business is not required. Ideal candidates possess a minimum GPA of 3.0 and GMAT scores of at least 530. Students with non-business bachelor degrees are required to take undergraduate courses in accounting, economics, and statistics. James Madison is a highly respected institution in the region and ranks #3 in regional universities South and #26 in top online MBA programs.

#31 – Ottawa University

Online Executive MBA

Ottawa, Kansas



News! Ottawa University – a top choice for an online EMBA.

Ranked by U.S.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,770

Working professionals seeking an EMBA online degree may find the Ottawa University program a good fit due to its challenging coursework and flexible course delivery. The program offers a hybrid model that requires students to be on campus one weekend every eight weeks. The 42-hour program offers four concentrations including business data analytics, health care management, information technology, and operational effectiveness. Courses may include managerial economics, organizational behavior and theory, and value systems and professional ethics. The program is designed for mid-level and senior-level executives. The typical candidate has a minimum of ten years of experience. Ottawa University ranks #49 in regional universities Midwest by U.S. News and World Report.

#30 – Kent State University

Online Executive MBA

Kent, Ohio



Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,766

Kent State University offers an online executive MBA accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business that can be completed in just 19 months. The hybrid format requires in-person classes just once per month, with the rest of the curriculum online. The program requires

seven years of professional experience and has a streamlined admission process where test score waivers are typically given so applicants can save time and money on test preparation. Applicants with non-business bachelor degrees are encouraged to apply and may need to take prerequisite courses. Kent State is ranked #217 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#29 – North Carolina State University

Online Professional MBA

Raleigh, North Carolina



NC State's online

EMBA is top-ranked and affordable.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,673

North Carolina State University offers an online professional MBA through its Jenkins School of Business that can be completed in a hybrid format or entirely online in as few as 21 months. The program evaluates applicants on a holistic basis by looking at more than just test scores and GPAs. Candidates must submit a resume, personal statement, essays, and two recommendations. Some candidates may be invited to participate in an admission interview. Course requirements include critical thinking for managers, data driven managerial decisions, financial management of courses, and operations and supply chain management. NC State is ranked #16 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#28 – Faulkner University

Online Executive MBA

Montgomery, Alabama



Affordability!

Faulkner's online executive MBA!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,530

Faulkner University, a private Christian liberal arts institution, offers an affordable and accelerated online executive MBA that can be completed in just one year. The program consists of ten five-week courses that can be taken one at a time. Application requirements include a regionally accredited bachelor's degree, 2.5 GPA, and a resume detailing education and work experience. The program specializes in the importance of ethics in business and blends a corporate ethos within a Christian foundation. Classes may include international management perspectives, management information systems, legal environment in business, and strategic management. Faulkner ranks #103 in regional universities South by U.S. News and World Report.

#27 – Auburn University

Online Executive MBA

Auburn, Alabama



Auburn

University – a top choice for an online EMBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,504

Auburn University offers a top-rated EMBA online degree that combines online classes, short on-campus residencies, and an international experience. The comprehensive program structure means graduates leave the program with a deep sense of their leadership capacity combined with strong business and analytical skills. Applicants must have a minimum of eight years of professional

business experience. In addition to core classes, students can specialize in their second year by taking classes in cybersecurity management, healthcare, leadership, and operations. Auburn University is ranked in 13 U.S. News and World Report categories including #35 in most innovative schools and #20 in best online MBA programs.

#26 – Friends University

Online Professional MBA

Wichita, Kansas



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University offers an online professional MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,358

Friends University offers an online professional MBA for working professionals seeking the convenience of distance education courses and the rigor of an accredited graduate business degree. Students can choose from seven in-demand concentrations including, but not limited to, accounting, change management, finance, human resources, project management, and supply chain management. Moreover, once matriculated into the program, students begin working on their career plan, which defines their career trajectory during and after the program. The entire program can be completed online in just a period of 15 months. Friends University is ranked #187 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#25 – Tennessee State University

Online Executive MBA

Nashville, Tennessee



Only 12 months

for the EMBA online degree at Tennessee State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,286

