

College of Business - General Information

The mission of the College of Business is to offer programs of study to students that will: prepare them for positions in business, finance, or government; enhance the professional development of those already employed; provide an academic framework for graduate study leading to professional positions; and offer select graduate programs through innovative communication and course delivery. The purpose of the College of Business is to provide quality education for all students, teaching them to think critically, to use technology efficiently, to be effective leaders, decision makers, and communicators; to maintain ethical standards, and to understand the global economy. To carry out its mission and support its purpose, the College of Business has established the following goals:

- Provide for continuous improvement of the programs within the College of Business in keeping with the standards set by Athens State University, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).
- Place excellence in teaching as the number one priority for serving students and for evaluating faculty.
- Encourage growth and diversity in the faculty and student body.
- Seek community and business relationships for advice and support of student and curriculum needs.
- Maintain cooperative relationships with other educational institutions to facilitate student transfer, maximize resource utilization and provide quality programs.
- Support a quality-based, equivalent learning environment for all students in all settings.
- Produce graduates who will be academically and professionally prepared by the quality teaching programs of the College of Business for work in an increasingly diverse, global environment.

Advising and Scheduling Information

Academic Advising

Upon admission to Athens State University, each student is assigned a faculty advisor. Students should confer with their advisor at least once each semester. Although each student assumes final individual responsibility for meeting all degree requirements, the advisor will offer guidance in planning the student's academic program. Any adjustments to the program of study require the completion of a Curriculum Adjustment form and approval by the appropriate academic administrators.

Scheduling

Due to possible cohort size restrictions, some sequencing of graduate courses may be necessary and not all courses required for a degree program will be available every semester. Graduate Students are strongly encouraged to contact their faculty advisor before withdrawing from any courses, as withdrawal from a course may affect a student's progress through the curriculum and impact timely program completion.

Graduate Degree Programs in the College of Business

Admission Requirements for Master of Science: Major in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management OR Master of Science: Major in Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics

(See also the General University requirements for [Admission to Graduate Programs on page 8 of this catalog.](#))

Requirements for Degree-Seeking Students

For **unconditional admission**, a prospective student must:

- Complete an application for graduate admission and submit all official transcripts, **AND**;
- Have earned a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).

For **conditional admission**, a prospective student must:

- Complete an application for graduate admission and submit all official transcripts, **AND**;
- Have earned a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, with a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 – 2.99 (4.0 scale).

Students who do not meet the above requirements may be admitted **conditionally** after a review of the following factors by the program's Graduate Admission Committee:

- Bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.0 – 2.49 (4.0 scale);
- Graduate admission test scores (GMAT, GRE, or MAT), **OR** current resume reflecting a minimum of 3 years' professional work experience in the field of logistics, acquisitions, operations, or supply chain management (for the Global Logistics program), **OR** current resume reflecting a minimum of 3 years' professional work experience in the field of management operations, leadership, or a related field (for the Strategic Leadership program).

A student admitted on conditional status will be admitted on academic probation. Conditional status will be removed only upon successful completion of a minimum of 9 semester hours of graduate coursework at Athens State with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Please Note: A student who has met the above requirements may be required to complete specific undergraduate prerequisite courses or their equivalents as determined by departmental review.

Requirements for Non-Degree Seeking Students OR Graduate Certificate-Seeking Students

A student who does not meet the requirements for one of the above admission categories as a degree-seeking graduate student, or who wishes to pursue **only** a graduate certificate, may be admitted as a non-degree or certificate seeking graduate student. Records are kept of the work completed and credits are transferable. **Non-degree seeking or certificate-seeking graduate students are ineligible for federal aid funding under Title IV.**

Students seeking admission as a non-degree seeking student or graduate certificate-seeking student must:

- Submit a completed graduate non-degree seeking or certificate-seeking admissions application and pay any required application fees.
- Submit official transcripts from the last institution attended, and from at least one institution accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education documenting conferral of a bachelor's or higher degree. Official transcripts must indicate that the student is in good standing at the last institution attended.

Students admitted as non-degree seeking students will only be allowed to register for graduate courses in a given term subject to space availability and/or cohort restrictions. **Non-degree or certificate seeking students may complete no more than one-half of the total hours required for the master's degree program;** in order to register for additional courses, students must submit a degree-seeking application and all required materials, and be approved for degree-seeking status.

Non-degree seeking students will not be awarded a graduate degree or certificate from Athens State University. Certificate-seeking students are eligible only to be awarded a graduate certificate once all requirements are met.

General University Requirements for Graduation – Graduate Programs

Every student planning on completing a graduate degree/major program or certificate program at Athens State University must satisfy all University requirements and meet all financial obligations before a degree or certificate is awarded.

Coursework that is more than five (5) years old at the time of application for graduation may not be used for fulfilling graduate course requirements for a degree or certificate. A maximum of two C's in courses required for the graduate degree or certificate will be applied for fulfilling course requirements for the degree or certificate.

