

School of Business Administration

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Attention School of Business Administration students:
Join the Oakland University SBA Advising Group and
receive updates on early registration, major standing,
internships, financial aid, etc.

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The NEW and IMPROVED 238 Elliott Hall

Construction on what was the Undergraduate Leadership and Development Center is almost completed. Expected date of completion will be January 30, 2009.

Now is very exciting to be a business student at Oakland University. Our programs are growing and expanding everyday. The professors at OU provide an exceptional experience filled with in class lecture and online tutorials. They bring the real world of business to your classroom. Be prepared for an academic journey that is both challenging and promotes an accurate portrayal of the work force.

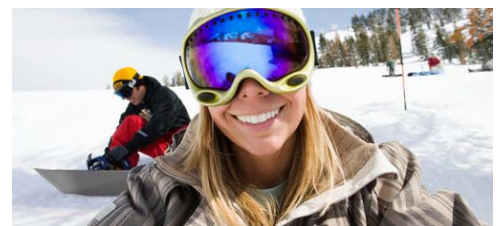
Along with this exceptional academic experience, the new center will offer students access to Career Services professionals to discuss resumes, internships and job placement, undergraduate and graduate advising, free tutoring, a fully stocked career nook to explore majors and take career - related assessments, workshops, and a new name to boot! We look forward to seeing you soon!



Where's Leo

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Find Leo the squirrel in this newsletter and get a special nut of information.



Student Orgs

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Make sure you check out all of the Business Student Organizations available for you to join.



ACHIEVE

Why ACHIEVE?

ACHIEVE is a professional development program, which will teach you important skills to be successful in the business world and give you a competitive edge in gaining employment in the labor market.

How does it work?

- All freshmen entering the SBA fall 2008 students will go through the ACHIEVE program.
- ACHIEVE will continue all four years and consist of four courses. Each year you will have a series of tasks to complete.
- ACHIEVE works mainly through Moodle, Oakland University's online learning system. Log-in to SBC 199 today!

What you will learn.

ACHIEVE will follow you from freshman to senior years, and will coincide with your stage of educational development.

3 Overlapping Categories

- Exposure to Business
- Workplace Skills
- Job Acquisition Skills

www.sba.oakland.edu/undergrad/achieve

Core, Pre-Core, and Major... What are they?

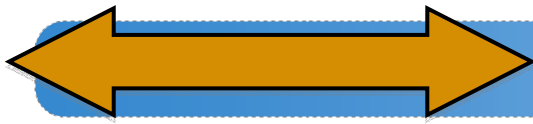
A better understanding of your requirements and dates can help avoid any roadblocks on your highway to success.

CORE – Each of the business major programs requires the completion of a common core of courses introducing students to the functional areas of business. Each of the 300 to 400 level business courses in the core program (i.e. MKT 302, ORG330, MIS 300, ECN 303, POM 343, FIN 322, ORG 331, MGT 350 and MGT 435) requires major standing in business. If the pre-business student has an overall GPA of 2.60 or better, and with the approval of a business adviser, the student may take one 300 level business course before earning major standing.

PRE-CORE – As preparation for the various majors of the business administration program, students must complete courses in writing, speech communication, mathematics, business modeling with computers, economics, accounting and statistics with minimum grade of 2.0 in each course. The required writing and pre-core courses are: COM 201 or COM202, MTH 011-012, MTH 121 and MTH 122, or *MTH 141 and 154, MIS 100, ECN 200 and ECN 201, ACC 200, ACC 210, QMM 240 or QMM 250.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – Students take 15-24 additional credits specified in their major area. The junior and senior years will be devoted to the successful completion of the requirements of the core and major. Double majors are permitted in all areas except general management. Majors include: Accounting, Business Economics, Finance, General Management, Human Resources Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Operations Management, B.S. in Economics. Additional information on the requirements for completion can be found in your undergraduate catalog.





Food for Thought....Why do you drive on a parkway, yet, park on a driveway?

Tidbits of Important Information

Major Standing

In order for students to be eligible to take 300- and 400-level business courses, students must be admitted to major standing in the School of Business Administration. Admission to major standing is selective. The minimum requirements for consideration are:

1. Student's admissibility to and retention in the university
2. Completion of the writing requirement (WRT 160)
3. A minimum grade point average of 2.60 in all courses taken at Oakland University (with a minimum of 6 credits completed at Oakland University)*
4. A minimum grade of 2.0 in each of the aforementioned (page 2) pre-core classes.
5. Submission of an "Application for Major Standing" for the desired major in September for students expecting to complete the pre-core and writing requirements during the fall semester and in January for those expecting to complete requirements during winter or summer semesters.
6. Completion of SBC 199 and 299 for non-transfer students admitted to the SBA in Fall 2008.

* Any grade earned in a course that requires major standing before a student officially earns major standing will not be included in the student's GPA when determining admission to major standing.

