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# Albertus Magnus College

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## Introduction

Albertus Magnus College is committed to educating well-prepared, capable, forward-looking, and liberally-educated men and women fully able to work productively in a career and live enriched and enriching lives. At Albertus the learning environment provides a rigorous academic framework, along with close interaction between faculty and students. This experience offers broad opportunities for challenge and growth. This atmosphere of dialogue and intimacy stretches the minds of students, stimulates their inquisitiveness, and encourages the realization of their full potential as both scholars and human beings.

From its founding in 1925, Albertus Magnus College has placed strong emphasis on the liberal arts, preserving the long tradition of scholarly inquiry and the search for truth. As an independent, coeducational college, Albertus Magnus continues its dedication to liberal learning as an indispensable element in the education it offers to all of its undergraduate and graduate students while, at the same time, preparing them to pursue careers in their chosen fields.

The mission of Albertus Magnus College is to provide men and women with an education that promotes the search for truth in all its dimensions and is practical in its application. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs (now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace), Albertus Magnus College, faithful to its Catholic heritage and the Judeo-Christian tradition, remains dedicated to the academic needs and ethical challenges of its students and of society.

In an innovative spirit, Albertus Magnus College understands the special requirements of adults who are interested in receiving Associate, Bachelor, or Master's degrees in select disciplines but must also continue meeting their professional and personal commitments. By combining theory and practical experience, The School of New Dimensions is uniquely designed for those working adults.

The School of New Dimensions challenges the adult learner to develop knowledge and awareness of human problems and personal values through a well-planned, sequenced curriculum which integrates—within the curriculum—increasingly advanced cognitive skills, awareness of self and others, values and ethic clarification, and social and interpersonal skills. These educational goals form the basis of the program and aim to develop within each person:

1. Critical thinking and reasoning skills to identify problems and to utilize effective problem-solving abilities.
2. Expertise in a particular field.
3. Mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness.
4. Written and spoken communications skills.
5. Understanding of the functional components of business—economics, marketing, accounting, finance, law, and management—combined with the human aspects of conducting business within physical and social environments.

6. Judgment, deliberation, and analysis required to perform basic business research, including research evaluation and design, statistical analysis, bibliographic and information search techniques, and report writing.
7. Qualitative human relations abilities, as well as quantitative abilities, in preparation for cross-functional roles within an organization.

Research shows that adults learn best in an environment where they are active participants in the learning process rather than passive receivers of information. Professional and personal growth requires that individuals develop the skills necessary for managing their own learning. The School of New Dimensions is designed to provide structure and support that encourages independence, individual responsibility, and self-direction in the learning process. In such an environment, most courses have limited formal lecturing. The role of the instructors is to facilitate students' active collaborative learning in a variety of instructional formats. Because class time is limited, many topics covered in reading and in homework assignments are not always directly reviewed in the classroom, unless clarification is required. This places much responsibility on the student and the learning team, and, at this accelerated pace, every meeting is unique and critical.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

It is expected that, as participants in the School of New Dimensions, all students will treat each other, their instructors, and administrative staff with courtesy and respect at all times verbal and written communication. At no time should any individual be made to feel threatened or offended. The use of obscene, profane and/or offensive language, loss of temper, aggressive behavior, and disruptive outbursts are considered inappropriate and, therefore, unacceptable. Additionally, it is expected that New Dimensions students will adhere to all the general policies of Albertus Magnus College such as the policy on drugs and alcohol, the policy on sexual harassment, and the policy on racism and acts of intolerance. The New Dimensions administration will review each violation of the Code of Conduct on an individual basis. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct could result in administrative withdrawal.

## **Intellectual Honesty and Plagiarism**

A degree from Albertus Magnus College represents not only a high quality of intellectual achievement, but also the completion of the work in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity.

## **Intellectual Honesty**

Standards of academic honesty dictate that students will observe the following principles:

- The student's work shall be the result of his/her own effort.
- The student shall give the appropriate acknowledgement of others' work that is cited in papers and/or presentations.
- No paper or presentation may be offered in more than one course without permission of the instructor.
- In completing written assignments, the student must work independently unless the instructor indicates otherwise.

## **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious offense against academic integrity and intellectual honesty. The appropriation of another's writing or work as one's own, including the use of specific words, phrases, or ideas, is dishonest and constitutes plagiarism. Use of any quotation, paraphrase, or summary from another author must be acknowledged and individually cited. All incidents of plagiarism will result in a penalty and be promptly reported to the Director of Student Services. Penalties for first-time plagiarism are at the discretion of the instructor and may include failure of the assignment or failure for the course. An academic committee designated by the Dean of the School of New Dimensions will decide penalties for any incidents of plagiarism, after the first. If students have any questions about plagiarism, they are strongly encouraged to ask their instructor.

# The School of New Dimensions

## Mission Statement

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The mission of The School of New Dimensions is to provide high-quality, non-traditional education leading to Associate, Bachelor, or Master's degrees. New Dimensions is designed for adult learners who have work experience and who wish to maintain their professional and personal activities while pursuing their educational goals.

