Requirements for MBA Students

Become a leader in today’s highly competitive world of Operations

Administered by the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, the two-year MBA degree, coupled with the Tauber Institute’s Global Operations, prepares students to assume leadership positions in operations or consulting functions of a wide range of industries such as high-tech, energy, consumer products, or healthcare. Students generally complete the 57 graduate hour MBA requirements in four terms of full-time study and have the flexibility to complete their Tauber requirements by choosing from a variety of electives. Students participate in an action-based 14-week paid multidisciplinary, collaborative project during the summer following their first year of study.

Academic Requirements

MBA Core

Topics in Global Operations
TO 701 | 1.5 hours | Fall A Term

Manufacturing and Supply Operations
TO 605 | 3 hours | Fall B & Winter A Terms; Taken in place of the required 2.25 hour core Operations course | TO 552.

Tauber Team Project
TO 703 | 3 hours | Fall B & Winter A Terms; Register for 1.5 hours in Winter Term and 1.5 hours in the subsequent Fall Term.

LeadershipAdvantage℠ Program
Outside the classroom modules during Fall and Winter Terms, prior to the team project. Designed to increase quantitative and leadership skill development with exposure to specialized modules focused on project management, team dynamics, presentation skills, change management, leading under pressure as well as on-demand content covering machine learning, data visualization and operations management. Students also gain a multi-disciplinary perspective via module participation.

Facility Tours
All students complete four facility tours prior to the team project that provide an insider’s perspective into diverse operations.

Engineering Elective Courses

Students select five, and no more than 10, hours of College of Engineering electives to enhance education experiences. Waivers will be granted to students who have taken graduate level courses in topic areas covered by engineering electives, pending approval by the Tauber Institute co-directors.

3 hours from the following courses:
- Integrated Product Development | TO 548 | 6 hrs.
- Innovation in Global Health Delivery | TO 563 | 1.5 hrs.
- Action Learning Projects | TO 582 | can count 3 hrs. toward Tauber requirements.
- Project Management | TO 616 | 1.5 hrs.
- Supply Chain Analytics | TO 618 | 3 hrs.
- Global Supply Chain Management | TO 620 | 3 hrs.
- Logistics | TO 621 | 2.25 hrs.
- Information Technology Strategy in Supply Chain and Logistics | TO 623 | 1.5 hrs.
- Strategic Sourcing | TO 624 | 2.25 hrs.
- Advanced Big Data Analytics | TO 628 | 2.25 hrs.
- Big Data Management: Tools and Techniques | TO 640 | 2.25 hrs.
- Special Topics in Supply Chain Management | TO 735 | 1.5 hrs.

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## Day MBA Template with Tauber Curriculum

### FIRST YEAR—FALL TERM COURSES

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| ACC 502  
Principals of Financial Accounting  
2.25 hrs. | FIN 503  
Financial Management  
2.25 hrs. |
| BE 502  
Applied Microeconomics  
2.25 hrs. | MKT 503  
Marketing Management  
2.25 hrs. |
| STRATEGY 502  
Corporate Strategy  
2.25 hrs. | MO 503  
Leading People and Organizations  
2.25 hrs. |
| TO 502  
Applied Business Statistics  
2.25 hrs. | TO 605*  
Manufacturing and Supply Operations  
3 hrs. |
| Tauber Required Class TO 701  
Topics in Global Operations  
1.5 hrs. | Tauber Required Class TO 703^  
Tauber Team Project  
1.5 hrs. |

### FIRST YEAR—WINTER TERM COURSES

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| ACC 552  
Management Accounting  
2.25 hrs. | BA 553  
Multidisciplinary Action Project  
2.25 hrs. |
| Tauber Required Class TO 703^  
Tauber Team Project  
1.5 hrs. | Optional Elective^  
1.5–2.5 hrs. |

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| Tauber Required Class TO 703^  
Tauber Team Project  
1.5 hrs. | ELECTIVE | Tauber ENGINEERING ELECTIVE^  
2–3 hrs. | ELECTIVE |
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**Notes**

- Tauber students waive the 2.25 hour Technology Operations core class and take the 3 hour Manufacturing and Supply Operations (required) instead.
- Completed during the summer; register for 1.5 hours in the Winter Term and 1.5 hours in the subsequent Fall Term.
- Three hours from among these classes is required for Tauber students: TO 548, TO 563, TO 582, TO 616, TO 618, TO 620, TO 621, TO 624, or TO 735.
- Students must complete at least five and no more than 10 hours of College of Engineering electives.

**NOTES**

1. Law/Ethics students must elect either an Ethics or Business Law course at some time during the MBA program.
2. Communications Requirement: MBA students must fulfill a Communication Requirement.
3. STRATEGY 503—World Economy (1.5 hours) must be completed at some time during the MBA program.
4. MBA students may broaden their experience by electing up to 10 hours of graduate study in other units of the University of Michigan. For Tauber MBA students, CoE elective courses count toward this 10-hour limit.
Tauber Team Projects

The capstone to the Tauber Institute for Global Operations, this 14-week consulting-style internship gives a team of engineering and business students the opportunity to deliver high impact results to an industry-leading company.

