

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) DEGREE / MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUBSURFACE GEOSCIENCE (MSSG) DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MBA Degree

Upon completing the MBA degree, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding and application of the foundational frameworks and tools of all business disciplines, including accounting, finance, marketing, organizational behavior, and strategic management.
2. Develop, evaluate, and implement complex business strategies and operational solutions holistically, integrating management principles across the functional areas.
3. Function effectively in a team setting both as a leader and a contributor.

Program Learning Outcomes for the MSSG Degree

Upon completing the MSSG degree, students will be able to:

1. Become proficient in applying geological and geophysical knowledge and data management methods.
2. Develop business and management skills, and obtain practical skills valuable to the energy industry.
3. Develop written, oral, and visual communication skills to bridge the gap between science and business.

Requirements for the MBA/MSSG Coordinated Degrees Program

Students may earn a coordinated MBA degree and a Master of Science degree from the Wiess School of Natural Sciences Professional Science Master's (PSM) program in the following fields:

- Bioscience and Health Policy (MSBHP)
- Environmental Analysis (MSEA)
- Space Studies (MSSpS)
- Subsurface Geoscience (MSSG)

For the coordinated MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) program, students must complete:

- A minimum of 75 credit hours in approved coursework, including:
 - A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above) to satisfy the Professional Science Master's (PSM) degree requirements
 - A minimum of 30 credit hours in the corresponding science discipline
 - All PSM degree-specific requirements
 - A three to six month internship

- A minimum of 45 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above) to satisfy the MBA degree requirements
 - A minimum of 45 credit hours of business coursework
 - All MBA core requirements, the global field experience, custom core requirements, and coordinated elective requirements

Students plan their course schedules in consultation with the Wiess School of Natural Sciences PSM program director and with the Jones Graduate School of Business Registrar Department. Coordinated degrees candidates can fulfill requirements for both degrees within 3 academic years.

For general university requirements, see [Graduate Degrees \(https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees/). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see [All Graduate Students \(https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/). Candidates in the MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) program must complete all requirements as listed for both degrees, and must apply and be accepted in both degree programs.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this degree program. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the program's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department or program's Director of Graduate Studies. Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the department or program's [Official Certifier \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/). Additionally, these must be approved by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Coordinated Master of Science Degree	Minimum of 30
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Coordinated MBA Degree	Minimum of 45

Coordinated MBA Degree Requirements

Students in the coordinated MBA/Master of Engineering degrees program or in the coordinated MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) degrees program must complete the Core Requirements, Global Field Experience, and Custom Core Requirements of [the full-time MBA degree program \(https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/business/business-administration-mba-full-time/#requirementstext\)](https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/business/business-administration-mba-full-time/#requirementstext) and the Coordinated MBA Elective Requirements below.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Full-time MBA Core Requirements	25.5
	Full-time MBA Work Experience Requirement	0.75
	Full-time MBA Global Field Experience Requirement	1.5
	Full-time MBA Custom Core Courses	3-6
	Coordinated MBA Elective Requirements	

Select an additional 11.25-14.25 credit hours from departmental 11.25-14.25 (MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) course offerings at the 500-level or above to reach 45 total credit hours.¹

Total Credit Hours **45**

2. Please see the Subsurface Geoscience website: <https://profms.rice.edu/>

Footnotes and Additional Information

¹ To fulfill the remaining requirements for the coordinated MBA degree program, students must complete an additional 11.25-14.25 credit hours from departmental (MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) course offerings at the 500-level or above to reach 45 total credit hours. (MGMT 703, MGMT 704, and MGMT 705 are **not** accepted as electives.) The second year of the program is dedicated entirely to MBA elective coursework. Although the Jones Graduate School of Business offers a variety of courses for students to take as electives, students may wish to take courses from other departments at Rice University. MBA electives are offered on the daytime schedule, the evening schedule, and the weekend schedule.

Coordinated MBA/MSSG Degree Requirements

Students in the coordinated MBA/MSSG degrees program must complete the Core Requirements and Three to Six Internship of the [MSSG degree program \(https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/subsurface-geoscience/subsurface-geoscience-mssg/#requirementstext\)](https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/natural-sciences/subsurface-geoscience/subsurface-geoscience-mssg/#requirementstext) and the Coordinated Area of Specialization below.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	MSSG Core Requirements	22
	MSSG Three to Six Month Internship	
	Coordinated MSSG Area of Specialization	18-20
	<i>Select 1 of the following Areas of Specialization:</i>	
	Energy Data Management	
	Geology	
	Geophysics	
	<i>Select a maximum of 6 credit hours from approved course offerings (MGMP, MGMT, or MICO) from the Jones Graduate School of Business at the 500-level or above</i>	
	Total Credit Hours	40-42

Policies for the MBA/MSSG Coordinated Degrees Program

Additional Information

For additional information on these two degrees:

1. Please see the Jones Graduate School of Business website: <https://business.rice.edu/>
2. Please see the Subsurface Geoscience website: <https://profms.rice.edu/>

Opportunities for the MBA/MSSG Coordinated Degrees Program

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