New Dimensions provides its students with a unique combination of quality, service, and convenience in contemporary academic study by blending proven academic practices with an innovative instructional delivery system. New Dimensions strives to provide the most up-to-date and practical education possible through:

- The use of academically qualified professionals to teach professionally-oriented courses, integrating theory and practice in a meaningful way.
- Emphasis on an instructional model utilizing small groups of experienced adults working in teams to solve problems.
- Reliance on highly motivated adult learners making effective use of out-of-class learning time.
- Thoughtful attention to the ethical issues which arise in business and management activities.
- Regular review and updating of curriculum by business and education leaders.

New Dimensions facilitates degree completion for working adults by scheduling classes at convenient times and convenient locations; providing pre-planned, logical course sequences in a compressed time frame; and by providing extensive student support through simplified registration, delivery of all study materials to class sites, electronic library searches, and personalized educational advising, among others.

New Dimensions strives to provide its students with organizational skills, built upon a holistic foundation, in preparation for assuming significant roles in education, business and in life.

# Program Design

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## Cohort Structure

The basic learning structure of The School of New Dimensions is a cohort, collaborative learning community of approximately 14 to 20 students. Students are assigned to specific cohorts as the result of their interest in a particular degree program, learning center location, and the timeframe within which they wish to pursue their education. The cohort schedule automatically incorporates the necessary courses to complete the program curriculum. The program is designed so that students will usually stay with the same cohort throughout their program.

## Learning Teams

Learning teams are an integral part of the New Dimensions educational model. Typically, learning teams consist of 3–5 students, and assignments are designed to be completed by groups of that size. Learning teams have the flexibility to choose their meeting place and how they meet. Teams may meet face-to-face, in a structured on-line “learning team club,” or in combination. Participation in the learning team is an important element of most programs.

Learning teams function as mutual support mechanisms through which students can learn more efficient problem-solving techniques from the professional expertise of peers, and a portion of each course evaluation/grade is based on the group performance. Additionally, most courses require a group project in the form of a written and/or oral report, presented to the class for discussion and critique. The ability to incorporate each member’s participation becomes the responsibility of all group members and is reflected in students’ grades.

## Variety of Instructional Formats

Instructional modalities include on-ground, flex on-line and all on-line approaches. Teaching strategies in New Dimensions include: seminars, small groups, simulations, experiential learning, presentations, problem solving, and brainstorming. Case studies and research projects are used extensively.

# Locations

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***Long Wharf Learning Center, One Long Wharf Drive, Suite 216, New Haven, CT***

The Long Wharf Center contains nine classrooms and houses the main administrative offices for the program.

***Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT***

The Albertus Magnus main campus supports New Dimension classrooms in Aquinas Hall and the Mary A. and Louis F. Tagliatela Academic Center.

***East Hartford Learning Center, 111 Founders Plaza, 7th floor, East Hartford, CT***

The East Hartford Center is the administrative hub for the Greater Hartford region. This facility houses eleven classrooms, as well as administrative and faculty offices.

# Calendar

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The School of New Dimensions has a 12-month academic year, enabling students to enter the program during any given month and to earn up to 30 credits within a 12-month period. Each student is given a cohort Class Schedule at registration. This schedule contains a complete list of classes and their meeting dates for the student's group. In general, all classes meet on the same evening throughout the program. Classes postponed because of inclement weather or facilities problems are rescheduled to the Friday of that week unless otherwise announced. Academic dates are specified in the calendar published on the website.

# Undergraduate Programs

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The New Dimensions Undergraduate Programs are designed to help students achieve an undergraduate degree while pursuing a career. The degree programs are structured sequentially, with students taking one course at a time for four hours one night per week over five weeks. Students become a member of a learning team, meeting weekly for collaboration and peer support.

By devoting 15–20 hours per week to schoolwork, including attending one class per week, meeting with a learning team, and completing course assignments, students can graduate in about two years. New Dimensions is a “computer enhanced” program, which means that on-line applications may be utilized to augment the learning experience.

Organizations are increasingly relying on production through cross-functional teams, and New Dimensions has a long history of fostering effective learning through diverse teams. In addition to class sessions, each student in New Dimensions works on team projects with other learning team members for a minimum of four hours per week. In keeping with the demands of global trends and new technology, learning teams are an essential part of all our courses, and they are conducted in either an on-line or on-ground format, or a combination of both. Documentation of this work is reviewed by the course Instructor each week.

## Undergraduate Degree Programs

- Associate of Science in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Management  
(Healthcare Management Concentration)

## Admission Requirements for undergraduate programs:

- Proof of high school graduation or GED certificate.
- One year of full-time relevant work experience.
- Recommended minimum age of 23.
- One letter of recommendation from a professional or educational source qualified to judge the applicant’s professional expertise, character, and capacity for college level study.
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate the ability to read, write, and understand English and submit evidence of proficiency in English by scoring 550 or above on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, TOEFL.