Landing at #25 on our list of most affordable online executive MBA programs, Tennessee State University's program can be completed in just 12 months and operates using a hybrid model that mixes convenient in-person classes with online coursework. Students navigate the program in a single cohort that develops close community and networking among peers and professors. The highlight of the program is a 10-day international residency that broadens business and leadership understanding within a global context. Courses are taken in a specific sequence and include accounting and business decisions, behavior in organizations, legal issues in management, and management and evaluation of information systems. Tennessee State ranks #298 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

Featured Programs

#24 – Kansas State University

Online Professional MBA

Manhattan, Kansas



Affordable

online professional MBA – Kansas State University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,277

Kansas State University offers an online professional MBA that ranks as one of the top in the nation. The program courses are taught by the same faculty members that teach the on-campus MBA. The 36-credit program requires applicants to have an undergraduate business degree or have successfully passed two undergraduate economics courses, two undergraduate statistics courses, and business calculus. Students who qualify may have the degree reduced to 30 credits. In addition to online classes, students have the opportunity to take a faculty-led international trip. Kansas State University ranks #170 in national universities and #35 in best online MBA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#23 – Florida International University

Online Executive MBA

Miami, Florida



FIU's online

EMBA takes 16 months to complete.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,106

Florida International University offers one of the top online EMBA programs featuring affordable tuition and flexible coursework. The 16-month program is designed for experienced decision-makers ready to take the next step in their careers. Five years of management experience is required. Classes are held three Saturdays per month and focus on themes such as big data analytics, critical and integrative thinking, and personal and organizational leadership. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and has garnered a strong reputation among its academic peers and supporting business partners. FIU ranks #59 in top online MBA programs and #14 in best online master's in business programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#22 – Bethel University

Online Executive MBA

McKenzie, Tennessee



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100% online

EMBA! Bethel University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$11,034

Bethel University's EMBA online degree features a 21-month course structure that focuses on developing experienced decision-makers into top executives able to lead at the highest level through critical thinking, strategic decision-making, and ethical processes. Classes are writing-based and may be taken one at a time or concurrently, depending on the student's schedule. The 36-credit program features courses such as business ethics, managerial accounting, marketing management, and strategy and managerial decision-making. No GRE or GMAT test scores are required to apply. Applicants must possess an accredited bachelor's degree. Bethel University ranks #196 in national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

#21 – The University of Alabama

Online Executive MBA

Tuscaloosa, Alabama



University of

Alabama offers one of the best online EMBA programs in the country!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,780

The Culverhouse College of Business at the University of Alabama offers one of the best online EMBA programs in the country for working professionals seeking advanced career and academic training at an affordable price. The admission standards include an undergraduate degree with a 3.0 GPA as well as five years of professional work experience and active support from a current employer. Applicants with GPAs below 3.0 are welcome to apply by submitting GMAT or GRE scores at or above the 50th percentile. The 16-course, 48-credit degree focuses on advanced business and leadership topics and skills required to lead complex organizations in a global environment. Students work both individuals and in teams on various case studies, projects, and simulations. Alabama ranks #31 in best online master's in business programs by U.S. News and World Report.

#20 – University of Missouri

Online Executive MBA

Columbia, Missouri



Mizzou

University of Missouri

A 21-month

EMBA online program! University of Missouri.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$10,478

University of Missouri offers an affordable executive MBA online program that takes approximately 21 months to complete. The blended, 48-credit program requires minimal campus visits and offers mostly online courses. Courses run eight weeks in length and covers topics like business analytics, finance and economics, leadership development, organizational behavior, and strategy and innovation. Admission to the University of Missouri online EMBA requires at least five years of professional experience. Also, applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university and be currently employment. The university ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 124th best national university.

#19 – Purdue University

Online Executive MBA

West Lafayette, Indiana



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®Purdue offers a

fast-paced online EMBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,992

Purdue University's online executive MBA program combines a mix of online classes with infrequent in-person classes designed for busy and working professionals. The program consists of 48 credit hours and takes 19 months to complete. Courses cover a wide range of advanced business topics like corporate governance, IT and leadership, mergers and acquisitions, and negotiations. Admission to the Purdue EMBA requires a completed online application, current professional resumé, two professional recommendations, and official transcripts. Purdue's name is synonymous with academic excellence. In fact, the school is fully accredited and ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report.

