In 1977, the Master of Business Administration program became the first graduate program in the College of Business to be offered at St. Ambrose University. In 1984, the program was officially named the H.L. McLaughlin MBA program after a prominent area businessman. Over 41 years later, the program continues to evolve to meet the needs of business professionals and the organizations they serve.

The St. Ambrose Difference

> **Flexible and individualized.** The H.L. McLaughlin MBA program provides an ideal educational opportunity for busy professionals. St. Ambrose MBA students are able to earn a nationally accredited master of business administration degree attending class in the evenings while maintaining their career full-time. Students also have the option of convenient online courses.

> **An integrative curriculum.** In today’s business world, more corporations are solving complex problems by bringing together departmental representatives to tackle projects as teams, where members must understand each other’s function and role in the process to be successful. The St. Ambrose MBA curriculum is designed with these particular business needs in mind. The St. Ambrose approach is totally integrated: integration of business disciplines, integration of people in teams, plus integration of values and practice. The result—St. Ambrose MBA graduates are able to design solutions for today’s complex organizational environments.

> **Experienced and engaged faculty.** One of the program’s greatest strengths is faculty who bring to the classroom a mixture of academic training and experience-based perspective, a teaching commitment focused on student learning, and an emphasis on ethics, social responsibility and leadership.

**Mission** The mission of the H.L. McLaughlin MBA program is to provide broad theoretical and practical graduate level business education and skills, with an emphasis on social responsibility. Faculty focus is on student learning, preparing graduates to understand the complexities of business and solve diverse business problems.

**Accreditation** The St. Ambrose H.L. McLaughlin MBA program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). St. Ambrose University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

**Program Structure** If students enter the program in Fall 1 or Spring 1, they can complete the MBA program in a little over 14 months by going full-time (taking two courses per session). There are two eight-week sessions in the fall, two eight week sessions in the spring, and one summer session. The on-ground program meeting in the evening for four hours once a week.
Curriculum  The MBA degree requires successful completion of 36 credit hours. MBA candidates must complete eight core courses and four concentration courses. All courses are 3 credit hours.

Required Core Courses (24 hours)
- MBA 600  Data Analysis for Decision Making
- MBA 606  Accounting for Managers
- MBA 615  Ethical and Social Responsibility of Business
- MBA 621  Human Behavior in Organizations
- MBA 626  Managerial Economics
- MBA 675  Financial Management
- MBA 680  Marketing Management
- MBA 800  Strategic Management

Required Concentration Courses (12 hours)
Students are required to complete a concentration consisting of four courses. The concentrations available are Leadership, International Management, Human Resources Management, Marketing Management, and General Business.

We offer both an on-ground and online program.

Admission Requirements  Students with a bachelor’s degree in any field may apply for admission to St. Ambrose University H.L. McLaughlin MBA Program. Students may be admitted any session. However, we can only guarantee the 6 session completion schedule to students entering Fall 1 or Spring 1. The Admissions Committee evaluates each candidate as an individual. The admission decision is based on: work experience, undergraduate coursework, academic achievement, life experiences, professional achievements, and performance on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT).

Waiving the GMAT for the MBA Program:
You will need to demonstrate that you have the credentials and/or professional experience that signal the necessary competencies to be successful in the MBA program. The credentials and experience listed below provide evidence of the skill base needed to be successful in our program. You will receive an automatic GMAT waiver if you meet ONE or more of the criteria below:

- Undergraduate or master of science degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), economics, finance, or accounting
- Full CPA, CFA or CPIM (Certified in Production and Inventory Management) credential
- A terminal degree such as JD, EDD, or MD
- Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from a regionally accredited school

- Bachelors degree with a GPA of 3.5 or higher from a regionally accredited school
- Bachelors degree with 10 years or more of relevant industry work experience

The H.L. McLaughlin MBA Program will also accept GMAT scores older than 5 years on a case-by-case basis, depending on education and work experience, as long as the Office of Admissions can be provided an official GMAT score report.

Each candidate must complete and submit a professional portfolio, which includes the following:
1. Official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate school attended must be sent to the MBA office.
2. A professional resumé.
3. Three professional references with name, address, phone number and email address provided.

Financial Assistance  The St. Ambrose University Office for Financial Aid provides information on loans for graduate studies. In addition, the College of Business has a limited number of research assistantships available.

International Students  Visa holders are subject to federal nonimmigrant laws that vary based on visa type. For information on admission requirements and academic guidelines for specific visa types, contact International Admissions at international@sau.edu.

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