



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

At Wharton, undergraduate students are required to gain both **breadth** and **depth** of knowledge through their academic coursework. With 60 percent of their classes taken at Wharton and 40 percent taken elsewhere within the University of Pennsylvania, students are given the flexibility to pursue varied academic interests and expected to achieve a firm grasp of both business and liberal arts.

YEAR 1: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

Freshman year is dedicated to understanding economics and leadership while studying liberal arts to create a well-rounded student experience.

Wharton students are required to complete business-related coursework in their first year:

- Calculus
- Introductory microeconomics
- Introductory macroeconomics
- Managerial economics
- Leadership and communication

Students at Wharton are also expected to incorporate additional coursework in:

- Arts and sciences (e.g., fine arts, humanities, international issues, natural sciences, social sciences)
- Critical writing
- Foreign language
- Other areas of interest

YEAR 2: SETTING THE FOUNDATION

Sophomore year, students acquire a solid foundation of business knowledge by taking a comprehensive set of courses in business fundamentals, often referred to as “the core.”

In order to graduate with a Wharton degree, students are expected to complete all of the following courses:

- Introductory Business Statistics
- Corporate Finance
- Monetary Economics and the Global Economy
- Principles of Accounting
- Managerial Accounting
- Introduction to Management
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to the Computer as an Analysis Tool

Through all four years, students take courses that examine business from external (e.g., legal and public policy) and internal (e.g., human resources and risk management) perspectives in order to develop a comprehensive understanding of business in context.

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YEARS 3 & 4: ACHIEVING BREADTH & DEPTH

All students graduate from Wharton with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. However, each student is required to choose a “*concentration*,” which consists of four upper-level courses that explore a particular area of business more thoroughly. Many students choose to pursue second or third concentrations, enabling them to craft a unique understanding of the interplay of different business disciplines.

Wharton offers over 20 different concentrations, including an option for an individualized concentration. They include:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business & Public Policy
- Environmental Policy & Management
- Finance
- Global Analysis
- Health Care Management & Policy
- Insurance & Risk Management
- Legal Studies & Business Ethics
- Management
- Managing Electronic Commerce
- Marketing
- Marketing & Communication
- Marketing & Operations Management
- Operations & Information Management
- Real Estate
- Retailing
- Social Impact & Responsibility
- Statistics
- Transportation

Additionally, students are required to complete three “*business breadth*” courses during their time at Wharton, all of which are upper-level Wharton courses that are outside the student’s primary area of concentration.

WHARTON: ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Wharton students can take advantage of opportunities to pursue dual degrees and departmental minors with other schools at Penn, University (interdisciplinary) minors, academic research, corporate internships, study abroad, athletics, community service, performing arts, and a host of other curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular experiences at the University of Pennsylvania. Wharton not only encourages students to identify and explore their unique interests and passions, but also expects them to actively create their own distinctive Penn experience.

You can find out more about the Wharton curriculum and student experience by visiting

www.wharton.upenn.edu/undergrad.