## **General graduation requirements for undergraduate degree programs:**

### ***Associate of Science Degree:***

60 semester credits are required for graduation:

18 Credits of Core Business Management Courses

33 Credits of Liberal Arts core courses:

3 – College Writing

3 – Literary Genres

6 – Humanities I, II

3 – History

3 – Fine Arts

3 – Philosophy

3 – Religious Studies

3 – Social Sciences

3 – Mathematics

3 – Science

9 – Elective credits in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Studies,  
from at least 2 disciplines

### ***Bachelor of Science degree:***

120 Semester Credits are required for graduation

54 Credits of Core Business Management courses

27 Credits of Liberal Arts core courses:

3 – College Writing

3 – Literary Genres

6 – Humanities I, II

3 – History

3 – Fine Arts

3 – Religious Studies

3 – Mathematics

3 – Science

9 – Credits of Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Studies,  
from at least 2 disciplines

30 Elective credits

## Associate of Science in Business Management (ASBM)

The Associate of Science in Business Management is for those in the early stages of their management or professional career and includes introductory courses in management and business principles as well as a solid foundation in general studies and the liberal arts. Today's fast-paced business world demands strong leadership and management skills together with technical competence and communication skills. Professional education in business management can help students develop the capabilities needed to assume positions of leadership and responsibility at all levels of management in our society. Business managers formulate the policies and direct the operations of corporations, non-profit institutions and government agencies. Business management is found in every business and industry, including government, education, health care, not-for-profit and military organizations.

The ASBM degree program emphasizes a strong base of business fundamentals including critical thinking and decision-making skills. Students can learn practical, real-world applications from instructors with extensive business experience. The degree program is designed to provide both a broad general education background and a strong professional education. In addition to important undergraduate foundation studies in areas including English, math, and humanities, students can learn presentation techniques, technology applications and research basics. The ASBM degree program satisfies the course requirements for the first two years of the Albertus Magnus School of New Dimensions Bachelor of Science in Business Management (BSBM) degree program.

### ***ASBM Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the ASBM degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Teamwork
  - Collaborative Writing
  - Scientific Method
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Management Principles
  - Economics
  - Organizational Management
  - Financial Management
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in core skills including:
  - Written/oral communications
  - Reading comprehension
  - Information literacy
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in critical thinking skills including:
  - Interpretation
  - Analysis
  - Evaluation
  - Reflection
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively apply the methods and insights of the following disciplines to an understanding of the world:
  - Literature
  - Philosophy
  - Social Science
  - Mathematics
  - Religious studies
  - Natural Science
  - History
- Demonstrate an ability to formulate basic ethical questions and define moral decision-making at the individual and societal level.
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to foundational strategic management issues

**Course Sequence**

CC 101A	Preparation for College Study	(3)
EN 105A	Collaborative College Writing	(3)
EN 104A	Introduction to Literary Genres	(3)
CO 141A	Speech Communications	(3)
MA 105A	Mathematics for Managers	(3)
HI 252A	Topics in Historical Study	(3)
BE 104A	Applied Economic Theory	(3)
RS 105A	Religion in the Workplace	(3)
HU 111A	Humanities I	(3)
HU 112A	Humanities II	(3)
SC 105A	Science in the News	(3)
BE 106A	Leadership Studies for Business	(3)
PO 122A	American Government	(3)
PY 111A	Psychological Concepts	(3)
SO 111A	Sociology of Work	(3)
CO 121A	Communications Overview	(3)
PH 261A	Social and Political Philosophy	(3)
BE 121A	Industrial Organization	(3)
BE 215A	Introduction to Finance	(3)
BE 240A	Business Case Studies	(3)

*TOTAL Credits: 60*

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

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**BE 104A Applied Economic Theory (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of Economics, focusing on a limited but crucial set of macroeconomic and microeconomic principles as tools of analysis.

**BE 106A Leadership Studies for Business (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of characteristics that are inherent to being a successful leader. Management theories are explored and leadership qualities are put into practice. This course also introduces learners to the use of case studies in solving business problems and uses role-plays, team and individual presentations, and personal journals in the accomplishment of the main objective, helping the learner to understand leadership behaviors.

**BE 121A Industrial Organization (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Economic analysis of American Industry in terms of market structure, conduct, and performance, application of anti-trust laws, and economic effects of mergers and corporate “take-overs” on economic efficiency. Special topics in the regulation and deregulation of business examined.

**BE 215A Introduction to Finance (5 weeks) 3 credits**

This course reviews basic principles of finance, including money and credit, how the financial system functions, the role of the Federal Reserve, and the structure of financial markets. Specific investments will be examined, including bonds and how interest rates are determined, equities and how the stock market works, the efficiency of financial markets, and the management of risk. Problems, classroom debates, and a financial planning project are used to apply course concepts to real-world business and personal situations.

**BE 240A Business Case Studies (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Presentation and discussion of innovative approaches to solutions of a variety of contemporary business issues.

**CC 101A Preparation for College Study (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction for adult students seeking to complete an undergraduate degree. Overview of important concepts of self-management and an awareness of effective skills for implementation in college-level study. Emphasis is placed on the development of the written and verbal communication skills as well as critical thinking.

**CO 121A Communications Overview (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Survey of Communication Theory, Process, Practice and Ethics. Explores questions such as: How many years does the average individual spend watching television? What prophecies did Marshall McLuhan make in 1965 that are becoming true today? Have books been replaced or forgotten? What does a film producer really do? What effect does violent television programming have on society?