Team projects are highly visible operations-related challenges with both engineering and business components. A successful project results in a significant return on a sponsoring company’s investment. The projects have historically delivered significant financial savings as well as improvements in areas such as CO2 emissions, energy consumption, throughput time, and supply chain risk.

Quick Facts

• Executive level support and dedicated team of faculty, and expert communication and team dynamics coaches
• Multidisciplinary business/engineering team-based experience
• High placement rates with companies
• Competitive salaries

Make A Big Impact!

Companies value our students and give them important challenges. Students analyze problems, propose solutions, and in most cases, implement their recommendations.

2017 Pfizer team Robert Carsey (MBA) and Jurgen Kameniku (MSE-Chem) worked to improve communication, scheduling logic, and operational efficiency. Pfizer will save an estimated $5.85 million/year, and the PCMM will better enable Pfizer’s portfolio by supporting the development of two additional compounds per year.

Recommended Engineering Electives

Any graduate level engineering course can count toward the Tauber engineering elective. The following courses are recommended by the Tauber Institute to the student looking for broader understanding of current operations, supply chain or manufacturing topics. Some courses may have prerequisites.

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<td>Optimization Modeling in Health Care</td>
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<td>Queuing Systems</td>
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<td>Manufacturing Strategies (&quot;Lean Manufacturing&quot;)</td>
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<td>Material Handling Systems</td>
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<td>Analytical Product Design</td>
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<td>Quality Engineering Principles &amp; Analysis (&quot;Six Sigma&quot;)</td>
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<td>Theories of Administration</td>
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<td>Integrative Technology Management</td>
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<td>Scheduling</td>
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<td>Plant Flow Systems</td>
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<td>Global Product Development</td>
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<td>Reconfigurable Manufacturing for Market Responsiveness</td>
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<td>ME 599</td>
<td>Management for Sustainable Manufacturing</td>
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\(^1\) Students should register for both TO548 (3 hours) and IOE 548 (3 hours) and will receive 6 hours for the course; 3 hours count toward the Tauber engineering elective requirement and 3 hours toward the business elective requirements.

NOTE: A maximum of 6 hours of 400-level graduate courses are allowed toward the MBA. All other graduate courses must be 500-level or above.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why should I choose the Stephen M. Ross School of Business over other schools with Operations/Supply Chain/Manufacturing programs?
A: The Ross difference is action-based learning. It’s an approach to business education that requires us to continuously create relevant, challenging ways to connect our students with the world of practice. Many of our students choose Ross and Tauber because of the flexibility of the program and degree options that are not available with other programs, as well as the caliber of the people they meet here (students, faculty, practitioners, company sponsors). Many employers state that the paid team projects are unmatched in quality and results and those students are superbly prepared for these internships. Students choose Ross because it is a clear leader in terms of fit, curriculum, and its emphasis on the real world application of their business education.

Q: Will it take longer to get my MBA degree if I join the Tauber Institute because of additional course requirements?
A: No. Since the Tauber Institute program is an overlay to the MBA degree, you use some of your 30 credit hours of free electives to fulfill our program requirements and graduate in four semesters.

Q: Do I need to have an undergraduate degree in engineering to apply to the Tauber Institute?
A: No. Although many Tauber students have a quantitative undergraduate degree, many have backgrounds in business, science, or other fields. A common thread among all students is a desire to be leaders in Operations, General Management, or Operations/IT related consulting.

Q: Are there two admission decisions made on Tauber applicants—one from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and one from the Tauber Institute?
A: Yes, there are two admission decisions. However, a student not admitted to Tauber may still be admitted to Ross.

Q: What is the difference between the MBA with Tauber Institute for Global Operations and a dual MBA/MEM or MBA/MEng?
A: The Tauber Institute for Global Operations provides for a deep understanding of operations, including supply chain, quality, and operations strategy. The dual degree programs award two degrees and require fulfilling requirements of both, which typically means a deeper dive into engineering disciplines. The dual degree programs are still arranged so that they can be finished in two years.

Q: In addition to the Stephen M. Ross School of Business application, do I need to submit a separate application or essay directly to the Tauber Institute?
A: Not if you are applying in conjunction with your MBA application (that is, you’ve checked the “Tauber Institute box” on the first page of the Ross application). You should utilize your Ross essays to communicate your interest in the Tauber Institute.

If you’ve already applied and/or been admitted to the Ross program and did not check the Tauber Institute box on the application, then you do need to fill out a Tauber application (under the Prospective Students section at www.tauber.umich.edu) and e-mail (tauberinstitute@umich.edu) or fax to our office (734-647-1334) along with a copy of your resume and essay. We will request a copy of your application from Ross.

Q: Is an interview required for the Tauber Institute admissions process?
A: Yes, an interview with the Tauber Institute is required as part of the admissions process. Interviews are conducted in-person and by Skype. Interviews are by invitation only.

Base Salaries Tauber Institute Class of 2017 Graduate MBA Students

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<td>Other</td>
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