

BUSINESS

THE JESSE H. JONES GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

DIRECTOR AND ADVISOR

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DEGREES OFFERED: NONE

The Jones Graduate School of Management offers Rice undergraduate students a minor in business (BUSI). The BUSI minor consists of six integrated courses designed to provide a strong foundation in the essential disciplines of business and to develop students' critical thinking and communication skills. All courses in the minor are taught by Jones School faculty.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETING THE BUSINESS MINOR

Students must complete the following six courses:

- BUSI 296 Business Communications
- BUSI 305 Financial Accounting
- BUSI 310 Leading People in Organizations
- BUSI 343 Financial Management
- BUSI 380 Marketing
- BUSI 471 Strategic Management

Students may receive transfer credit for at most two of the six courses necessary to complete the BUSI minor. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 2.0 in the BUSI courses taken at Rice.

ADMISSION

BUSI courses are open to any Rice undergraduate student who meets enrollment requirements, not just to students who have declared an intention to complete the minor, and to Rice graduate students on a space-available basis. MBA-level courses (MGMT or MGMP) are not open to Rice undergraduate students.

PREREQUISITES

Most BUSI courses require completion of instruction in economics and statistics. Students can fulfill these requirements by successfully completing STAT 280 and ECON 370 or by receiving permission from the Program Director. The Program Director will only approve requests for STAT 280 for students who have successfully completed an equivalent statistics course at Rice, and the Program Director will only approve requests for ECON 370 for students who have successfully completed ECON 211 at Rice.

BUSI 343 and BUSI 471 require completion of other BUSI courses. The Program Director will not approve requests to waive the prerequisites for these two courses.

See the course descriptions for details on prerequisites.

ENROLLMENT LOTTERY

Each section of BUSI 296 is capped at 30 students and each section of the other BUSI courses is capped at 60 students. All students who have fulfilled the

relevant prerequisites may register for courses during the registration period. If a given course is oversubscribed, the Jones School will conduct a weighted lottery to determine which students will be admitted to the course. The lottery will give greater preference to students who have successfully completed a greater number of BUSI courses and are closer to graduation.

DECLARATION OF THE BUSINESS MINOR

To declare the BUSI minor, students must bring a completed declaration form and transcript to the Program Director for review and signature. The form is available on Esther.