#18 – Ohio University

Online Professional MBA

Athens, Ohio



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Ohio University – 100%

online professional MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,720

Whether you're seeking an executive MBA online or professional MBA program, Ohio University offers a flexible degree suited for individuals with business career aspirations. The program offers 100% online coursework, eight optional concentrations, and requires no GMAT for admission. Concentration options allow students to tailor their degree toward areas of interest. Concentrations include accounting, business analytics, executive management, and health care, to name a few. For those interested in online EMBA options, the program offers courses like ethics in global environment, leadership and change management, and prescriptive analytics. Ohio University ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 176th best national university and 118th best value school. Also, the online MBA programs rank #94 out of more than 1,200 programs surveyed.

#17 – Louisiana Tech University

Online Professional MBA

Ruston, Louisiana



Louisiana Tech's online EMBA.

Affordability!

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,603

Louisiana Tech University offers an affordable professional MBA that can be completed online. With conveniently designed classes and structure, the online professional MBA program is ideal for those working in business. Online courses cover topics like accounting analysis for decision-making, financial management, global perspective in management, organizational behavior, and strategic management. Admission to the program is competitive and applicants will need to meet the

minimum undergraduate GPA requirement of 3.2. LTU ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as a top national university and public school. Also, the online MBA programs rank #150 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs.

#16 – University of New Orleans

Online Executive MBA

New Orleans, Louisiana



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Fully accredited!

University of New Orleans – online executive MBA program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$9,108

The University of New Orleans offers an affordable executive MBA online program committed to professionals seeking leadership and executive positions. Classes take place on alternating weekends for approximately 15 and ½ months. Through a combination of online learning and hybrid courses, students earn their executive MBA efficiently and conveniently. Courses cover topics like digital economy, financial management, managerial economics, operations management, strategic marketing management, and survey of decision-making tools. Seminars and special topics courses are also available. University of New Orleans ranks with U.S. News and World Report as a top national university and is fully accredited.

#15 – University of Arkansas

Online Executive MBA

Fayetteville, Arkansas



The online executive MBA program at University of Arkansas is for working professionals.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,841

The online executive MBA program at University of Arkansas consists of 38 credit hours, which take 24 months to complete. The affordable online program is ideally designed for working professionals. Online classes and a single Saturday meeting on campus per month allow students to achieve their EMBA goals. Also available are several focus areas that allow students to tailor their EMBA toward career goals and interests. Concentrations include business analytics, finance, innovation and entrepreneurship, retail, and supply chain. Admission requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and five years of work experience preferred. With the preferred work experience, a GMAT or GRE waiver may be offered. According to U.S. News and World Report, University of Arkansas ranks #160 in best national universities.

#14 – Southeastern Louisiana University

Online Executive MBA

Hammond, Louisiana

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

accredited – Southeastern Louisiana University’s online EMBA.

AACSB-

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,826

Southeastern Louisiana University offers a cheap executive MBA online program that is AACSB-accredited. The hybrid degree requires 60% face-to-face and 40% online classes; however, classes meet on Saturdays only. The program is designed for working professionals and takes approximately 17 months to finish. A general EMBA is offered, as well as concentrations in accounting, finance, and health care management. Some of the general courses offered through the program cover topics like business policy and strategy, financial policies, and organizational theory and behavior. According to U.S. News and World Report, SLU ranks #99 in best regional universities in the South and #47 in top public schools.

Featured Programs

#13 – University of Oklahoma

Online Executive MBA

Norman, Oklahoma



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

A fast-paced

EMBA online program! University of Oklahoma.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,577

At the University of Oklahoma, eligible students may earn an online EMBA in Energy. The uniquely designed EMBA takes 15 months to earn and focuses on the energy management industry, especially oil and gas management. To accommodate schedules of working professionals, the program is delivered almost entirely online. However, three face-to-face week-long residencies take place on campus. Admission requires a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and eight or more years of progressive work experience. Three of the eight years must take place in the energy industry. University of Oklahoma ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 133rd best national university and 167th best value school.

#12 – University of Colorado

Online Executive MBA

Denver, Colorado



University of Colorado Denver

affordable online EMBA.

