Take your work experience and previous business master's degree a step further. Acquire the essential business skills and knowledge that will make a difference right now and throughout your career. Analyze problems, make effective decisions and advance your leadership potential.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MBA W. P. Carey MBA
The purpose of the W. P. Carey School of Business MBA program is to provide a solid foundation and knowledge base in the core business disciplines and to develop the analytic capabilities, decision-making and leadership skill sets essential for making sound business decisions.

The curriculum is delivered in a case-based, team-oriented and discussion-style learning environment. Elective courses provide additional depth and breadth to enhance the student's area of emphasis, knowledge base and career goals.

The fast-track Master of Business Administration is perfect for working professionals who need an MBA to advance in their careers. Classes are held two nights a week --- with online courses also available --- allowing students to graduate with an MBA in 12 to 18 months, depending on the student's incoming discipline.

As a STEM-designated master's degree, the program allows eligible graduates on student visas access to an Optional Practical Training extension for up to 36 months, helping international students gain additional skills and experience in the U.S.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [W. P. Carey School of Business](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) or [Online](#)
Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (MGT 589)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
LES 582 Ethical Issues for Managers (3)

**Electives and research (24 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
MGT 589 Strategic Management (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

While there are no business course prerequisites, potential students must demonstrate strong quantitative ability and effective written and oral communication skills.

The business school does not accept graduate credits earned while students are in nondegree status or courses taken prior to admission to the Master of Business Administration program or taken while enrolled in another Master of Business Administration program outside the W. P. Carey School of Business. Registration in School of Business courses numbered 501 and above is limited to students who have been admitted to a graduate degree program and have the approval of the MBA program office.

The core course is designed to provide a foundation in business knowledge and skills. Elective courses build upon the business core and center on the further development of an optional area of emphasis. There may be additional requirements that vary by area of emphasis.

All students must successfully complete the comprehensive exam requirement established by the school of business and the Graduate College for the Master of Business Administration. The comprehensive exam is integrated with the MGT 589 Strategic Management capstone course culminating experience. Students passing this course with a grade of "B" (scale is 4.00 = "A") or higher satisfy the comprehensive examination requirement.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.
All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. current resume
5. essays
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The letters of recommendation should comment on the student's motivation, commitment, achievements, work experience and opportunity for success in the program.

In addition to having two years of work experience, successful applicants for the fast-track MBA have earned a master's degree in a specific business discipline. If the previously earned master's degree is not from an AACSB-accredited school, GRE or GMAT test scores may be requested from applicant.

Applicants should see the department's website for more information.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Career Opportunities**
The Master of Business Administration program includes the essential academic preparation for students who are interested in pursuing professional careers leading within organizations in diverse functions such as human resources, finance or marketing.


Career examples include:

- CEO
- finance manager
- marketing manager
- supply chain manager

**Contact Information**