**CO 141A Speech Communications (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Comprehensive approach to organization, presentation, and theory associated with the practice of oral communications. Through classroom exercises and formal student speech presentations, students improve their ability to speak publicly. Special attention is given to perceptual skills, listening skills, and leadership styles necessary for effective speaking in family, social, and business contexts.

**EN 105A Collaborative College Writing (5 weeks) 3 credits**

This course emphasizes the standard Writing Process, the learning of rhetorical strategies in expository writing, and the use of proper composition mechanics. It employs collaborative writing and peer editing as vehicles for enhanced writing, reading, and critical thinking skills. Transfer credits cannot apply to this course.

**EN 104A Introduction to Literary Genres (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Exploration of the comprehension and analysis of fiction, poetry, drama and the essay, and the articulate and cogent explication of literary texts.

**HI 252A Topics in Historical Study (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of a single topic or theme in business in European, American, or world history.

**HU 111A Humanities I (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of classical and medieval texts from the broad range of liberal arts disciplines enhancing students' ability to intelligently read texts.

**HU 112A Humanities II (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of renaissance and contemporary texts ranging from Shakespeare to Voltaire to Frederick Douglas.

**MA 105A Mathematics for Managers (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction to mathematical skills needed by business managers. Topics include algebraic equations, percents, fractions, decimals and their use in solving business related problems. Also included are markups, markdowns, simple interest, depreciation, inventory, and cost control.

**PH 261A Social and Political Philosophy (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Tracing of the development of social and political theory. Critically considers questions regarding the relationship between the individual and the state, particularly in the context of the contemporary alienation of the individual from society. Various contemporary social issues, such as racism, sexism, and war and peace are examined.

**PO 122A American Government (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Description, analysis, and evaluation of the primary national governmental institutions in the United States: the Congress, the Presidency, the Bureaucracy, and the Federal Court system. Focus on the powers of these institutions, the behavior of the people within them, the way the institutions operate, and the quality and nature of the policies they produce.

**PY 111A Psychological Concepts (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction to the major areas, theories, concepts, and methods of contemporary psychology.

**RS 105A Religion in the Workplace (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of the influence of religious beliefs on the world of work and the impact of the Judeo-Christian Work Ethic on business behavior.

**SC 105A Science in the News (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Exploration of current issues in Physics, Science, Biology, Health and Medicine which have appeared in the popular press. Provides an understanding of how science is done and how to critically evaluate the news media's interpretation of current research from a scientific perspective.

**SO 111A Sociology of Work (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Presents the perspective and terminology of the discipline of sociology and its insight into the world of work. Examines the motivations for working, the principal ways of classifying occupations, the factors affecting the placement of individuals in specific occupations, the organizational context of work, and the "future" of work.

## Bachelor of Science in Business Management (BSBM)

The Bachelor of Science in Business Management degree is designed for those working adult professionals looking to develop their business and management skills. The curriculum for the Business Management program builds a solid foundation covering all the functional areas of business such as accounting, management, marketing, public speaking, business law, team building and finance. This program provides students with a curriculum to prepare them for entry and promotion into a rapidly changing business and professional environment.

Professional education in business management can help students develop the capabilities needed to assume positions of leadership and responsibility at all levels of management in our society. Business managers formulate the policies and direct the operations of corporations, non-profit institutions and government agencies. Business management is found in every business and industry, including government, education, health care, not-for-profit and military organizations. The BSBM degree program emphasizes a strong base of business fundamentals including critical thinking and decision-making skills. Students can learn practical, real-world applications from instructors with extensive business experience.

### ***BSBM Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the BSBM degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Quantitative Analysis
  - Teamwork
  - Scientific Method
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Management Principles
  - Business Law
  - Business Ethics
  - Statistics
  - Economics
  - Marketing
  - Organizational Management
  - Accounting
  - Financial Management
  - Information Systems
  - Human Resources
  - International Business
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in core skills including:
  - Written and oral communications
  - Reading comprehension
  - Information literacy
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in critical thinking skills including:
  - Interpretation
  - Analysis
  - Evaluation
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively apply the methods and insights of the following disciplines to an understanding of the world:
  - Literature
  - Philosophy
  - Social Science
  - Mathematics
  - Religious studies
  - Natural Science
  - History

- Demonstrate an ability to formulate ethical questions and engage in moral decision-making at the individual and societal level.
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to advanced strategic management issues

### **Course Sequence**

BE 301M	Principles of Self Management	(2)
EN 305M	Written Communication in Business	(3)
BE 303M	Management and Leadership in Business	(3)
PH 307M	Business Ethics	(3)
BE 327M	Business Law	(3)
BE 317M	Business Statistics	(3)
BE 315M	Marketing for Managers	(3)
BE 311M	Economics for Managers I: Microecon	(3)
BE 312M	Economics for Managers II: Macroecon	(3)
BE 308M	Information Systems	(3)
BE 319M	Leadership in Quality Improvement	(2)
BE 309M	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting I	(3)
BE 310M	Financial Accounting: Statement Analysis and Decision Making	(3)
BE 323M	Human Resource Management	(3)
BE 329M	International Business Management	(3)
BE 325M	Corporate Financial Management	(3)
BE 332M	Strategic Management and Policy	(4)
BE 396M	Business Case Project I	(3)
BE 397M	Business Case Project II	(1)
	General Education Requirements	(6)

*TOTAL Core Business Management Credits: 60*

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### **BE 301M Principles of Self Management (4 weeks) 2 credits**

Orientation for adult students returning to higher education to complete an undergraduate degree. Topics include academic program planning, time management, group interaction, professional/personal growth, library resource utilization, and other items relevant to goal accomplishment in an academic setting.