Alternatively, if a student can earn a 2.80 minimum grade point average in at least 7 of the pre-core courses and receive major standing.



Undergraduate Scholarships

Instead of taking out another student loan or overworking yourself with that extra weekend shift, why not look into one or more of the twenty plus scholarships offered to undergraduate business students? Listed below are some of the awards – see the full list on our website (www.sba.oakland.edu/root/scholarship).



Mission Statement SBA:

The mission of the School of Business Administration is to advance knowledge and enhance students' abilities to manage in a global business environment. The mission is achieved through a synergistic combination of teaching, scholarship and professional service, with emphasis on the linkage of theory and practice, and the application and management of technology. Toward the achievement of these ends, the SBA promotes collaborative relationships among students, faculty, administrators and employers.



LEO "SEZ" ...

You found me. Now, here is your nut.

On February 18th, the 2nd Annual Student-to-Alumni Power Networking Dinner will be held in the Banquet Rooms at the Oakland Center. The networking will begin at 5pm and ends at 7pm.

Pick up a registration form from an SBA adviser or contact the Student Congress office.

Prepare for your future now!!!

	Deadline
- Accounting and Finance Advisory Board Accounting Scholarship	3/3
- Accounting and Finance Advisory board Finance Scholarship	3/3
- Applied Technology in Business Scholarships (ATiB)	5/19
- Bud Kulesza Family Endowed Scholarship	3/3
- Derderian Kann Seyferth & Salucci Scholarship	3/3
- Diane and Michael Grieves Endowed Diversity Scholarship	6/1
- Dicron Tafrahan Merit Scholarship	3/3
- Doeren Mayhew Scholarship	3/3
- Frances C. Amos SBA Alumni Scholarship	2/18
- Gale Blank Copple Economics Endowed Scholarship	5/11
- Jon & Gwyn Hartman Scholarship	3/3
- Marvin L. Katke Endowed Scholarship	5/2
- Professor Ronald M. Horwitz Outstanding Finance Student Endowed Scholarship	3/3
- School of Business Alumni Affiliate Scholarship	2/10
- Stephan and Rita Sharf Endowed Scholarship	5/2
- T.M.B.K.S. Scholarship Award – Accounting	3/3
- T.M.B.K.S. Scholarship Award – Decision and Information Sciences	4/28
- T.M.B.K.S. Scholarship Award - Economics	5/12
- Volkswagen of America Corporate Leadership scholarship Award	5/2

See the Writing Center in Kresge Library for assistance with your essay. Hours Mon – Thurs, 8 AM – 7 PM. Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM. Phone # 248-370-3120

Financial Aid

Oakland University's Office of Financial Aid can give you many tools to help fund your college experience. Check out their website at www.oakland.edu/financialaid. Here you can find resources on Applying for Aid, Available Aid, Billing, Payment and Direct Deposit, Costs, Financial Aid Awards, Forms, General Information, Macomb 2 Oakland (M20), Student Employment, Summer Financial Aid, and Types of Aid.



Degree Evaluation

Oakland University has introduced the Degree Evaluation feature to SAIL October 1, 2008.

The Degree Evaluation feature helps students navigate the sometimes complex and diverse course requirements within each program by:

- Determining progress toward degree
- Selecting correct course at registration
- Running what-if scenarios to find out how current courses would apply to a change of program, or catalog in the event of readmission

You can evaluate your progress right now. All students have to do is login to **SAIL** and click **Student Services and Financial Aid**, then **Student Records**, then **Degree Evaluation** to check your progress.

Your Next Advising Session

With the new Degree Evaluation feature in use, students and advisers will be able to spend more time in advising appointments discussing academic and career goals versus manually compiling course information. Students are encouraged to bring in their Degree Evaluation printout to all advising appointments.

Student Organizations

With Clubs related to all School of Business Administration majors, many opportunities are available for you to participate. Potential employers and recruiters look at the total student – academic performance as well as extra-curricular experiences.

- Alpha Kappa Psi** – Professional Business Fraternity
- AMA** – American Marketing Association
- AAS** – Accounting Aid Society
- APICS** – Educational Society for Resource Management
- Beta Alpha Psi** – Professional Accounting Fraternity
- Beta Gamma Sigma** – The Honor Society for AACSB Business Program
- ESA** – Economic Students Association
- FMA** – Financial Management Association
- MIS Club** – Management Information Systems
- MBSA** – Multicultural Business Student Alliance
- OASIS** – Oakland Accounting Students Information Society
- SIFE** – Students in Free Enterprise
- SHRM** – Society for Human Resource Management

For more information about student organizations please visit www.sba.oakland.edu/studorg

OVERRIDE FYI:

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- *Request overrides early on our website.
- *You now need overrides for any course you are repeating.
- *Overrides are not given for late major standing applications – get your application in by the end of January!
- *Make your advising appointment early...beat the crowds.