UC Denver – an

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,069

University of Colorado's online executive MBA consists of 48 credits that can be completed as a hybrid program. What makes UC's MBA program unique is the health administration focus designed for students seeking business careers in health care management. Core courses cover business topics like corporate finance, ethics and health law, healthcare marketing, information systems, management accounting, and supply chain management. During the final semester, students complete a capstone course and case-based project evaluating two healthcare systems. UC Denver ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as the 227th best national university and 113th top public school.

#11 – Sam Houston State University

Online Executive MBA

Huntsville, Texas



Sam Houston State University

U.S. News and World Report! A top school for EMBA online programs.

SHSU ranks with

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$8,016

One of the most affordable executive MBA online programs on our list is offered by Sam Houston State University. The uniquely designed program emphasizes banking and financial institutions and prepares students for leadership positions in this industry. The program consists of 36 credit hours and classes delivered entirely online. Classes cover topics like accounting for management, financial statement analysis, managerial communication, problems in administrative finance, and techniques

of statistical analysis. Admission to the online EMBA requires an earned bachelor's from an accredited college or university with a 2.5 or better GPA. Three years of work experience is also required. SHSU ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 272nd best national university and 136th top public school.

#10 – University of Central Oklahoma

Online Professional MBA

Edmond, Oklahoma



online PMBA! University of Central Oklahoma.

An affordable

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,853

The University of Central Oklahoma offers an affordable online professional MBA designed for those seeking executive MBA online programs. The online PMBA meets the demands of today's working professionals. Courses follow an eight-week model and are delivered entirely online. Courses cover topics like building effective teams, business law concepts for the workplace, decision making in marketing, leading people in organizations, project and program management, and strategic management. Requirements for admission include a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and competitive GRE or GMAT scores. University of Central Oklahoma ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 68th best regional university in the West and 32nd top public school.

#9 – Prairie View A & M University
Online Executive MBA
Prairie View, Texas



Affordability!

Prairie View A & M University – online executive MBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,629

At Prairie View A & M University, students may earn a fast-track online EMBA designed to meet career goals in business. All business degree programs at PVAMU, including the online EMBA, are accredited by AACSB International. The distinction is considered the gold standard of business school accreditation. In addition to receiving this distinction, PVAMU has earned rankings with U.S. News and World Report. Rankings include #95-#124 in best regional universities in the West and #50-#66 in top public schools. Eligibility for admission to the EMBA online program requires an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and minimum 2.75 undergraduate GPA. Also required are 3-5 years of managerial or leadership experience.

#8 – University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Online Executive MBA
Wilmington, North Carolina



12-months EMBA online.

UNCW offers a

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,457

The online EMBA programs at University of North Carolina include the general executive MBA and MBAs with specializations. UNCW offers specializations in business analytics, finance, healthcare management, international business, marketing, and supply chain management. All programs consist of 42 credits and can be completed in just 12 months, making the EMBA at UNCW one of the fastest programs on our list. Curriculum is designed with career advancement in mind and formatted for working professionals. Required courses cover topics like corporate finance, economics, information analysis and management, and strategic management. Admission requires five years of professional work experience preferred, though two is acceptable, and two letters of recommendation. According to U.S. News and World Report, UNCW ranks #187 in best national universities.

#7 – University of North Alabama
Online Executive MBA
Florence, Alabama



University of

North Alabama offers a cheap online EMBA.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$7,200

One of the most affordable online executive MBA programs on our list is found at University of North Alabama. For less than \$7,500 per year, students may earn their online EMBA. This convenient and flexible business program offers five start dates per year and eight-week long courses. A unique feature of the program is its accreditation. Only 5% of programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and University of North Alabama has received this honor. Also, the school has received rankings with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. These rankings include #40 in best regional universities in the South, #40 in best value schools, and #157 out of 1,200 in best online MBA programs.

#6 – Texas Southern University

Online Executive MBA

Houston, Texas



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Unique EMBA

online findings at Texas Southern University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,811

Texas Southern University's executive MBA online program integrates curriculum that explores relevant issues and topics addressed by today's business executives. There are two types of EMBA completion pathways: the general business EMBA, and the energy finance EMBA. Classes are administered through virtual classrooms, live chats, and online lectures. Applications for admission are reviewed on an ongoing basis. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and have five years of progressive work experience at the management or supervisory level. TSU is fully accredited and ranked with major publications like U.S. News and World Report. TSU's rankings include #298-#389 in best national universities and #154-#209 in top public schools.