**BE 303M Management and Leadership in Business (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of the management techniques of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling with an emphasis on decision making, efficiency, and effectiveness.

**BE 308M Information Systems (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of fundamentals of information systems and their role in the organization. Emphasis on organizational and technical foundations of computer-based information systems, tools, techniques, and approaches to systems analysis and design, security issues, data administration, and project management.

**BE 309M The Fundamentals of Financial Accounting I (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Presentation of the concepts, principles, and applications of accounting information that serve as the foundation of economically sound business management.

**BE 310M Financial Accounting: Statement Analysis & Decision Making (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Continuation of BE-309M. Examination of the acquisition, analysis, and reporting of accounting information from the perspective of effective management decision-making. Special emphasis placed on long-term investment and financial statement analysis.

**BE 311M Economics for Managers I: Microeconomics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of the applications of microeconomics. Topics include supply and demand, consumer and producer choice, resource markets, earnings, investments, governmental roles, market structure, competition, and international aspects of microeconomics.

**BE 312M Economics for Managers II: Macroeconomics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of the applications of macroeconomics. Topics include classical and Keynesian theory; business cycles, inflation, unemployment, government deficit spending, the global economy, GDP, fiscal and monetary policy, and the banking system.

**BE 315M Marketing for Managers (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of organization planning and implementation process of product, promotion, price, and channels of distribution as it strives to satisfy market needs. Emphasis on factors affecting consumer behavior, development of marketing strategies, and recognition of marketing variables.

**BE 317M Business Statistics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Survey of descriptive statistics with emphasis on practical applications of statistical analysis. Examination of the role of statistics in research, statistical terminology, the appropriate use of statistical techniques, and the interpretation of statistical findings in business and business research.

**BE 319M Leadership in Quality Improvement (3 weeks) 2 credits**

Overview of how organizations, using various approaches to quality and value management, can create and sustain value for customers and maintain an effective organization in a competitive environment. Focus is on the role of leadership in committing to quality and value management as a “way of being” in the organization, and also reviews the history of the quality/value paradigm and explores some of the more recent tools for quality improvement such as Six Sigma.

**BE 323M Human Resource Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of the function of Human Resource Management in the vital role of effectively utilizing people to meet organizational objectives. Exploration of planning personnel needs, recruiting and selecting employees, training and developing the work force, performance evaluation, compensation, and labor management relations.

**BE 325M Corporate Financial Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Analysis of financing, valuation, and organization of business firms. Topics include: financial analysis, capital budgeting, valuation of corporate assets, investment decision under conditions of uncertainty, long- and short-term sources of funds, optimal financial structure, the cost of capital, dividend policy, working capital, management mergers, leveraged buyouts, and bankruptcy and reorganization.

**BE 327M Business Law (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Examination, analysis and application of the nature, formation, and system of law in the United States to the modern business environment.

**BE 329M International Business Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Survey of economic, political, and social environment of international business and the management and international dimensions of traditional business operations. Emphasis on economic activity and its relationship between the multinational corporation and its host country, and the establishment of international business operations.

**BE 332M Strategic Management and Policy (6 weeks) 4 credits**

Exploration of the concepts and techniques for effective strategic thinking. An integrative case-oriented business capstone course designed to exercise the analytic skills learners have acquired in previous course work and to develop and exercise learners' skills in critical thinking within the context of complex and ambiguous decision-making environments.

**BE 396M Business Case Project I (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Capstone of all learning experience marshaled by students in Bachelor's program. Requires the use of those experiences in the creation, development, and writing of a business case study on an issue or problem related to a student's business experience or career. Case study will focus on area of interest or concentration chosen by student such as Human Resources, Marketing, or Management and will require the writing of a substantial formal case study.

**BE 397M Business Case Project II (2 weeks) 1 credit**

Presentation and defense of student's capstone business case study written in BE 396M. Student will refine and polish all the presentation and speaking skills developed in the Bachelor's Degree Program.

**EN 305M Written Communication in Business (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Focus on the process of communication skills that are essential for communicating successfully in organizations through the use of simulations, case studies, and application assignments.

**PH 307M Business Ethics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Examination of the ethical questions raised by the practice of business. Review of ethical theory as it is applied to business practice. Examination of specific cases related to corporate, social, and environment responsibility; employee rights and obligations; regulations of business, legal, and ethical standards of fair contract practices.

**Bachelor of Science in Business Management (BSBM-HCM) (Healthcare Management Concentration)**

The Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a Healthcare Management Concentration is designed to address the needs of the healthcare professional that has been placed in a management role. Traditionally, healthcare professionals have tremendous depth of education in their specialties. Now, however, there is an increasing demand for specialists with general management skills as well. Today's healthcare managers must be aware of the dramatic changes in the areas of human resources, financial reimbursement, marketing, and legal and regulatory constraints. This program affords an excellent opportunity for healthcare professionals to examine the challenges in today's healthcare industry and to work together to provide solutions to those challenges.

