Darla Moore School of Business
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ACCELERATED PROGRAM

The Master of International Business (MIB) Accelerated program allows high-achieving UofSC-Columbia students to complete their undergraduate business degree and the MIB degree in as few as four years. The Accelerated program option is currently available to all undergraduate majors. Students will need to consult with their academic advisors and the MIB Program Coordinator to design a specialized plan to participate in this program.

How does the MIB Accelerated program work?

During the final semesters of your undergraduate program, students are allowed to enroll in graduate classes that count towards their undergraduate and graduate studies. After officially enrolling in the Accelerated program with the approval of your academic advisor and the MIB program, students can "double count" up to four classes for both undergraduate and graduate credit. "Double counting" these classes allows you to:

- Finish the MIB program in less time (possibly in just one additional semester after undergraduate)
- Save up to $8,400 in tuition costs
- Use your undergraduate scholarships to pay for up to 40 percent of your MIB degree
- Participate in our double-degree programs to deepen your study abroad experiences, earning two master's degrees in two years

Eligibility

Students meeting all of the following requirements are eligible to apply for the Accelerated program. You are eligible if you:

- Are a current UofSC-Columbia student majoring in business
- Have completed at least 90 credit hours
- Have earned a minimum 3.65 cumulative GPA

How to get started:

Follow these steps to participate in the Accelerated program:

1. Meet the program eligibility requirements listed above.
2. Establish an accurate, thorough understanding of your undergraduate degree requirements with your UG advisor and notify your UG advisor before starting the Accelerated process.
3. Meet with the MIB Program Coordinator to review your qualifications and the enrollment process. The MIB Program Coordinator will outline which courses should be taken under the Accelerated plan and recommend opportunities to eligible students to incorporate double-count courses.
4. Complete the Accelerated Approval Form by the deadline to have your courses double count. This form must be completed each semester before enrolling in any Accelerated course.

Please note that speaking with your advisor, speaking with MIB staff and applying to the MIB is a simultaneous process. The earlier you start this process, the better. While we cannot guarantee admission, meeting the aforementioned eligibility requirements makes for a strong MIB application.

Even if you are not admitted to the MIB, by working with your advisor, you can assure that the courses will still count towards your undergraduate program so that there is no negative impact on your studies.

Application process

Authorization to begin the Accelerated program is only given to students who complete the necessary paperwork outlined above. This paperwork cannot be submitted retroactively, so it is vital to begin speaking with your advisor and MIB staff as soon as possible and adhere to all deadlines.

The next step is to complete the online MIB application during your final undergraduate semester. The MIB staff will contact you directly when it is time to begin the online application for the final term of the MIB degree as a full-time graduate student.

- Current resume
- Statement of purpose (essay)
- Two letters of recommendation
- GMAT or GRE score *(*We may be willing to waive the standardized testing requirements for high achieving students.)*

Students wishing to apply for the MIB Double-Degree will indicate that preference on the online MIB application.

Classes to "Double Count"

Up to four classes taken at the 500 and 700-level can count towards both the undergraduate and MIB graduate degrees. You are expected to adhere to the curriculum requirements of the MIB and the Functional Certificate you choose to pursue.

If you are graduating from the undergraduate program in the spring semester, it is necessary to include spring MIB Core courses in your study plan; otherwise the MIB cannot be completed on an accelerated basis, as MIB Core is only offered once per year. Likewise, if you are graduating from the undergraduate program in the fall semester, you must include fall MIB Core courses in their study plan.

Students who study abroad or plan to graduate early may be advised to take an Accelerated course before their final semester. Please note that you may only take MIB Core courses during your final semester of undergraduate studies. You are also required to enroll in IBUS 590 if you are graduating from the undergraduate program in the fall semester.

Recommended Study Plan

If a student wants to start Accelerated courses in the fall, they may enroll in up to two MIB Electives only. Then, in the spring term, they must take IBUS 704 and IBUS 734. See Recommended Study Plan below.

	FALL	SPRING
SOPHOMORE	Attend Accelerated MIB information session	IBUS 310 (IB Majors)
JUNIOR		• Study Abroad • Apply to MIB for fall course enrollment
SENIOR	• Meet with academic advisor and MIB program staff • Submit Accelerated Approval Form to the Graduate School	• IBUS 704: Corporate Governance (MIB Core + UG Thematic/FINA Elective)* • IBUS 734: Negotiations (MIB Core + UG Thematic)** • MIB Elective (double count in IBUS or functional major) • MIB Elective (double count in IBUS or functional major) • Apply to the MIB program for the following fall start term
MIB	• IBUS 705: Global Business Management (MIB Core + UG Functional)* • IBUS 706: Nations States, Regional Networks and Global Markets (MIB Core + UG Thematic)* • IBUS 590 (0 credit): MIB Professional Development Series* • MIB Elective • MIB Elective • MIB Elective • MIB Elective	Optional: Start Double Degree at the following location: • ESSEC (Paris or Singapore)

**Required*
***If a student took IBUS 423, they should not repeat it at the graduate level. Contact the MIB program to find a suitable replacement.Study plans can be adjusted to accommodate electives in fall of senior year and MIB Core in spring of senior year. Study plans may also be adjusted for a fall start term; MIB and Track Core, plus IBUS 590, must be taken in the fall semester if graduating in the fall and starting MIB in the spring.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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MIB Electives

The courses listed below qualify as "double count" options. Please note that this list is subject to change and that additional courses may be available. Contact **mib@moore.sc.edu** to learn more.

COURSE TITLE	UG EQUIVALENCY
ECON 503: International Trade Economics (Fall or Spring)	IBUS Functional or ECON Elective
ECON 504: International Monetary Economics (Fall or Spring)	IBUS Functional or ECON Elective
ECON 505: International Development Economics (Fall or Spring)	IBUS Functional or ECON Elective
IBUS 541: Business in Latin America (Spring)	IBUS Regional
IBUS 542: Business in Asia (Spring)	IBUS Regional
IBUS 543: Business in Europe (Spring)	IBUS Regional
IBUS 544: Business in Africa (Fall or Spring)	IBUS Regional
IBUS 701: International Financial Management (Fall)	IBUS Functional or FINA Major Elective
IBUS 702: International Marketing (Spring)	IBUS Functional or MKTG Major Elective
IBUS 720: International Entrepreneurship (Spring)	IBUS Functional
IBUS 732: Comparative Management (Fall)	IBUS Functional or IBUS Thematic
IBUS 740: Data Analytics for International Business (Spring)	IBUS Functional or BAC Elective

**In some cases, students may have Approved Elective options in their Undergraduate curriculum; IBUS 704 and IBUS 734 (MIB Core) are exhausting the IBUS Thematic and IBUS Elective requirement at the Undergraduate level, but another MIB course could be taken and applied as an Approved Elective and double counted in the Undergraduate and MIB Degrees.