

# The College of Business

## Graduate Programs

Lander University offers graduate business degree programs leading to the Master of Science in Management and the Master of Business Administration with micro-credentials. Students who complete the MBA degree earn two micro-credentials selected from among six available micro-credentials. The possible micro-credentials are (a) Business Analytics, (b) Supply Chain and Operations Management, (c) Digital Marketing, (d) Financial Development, (e) Organizational Leadership, and (f) Healthcare Management. Nondegree-seeking students can earn micro-credentials without completing the MBA and have the option to return to the MBA program later since these credentials are stackable toward degree completion.

### Admission to Graduate Business Programs

All applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. They must complete a Lander University admissions application and submit official transcripts of all institutions attended to the Office of Admissions.

The College of Business (COB) conducts an assessment inclusive of all applicant credentials to make its admission decision. The COB credits the amount of professional work experience along with prior college experience, and when needed, test scores. Work experience is not required for admission to the Master of Science in Management program. MBA applicants are expected to have at least two years of professional work experience. MBA applicants with less work experience are expected to have an outstanding undergraduate GPA.

Applicants who have earned an advanced degree (master's or doctorate) from an accredited institution or who have attained prior enrollment in a graduate program from an accredited institution that required submission of an acceptable GMAT/GRE score for admission are admitted directly into the MBA or MSM program.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission online. Requests for graduate application forms may also be addressed to the Office of Admissions, Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina 29649, 888-4-Lander (1-888-452-6337), or email [admissions@lander.edu](mailto:admissions@lander.edu).

**Grade Point Ratio** - Grade points in any course are computed by multiplying the number of credit hours assigned to the course by a number determined by the grade according to the following scale.

A = 4	D = 1
B = 3	F = 0
C = 2	FA = 0

The grade point ratio is determined by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credit hours for courses receiving any grade in the preceding list. The following grades do not affect the grade point ratio: AU, I, P, W.

**Grade Reports** - At the end of each semester, a report of grades is posted on Bearcat Web.

**Grade Appeals** - Lander University's Student Handbook includes provisions for grade appeals. Neither grade changes nor appeals for grade changes can be made after one calendar year from the time the grade was given. After graduation, no grade can be changed or appealed.

**Transcripts** - Requests for official transcripts of a student's record should be addressed to the Office of the Registrar. Procedures for requesting an official transcript can be found at:

<http://www.lander.edu/Academics/Registrars-Office/Transcripts>.

A transcript of a student's record carries the following information: admissions data; current status; a detailed statement of the scholastic record showing courses pursued with credit hours carried, credit hours earned, grades, grade points, the system of grading, all failures, incomplete grades, and academic penalties such as academic probation, suspension, or other restrictions. A student's official record concerns academic performance only. No partial record will be issued. No official transcript will be issued to or for a student who is indebted to Lander University.

**Transfer Credit**

Applicants may transfer up to six (6) graduate credit hours verified by an official transcript from an AACSB accredited graduate business school and approved by the Graduate Program Coordinator, Assistant Dean, or Dean of the College of Business. The transferred course credit must be commensurate with the Lander University course it is intended to replace. Only courses with grades of B or better can be transferred, and the courses must have been completed within six (6) years at the time of acceptance into the Lander University Graduate Business program.

**Program Completion**

To complete either degree program, MBA or MSM, candidates must earn 30 graduate credit hours and a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on all graduate work. Students completing the MSM can earn the MBA degree by completing 18 additional credit hours comprised of the five MBA core courses and the MBA capstone course. Students who complete the MBA first can earn the MSM by completing the additional 18 credit hours of MSM courses not taken as part of the MBA program. All coursework for either degree must be completed within a period of six years from the student's program start date. Nondegree-seeking students earning only micro-credentials can stack those courses toward the MBA or MSM to become degree-seeking later, but must complete their degree within a period of six years from starting their micro-credential coursework.