***BSBM (HCM) Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the BSBM (HCM) degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Quantitative Analysis
  - Teamwork
  - Problem Solving
  - Scientific Method
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Management Principles
  - Healthcare Regulations
  - Statistics
  - International Business
  - Accounting
  - Information Systems
  - Organizational Management
  - Business Law
  - Business Ethics
  - Marketing
  - Economics
  - Financial Management
  - Human Resources
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in core skills including:
  - Reading comprehension
  - Information literacy
  - Written and oral communications
- Demonstrate the ability to meet College benchmarks in critical thinking skills including:
  - Interpretation
  - Evaluation
  - Analysis
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively apply the methods and insights of the following disciplines to an understanding of the world:
  - Literature
  - Social Science
  - Religious Studies
  - History
  - Philosophy
  - Mathematics
  - Natural Science

- Demonstrate an ability to formulate ethical questions and engage in moral decision-making at the individual and societal level.
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to advanced strategic management issues

### **Course Sequence**

BE 301M	Principles of Self Management	(2)
EN 305M	Written Communication in Business	(3)
BE 235M	Healthcare Management	(3)
PH 307M	Business Ethics	(3)
BE 336M	Legal Aspects of Healthcare Management	(3)
BE 317M	Business Statistics	(3)
BE 243M	Marketing Healthcare	(3)
BE 311M	Economics for Managers I: Microeconomics	(3)
BE 241M	The American Healthcare System	(3)
BE 308M	Information Systems	(3)
BE 319M	Leadership in Quality Improvement	(2)
BE 309M	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting I	(3)
BE 310M	Financial Accounting: Statement Analysis and Decision Making	(3)
BE 329M	International Business Management	(3)
BE 323M	Human Resource Management	(3)
BE 244M	Financial Aspects of Healthcare Management	(3)
BE 332M	Strategic Management and Policy	(4)
BE 396M	Business Case Project I	(3)
BE 397M	Business Case Project II	(1)
	General Education Requirements	(6)

TOTAL Core Business Management Credits: 60

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

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### **BE 241 The American Healthcare System (5 weeks) 3 credits**

A study and analysis of the American healthcare system. This course covers the historical development, current organization, and complex issues facing the healthcare system today. It also compares the U.S. system to other healthcare systems and explores alternative strategies for improving the U.S. system.

**BE 243 Marketing Healthcare (5 weeks) 3 credits**

An application of the principles of marketing to healthcare products and services. Emphasis is placed on defining the needs and wants of customers, defining creative products and services, examining channels of distribution, planning and implementing promotion/communication campaigns, establishing price, and evaluating marketing efforts.

**BE 244 Financial Aspects of Healthcare Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is designed to provide the learner with basic knowledge of accounting and finance principles and provide application to healthcare delivery. This course provides the manager in a healthcare organization the general financial skills necessary to understand financial statements, prepare budgets, and evaluate capital projects and expenditures.

**BE 301M Principles of Self Management (4 weeks) 2 credits**

Orientation for adult students returning to higher education to complete an undergraduate degree. Topics include academic program planning, time management, group interaction, professional/personal growth, library resource utilization, and other items relevant to goal accomplishment in an academic setting.

**BE 308M Information Systems (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of fundamentals of information systems and their role in the organization. Emphasis on organizational and technical foundations of computer-based information systems, tools, techniques, and approaches to systems analysis and design, security issues, data administration, and project management.

**BE 309M The Fundamentals of Financial Accounting I (5 weeks)  
3 credits**

Presentation of the concepts, principles, and applications of accounting information that serve as the foundation of economically sound business management.

**BE 310M Financial Accounting: Statement Analysis & Decision Making  
(5 weeks) 3 credits**

Continuation of BE-309M. Examination of the acquisition, analysis, and reporting of accounting information from the perspective of effective management decision-making. Special emphasis placed on long-term investment and financial statement analysis.

**BE 311M Economics for Managers I: Microeconomics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Overview of the applications of microeconomics. Topics include supply and demand, consumer and producer choice, resource markets, earnings, investments, governmental roles, market structure, competition, and international aspects of microeconomics.

**BE 317M Business Statistics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Survey of descriptive statistics with emphasis on practical applications of statistical analysis. Examination of the role of statistics in research, statistical terminology, the appropriate use of statistical techniques, and the interpretation of statistical findings in business and business research.

**BE 319M Leadership in Quality Improvement (3 weeks) 2 credits**

Overview of how organizations, using various approaches to quality and value management, can create and sustain value for customers and maintain an effective organization in a competitive environment. Focus is on the role of leadership in committing to quality and value management as a “way of being” in the organization, and also reviews the history of the quality/value paradigm and explores some of the more recent tools for quality improvement such as Six Sigma.

**BE 323M Human Resource Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Study of the function of Human Resource Management in the vital role of effectively utilizing people to meet organizational objectives. Exploration of planning personnel needs, recruiting and selecting employees, training and developing the work force, performance evaluation, compensation, and labor management relations.

**BE 329M International Business Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Survey of economic, political, and social environment of international business and the management and international dimensions of traditional business operations. Emphasis on economic activity and its relationship between the multinational corporation and its host country, and the establishment of international business operations.