#5 – The University of Texas at El Paso

Online Executive MBA

El Paso, Texas



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TEXAS AT EL PASO

The University

of Texas at El Paso offers an executive MBA online 16-month program.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,744

The University of Texas at El Paso offers an executive MBA online program designed as a 16-month cohort-based hybrid degree. As a cohort-based program, admission is competitive. The cohort takes 20-30 students at a time and is kept small on purpose. Courses cover advanced business topics relevant to executives. These courses include accounting analysis, business law and ethics, issues in corporate governance, managerial economics, and special topics in international business. UTEP

ranks with major publications like U.S. News and World Report as a top national university. Additional rankings include #90 in top performers on social mobility and #154-#209 in top public schools.

#4 – Florida Atlantic University

Online Executive MBA

Boca Raton, Florida



23-months to

earn the online EMBA at Florida Atlantic University.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,693

Florida Atlantic University offers online EMBA programs that are affordable and accredited. The FAU online EMBA takes 23 months to complete and is specifically designed for working business professionals. The program also offers several specializations for those interested in areas of business analytics, finance, health administration, international business, and operations management, to name a few. Classes cover topics like corporate financial management, global management strategy and policy, leadership and organizations, management of information systems and technology, and marketing management in a global environment. Florida Atlantic University ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 272nd best national university and 136th top public school.

#3 – University of Wyoming

Online Executive MBA

Laramie, Wyoming



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

University of

Wyoming's executive online MBA is 100% online.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$6,289

One of the most affordable executive MBA online programs on our list is offered by University of Wyoming. Open to experienced business professionals, the program is ideal for working students. The EMBA program is AACSB-accredited and delivered 100% online. Completion time is two years. Admission to the University of Wyoming EMBA program requires an accredited bachelor's degree and five or more years of progressive, full-time work experience. Three or more years must be spent in a supervisory role. University of Wyoming ranks with U.S. News and World Report as the 196th best national university and 100th top public school.

#2 – University of the Cumberlands

Online Executive MBA

Williamsburg, Kentucky

Website

UNIVERSITY *of the* CUMBERLANDS

The University

of the Cumberlands offers an online executive MBA that's highly affordable.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,970

The University of the Cumberlands offers an online executive MBA through the Robert W. Plaster Graduate School of Business. The program offers online courses that cover topics like managerial accounting, managerial finance, marketing management, and organizational behavior. Admission to the EMBA program requires an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. According to U.S. News and World Report, the University of the Cumberlands ranks #298-#389 in best national universities and #237 in top performers on social mobility. The institution is fully accredited.

#1 – University of Nevada
Online Executive MBA
Reno, Nevada



#1 most

affordable executive MBA online program – University of Nevada.

Graduate Tuition/Fees: \$5,931

University of Nevada’s online executive MBA is one of the top online MBA programs in the country and the #1 most affordable online EMBA on our list. In fact, U.S. News ranks the program #67 out of more than 1,200 surveyed programs. Also, the University of Nevada Reno ranks #2227 in best national universities and #113 in top public institutions. UNR’s EMBA program offers 12 courses and rigorous study. Classes cover topics like economics of the firm, financial reporting and analysis, marketing management, statistics for decision-making, and strategic management for executives. To qualify for admission, applicants must have five or more years of professional work experience beyond undergraduate studies.

Frequently Asked Questions

What can you do with an executive MBA online degree?

Executives and managers are the brains behind the business plans, policies, and strategies of companies and organizations. While top executives usually begin their careers as business professionals, they move up the ladder with adequate experience and education.

Students enrolled in executive MBA programs gain an edge over competition with only an MBA degree. Students who complete an online EMBA program will be qualified for a range of leadership positions. Available career paths for graduates of EMBA online programs are as follows:

- **Advertising and marketing managers**

With an EMBA, you might qualify for an advertising, marketing, or promotion manager positions. These niche managers handle the creativity behind marketing campaigns and promotions, generating buzz for business, services, and goods.

- **Financial managers and executives**

Financial managers are responsible for handling and overseeing the financial activities of their organizations. They also create and ensure adherence to short- and long-term budgets while handling financial and investment concerns.

- **Human resource managers**

A human resource manager with an EMBA leads organizations on their HR efforts. They often oversee recruitment and hiring, professional development, and other human resource operations.