To be eligible to receive a graduate degree or certificate, a student must:

- Complete all degree or certificate requirements. (NOTE: Transfer students may only transfer a maximum of six (6) semester hours of graduate coursework into the University. All other graduate coursework must be completed at Athens State University.)
- Attain a minimum institutional grade point average of 3.0 on all graduate coursework attempted at Athens State University.
- Complete all course requirements for the degree, major(s), or certificate.
- Complete all course requirements for the specialty track or concentration (when applicable).

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Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management (GLSCM)

The Master of Science in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management program is designed for the professional who seeks advanced preparation in logistics, inventory management, transportation, sales, and procurement. Core courses focus on the development of project management skills that are designed to prepare graduates for responsible leadership roles in technology and information-based workplaces.

Master of Science – Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

Program components for the Master of Science degree with a major in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management:

Applicable General University Requirements for Graduate Programs

Students earning the Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management must satisfy all general University requirements for graduate programs and meet all financial obligations before a degree is awarded.

Logistics Core Course Requirements

	Course	Hours
	LSM 600 Supply Chain Governance	3
	LSM 601 Procurement and Materials Management	3
	LSM 602 Management of Distribution and Inventory	3
	LSM 603 Supply Chain and Logistics Strategies	3
	LSM 604 Supply Chain Simulation Modeling and Analysis	3
	LSM 610 Case Studies in Logistics Capstone	3
	MGT 603 Financial Management	3
	Total Core Requirement Hours:	21

Specialty Track (Concentration) Course Requirements

In addition to the logistics core, students must complete all coursework for at least one of the following specialty tracks:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Logistics Information Systems
- Management

Artificial Intelligence Track		
	Course	Hours
	LAI 601 The Artificial Intelligence Evolution	3
	LAI 602 Work and Artificial Intelligence	3
	LIS 600 Logistics Information Systems Management	3
	Total Specialty Track (Concentration) Requirement Hours:	9

Logistics Information Systems Track (courses contain no less than 30% SAP content)		
	Course	Hours
	LIS 600 Logistics Information Systems Management	3
	LIS 601 Logistics/Supply Chain Information Assurance	3
	LIS 602 Enterprise Resource Planning	3
	Total Specialty Track (Concentration) Requirement Hours:	9

Management Track		
	Course	
	MGT 600 Operations Planning and Control	3
	MGT 601 Global Economics	3
	MGT 602 Strategic Management and Leadership	3
	Total Specialty Track (Concentration) Requirement Hours:	9

		Hours
	Total Minimum Graduate Hours Required for Completion of Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management Major	30

Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics (SLBA)

Industries today rely on business leaders who have a strong technical and analytical background — problem solvers who know how to use data to influence decision-making and drive business innovation. Designed for working professionals, the Master of Science - Strategic Leadership & Business Analytics program provides an opportunity for individuals to enhance the professional knowledge, skills, and professional acumen needed to effectively draw upon strategic leadership models through the integration of business analytics to convert data into deployable, strategy-grounded actions for both public and private sector.

Master of Science – Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

Program components for the Master of Science degree with a major in Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics:

Applicable General University Requirements for Graduate Programs

Students earning the Master of Science (MS) degree with a major in Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics must satisfy all general University requirements for graduate programs and meet all financial obligations before a degree is awarded.

Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics Course Requirements

	Course	Hours
	LDR 500 Influential Leadership	3
	BUS 503 Accounting and Financial Analysis	3
	LDR 654 Strategic Thinking, Behavior, and Leadership	3
	BUS 525 Foundations of Business Analytics	3
	LDR 680 Human Capital Leadership	3
	BUS 603 Business Analytics for Decision Making	3
	MGT 600 Operations Planning and Control	3
	BUS 675 Business Analytics Practicum	3
	LDR 690 Special Topics in Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics	3
	LDR 700 Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics Capstone Experience	3
	Total Requirement Hours:	30

		Hours
	Total Minimum Graduate Hours Required for Completion of Strategic Leadership and Business Analytics Major	30

College of Business Graduate Certificate Program

A grade of "C" or better must be achieved on all required courses. A maximum of two C's in courses required for the graduate certificate will be applied for fulfilling course requirements for the certificate. To be eligible to be awarded a graduate certificate, students must achieve a minimum institutional grade point average of 3.0 on all graduate coursework attempted at Athens State University.

Certificate in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management

	Course	Hours
	LSM 600 Supply Chain Governance	3
	LSM 601 Procurement and Materials Management	3
	LSM 602 Management of Distribution and Inventory	3
	LSM 603 Supply Chain and Logistics Strategies	3
	LIS 600 Logistics Information Systems Management or MGT 600 Operations Planning and Control	3
	Total Certificate Requirement Hours:	15