**BE 332M Strategic Management and Policy (6 weeks) 4 credits**

Exploration of the concepts and techniques for effective strategic thinking. An integrative case-oriented business capstone course designed to exercise the analytic skills learners have acquired in previous course work and to develop and exercise learners’ skills in critical thinking within the context of complex and ambiguous decision-making environments.

**BE 336 Legal Aspects of Healthcare Management (5 weeks) 3 credits**

An examination of the laws and regulations which protect and govern healthcare facilities and programs. Special attention to the rights and protections afforded to users of healthcare facilities.

**BE 396M Business Case Project I (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Capstone of all learning experience marshaled by students in Bachelor’s program. Requires the use of those experiences in the creation, development, and writing of a business case study on an issue or problem related to a student’s business experience or career. Case study will focus on area of interest or concentration chosen by student such as Human Resources, Marketing, or Management and will require the writing of a substantial formal case study.

**BE 397M Business Case Project II (2 weeks) 1 credit**

Presentation and defense of student’s capstone business case study written in BE 396M. Student will refine and polish all the presentation and speaking skills developed in the Bachelor’s Degree Program.

**EN 305M Written Communication in Business (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Focus on the process of communication skills that are essential for communicating successfully in organizations through the use of simulations, case studies, and application assignments.

**PH 307M Business Ethics (5 weeks) 3 credits**

Examination of the ethical questions raised by the practice of business. Review of ethical theory as it is applied to business practice. Examination of specific cases related to corporate, social, and environment responsibility; employee rights and obligations; regulations of business, legal, and ethical standards of fair contract practices.

# Graduate Degree Programs

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The New Dimensions graduate programs are designed to help students achieve a Master's Degree while pursuing a career. The degree programs are structured sequentially, with students taking one course at a time for four hours one night per week over six to eight weeks. Students become a member of a learning team, meeting weekly for collaboration and peer support. By devoting 15–20 hours per week to schoolwork, including attending one session class per week, meeting with a learning team, and completing course assignments, students can graduate in about two years. In addition to class sessions, each student works on team projects with other learning team members for a minimum of four hours per week. Learning teams are an essential part of most courses, and they are conducted in either an on-line or on-ground format, or a combination of both. Documentation of this work is reviewed by the course Instructor each week.

## Graduate Programs offered:

- Master of Arts in Leadership
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Management
- Master of Science in Education

## Admission requirements for Master's Degrees

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 or 2.7 on a 4.0 system depending on the program.
- Three years of professional and/or related experience (a minimum of two years requisite experience in an organization).
- Proficiency in the business application of personal computers.
- Proficiency in the English language which may be demonstrated by the completion of two years of successful academic work in the United States at the college level or by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 600 or better.

## Prerequisites:

- A working knowledge of computers (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) is also required.

## An applicant must submit:

- Official transcripts from all degree-granting institutions attended.
- An essay (of 500–600 words, double-spaced) on:
  - Career interests
  - Reasons for entering the program
  - Expectations of the program

The essay must cite a specific example of the most effective organizational team of which they have been a member, and how leadership factored into its success.

## General graduation requirements for Master's Degrees

- Completion of all requirements within seven years of matriculation, including completion of the Master Research Project.
- 3.0 overall GPA on a scale of 4.0. Students receiving a final grade of C- or lower in any course will be required to repeat that course.
- Satisfactory completion of a capstone project.
- Payment of all tuition and fees.

## Master of Arts in Leadership

The mission of the Master's in Leadership program at Albertus Magnus College is to provide an educational experience that offers its participants ample opportunity to learn about and to practice leadership in a nurturing and intellectually invigorating environment. Participants in the program are encouraged to reflect on and develop a type of leadership that is rooted in service to others and build on a vision of reciprocal trust and ethical behavior. The Master's in Leadership program at Albertus Magnus College views leadership as a relational process that is inclusive of the people and diverse points of view, is purposeful and builds commitment towards a shared vision, empowers those involved, and is rooted in ethical reasoning and cultural and self-awareness. The 33-credit hour graduate program is designed to help build skills in critical leadership areas through courses that meet for 8 weeks.

### ***ML Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the ML degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Decision Making
  - Leadership
  - Teamwork
  - Information Literacy
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Management Principles
  - Organizational Behavior
  - Human Resources
  - Business Ethics
  - Organizational Management
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills through:
  - Developing hypotheses
  - Analyzing data
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to expert strategic management issues

### ***Course Sequence***

LDR 500	Leadership in Practice	(1)
LDR 506	Moral Leadership: Defining the Character of Individuals in Organizations	(3)
LDR 514	Resolving Conflict Through Dialog	(3)
LDR 502	Leadership & the New Science: Research Design and Methods to Understand Leadership	(3)

LDR 512	Leadership and Diversity	(3)
LDR 504	Cultural Anthropology and Leadership	(3)
LDR 508	Servant Leadership	(3)
LDR 510	Human Resource Management in a Changing Environment	(3)
LDR 550	Special Topics in Leadership	(3)
LDR 600	Team Building and Leadership	(1)
LDR 602	Leadership, Imagination and Communication	(3)
LDR 604	Strategic Leadership in a Changing Society	(4)

TOTAL Credits: 33

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### **LDR 500 Leadership in Practice (3 weeks) 1 credit**

In this 1-credit, three week course participants will be introduced to the Master of Arts in Leadership. Participants will be presented with the seminal theories of leadership and asked to begin applying them to contemporary environments. The course will outline program requirements including the capstone project (journaling, film analysis, and ethnographic/applied leadership analysis) and will prepare participants for the expected program and graduate outcomes. LDR 500 is a pre or co-requisite class for students in the Master of Arts in Leadership.