- **Top executives**

Top executives or CEOs and COOs are the upper-level leaders of an organization. They oversee budget planning, finances, marketing, and supply chain, as well as other niche areas of business within the organization.

What is the job outlook for individuals with an executive MBA online degree?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment in business and financial occupations is projected to grow five percent through 2029. The percentage is faster than the average for all occupations and adds over 476,000 new jobs to the industry.

Top executives should also see a favorable job outlook. In fact, BLS reports the overall employment of top executives is projected to grow four percent between 2019 and 2029.

The greatest projected growth is with general and operations managers. A growth of six percent is expected for this niche of business, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. As organizations continue to rely on operations managers to help them operate successfully, positions will open up.

Approximately 218,000 job openings for top executives are projected each year. What draws individuals to top executive jobs is the high earnings potential and prestige associated with these positions. To qualify for a top executive job, one must hold an advanced business degree, such as the online EMBA. Individuals with an advanced degree and years of managerial experience will have the best job prospects. As workers retire or transfer to different occupations or organizations, openings for top executive positions will arise.

How much money can I earn with an executive MBA online degree?

Top executives earn a considerable wage. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports the median annual wage for chief executives was close to \$185,000 in May 2019. The highest ten percent of earners in chief and top executive positions made over \$208,000 annually.

With an executive MBA online degree, you may qualify for management positions. While top executive positions require substantial experience, sometimes more than ten years, operations and general management positions require less. However, operations and general managers still make six figures. In fact, BLS reports the median annual wage for general and operations managers in May

2019 was just over \$100,000. While the lowest ten percent of earners made \$45,000, the highest ten percent earned more than \$208,000.

The pay varies for top executives by industry. BLS reports the top-paying industries as follows:

Manufacturing
Professional, scientific, and technical services
Healthcare and social assistance
Government

Earnings for the above business industries were as follows:

Top executives in manufacturing earned \$208,000 or more.
Top executives in professional, scientific, and technical services earned \$208,000 or more.
Top executives in healthcare and social assistance earned an average of \$166,140.
Top executives in government earned \$110,230.

Are there professional associations I can join while enrolled in online executive MBA programs?

Students enrolled in online executive MBA programs are not traditional students. To be eligible for admission to an EMBA online program, you must be employed as a professional or have completed at least five years of professional business employment. As a working professional and an EMBA student, you may be eligible to join a professional association. Benefits of joining an association include gaining access to resources and a host of services. Below are three professional associations for EMBA online students.

- **Association of MBAs**

The London-based consortium is one of the only professional association with MBA students, graduates, schools, and employers as members from all over the world. In fact, the AMBA includes 200 accredited business schools worldwide. Through this extensive network, members gain access to the AMBA career center and a large number of professional development courses.

- **Executive MBA Council**

The EMBAC has over 330 members and acts as a global voice for the EMBA industry. Access to networking opportunities and industry events makes the EMBAC a reputable association to join.

- **National Association of Women MBAs**

Geared toward recognition and a strong female presence in today's business world, the NAWMBA supports its members through an annual national conference. Also, throughout the year, the NAWMBA sponsors local chapter meetings and networking opportunities.

What coursework will I take while earning my online EMBA?

Courses in executive MBA online programs vary by school, but overall, curriculum adheres to the same principles of preparing business professionals for advanced careers and leadership roles. While traditional MBA programs focus on the foundations and fundamentals of business, EMBA programs teach students how to apply business practices to their current organizations.

In most online EMBA programs, students complete core coursework in areas like entrepreneurship, international business strategies, management, marketing, and team building, to name a few. Some

programs offer electives that explore niche business areas like accounting, finance, and human resources.

Also, some EMBA programs offer concentrations designed for students to tailor their degree toward areas of interest. You might find concentrations in business analytics, business venturing, executive management, finance, health administration, operations and supply chain management, or strategic selling. Students must take a certain number of classes (usually two or three) that dive deeper into an area of focus.

EMBA programs differ from traditional MBA programs with respect to course requirements and content. While MBA programs focus on fundamental concepts and business theories, EMBA programs offer study that applies to real-world framework. EMBA courses are designed to prepare the student to become an effective leader in the corporate world.

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