### **LDR 502 Leadership & the New Science: Research Design & Methods to Understand Leadership (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course provides a wide-view background of the relationship between scientific thinking, research processes and design, leadership and organizational life. Seminar members will explore the implications of the “new sciences” of quantum theory, fractal and chaos theory, information and field theory, and theories of change on our ideas and practices of leadership in organizations. Seminar members will also review fundamentals of the scientific research process and will focus on the use of qualitative and quantitative research methods as an appropriate response to understanding how and why organizations and leadership within them function as they do.

### **LDR 504 Cultural Anthropology & Leadership: Organizations as Culture (8 weeks) 3 credits**

In this course, students will analyze organizations as cultures. Experts attribute the success or failure of enterprises to their “organizational culture.” What is culture? What are the distinctive methods that leaders and consultants borrow from cultural anthropology to deepen their understanding of their organizations? How does analysis of an organization’s culture help its leaders achieve their mission? The seminar will focus on the interplay of leadership, culture, and organizational effectiveness. How do leaders create,

embed, and change the values of the organizations they lead? Case studies include the leader of an agrarian revolt in Mexico and a financial services company which upset an industry. We will consider the case of a joint venture of two companies with conflicting cultures. Participants will begin to learn the skills of ethnography, culminating in a mini-ethnographic study of an organization and a report of their findings.

### **LDR 506 Moral Leadership: Defining the Character of Individuals in Organizations (8 weeks) 3 credits**

In this course we will explore two important and related topics: leadership and ethics in organizations. Questions that will be explored include: What is leadership? How does it differ from management? Does it have an impact on organizational mission and performance? Where are leaders in organizations, and what are their roles? What roles do leaders play in shaping the culture and in shaping what is considered right and wrong within the organization? Can ethical reasoning be taught, and if so, how can one learn the needed skills? How can one learn to make right vs. right decisions and explain their decisions to others? Since all organizational decisions are ultimately made and implemented by individuals, we will focus primarily on practical aspects of leadership and ethical decision-making as they impact the individual, rather than looking at more broad issues such as the social responsibility of businesses or organizations.

### **LDR 508 Servant Leadership (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is designed as a study of the theory and practice of Servant Leadership. It is also an exploration of how students can apply Servant Leadership in their own lives. Servant Leadership theory was developed by Robert Greenleaf more than 25 years ago. Since that time Servant Leadership has had a profound effect on the business and non-profit world. Students will explore the gulf between those who lead in order to serve others, and those who lead in order to serve self. This exploration will be undertaken from a variety of angles. Students will trace the origins of the Servant Leader concept by reading the book from which Greenleaf obtained the original idea, Herman Hesse's *Journey to the East*. Simultaneously students will explore modern-day examples of Servant Leadership in action through the writings of top management thinkers. Students will tie it all together by constructing practical applications of the Servant Leader theory to be used at work, school, and/or in their personal lives.

### **LDR 510 Human Resource Management in a Changing Environment (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is a study of techniques and skills necessary to manage and effectively guide human resources in a rapidly changing technological environment. Emphasis is on formulation and implementation of strategies to understand, guide, and develop human resources within the modern organization. It covers analysis of humanistic and ethical issues facing management and employees in the changing workforce and behavioristic concerns as experienced within organizations.

### **LDR 512 Leadership & Diversity (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course will strive to enable students to understand the importance of valuing, as well as managing the diversity or many different kinds of people that are in the workplace. The term diversity goes far beyond race and gender although these two forms of differences have been disadvantaged and underutilized at work. The course will link the potential impact of diversity to individual, group and organizational levels in organizations. There are many employees and managers in organizations who have never

engaged in such a course thus students will be asked to consider the loss of teamwork, cohesiveness, synergy, productivity, creativity and other forms of potential in organizations. In this regard, students will be asked to make the classroom a very safe place where differing opinions and ideas may be expressed and in fact, serve as a further basis of the learning. Active class participation will be required; both from students of dominant and non-dominant cultures and social groups. Listening deeply to each other as well as expressing deeply to each other will be encouraged and valued with regard to the grading of the participation factor.

**LDR 514 Resolving Conflict Through Dialog (8 weeks) 3 credits**

How do parties make promises and commitments, offer rewards and threaten punishments through discussion and debate that together determine the conditions for a negotiated outcome? How do communication style and negotiation tactics produce successful settlement of disputes? The meaning of conflict resolution adopted in this course is focused on peaceful, non-violent mechanisms, spanning formal and informal interactions and bargaining between disputants to reach procedural and substantive solutions. Levels of conflicts and resolution settings are often differentiated by identifying the adversaries, whether they are nation-states, ethnic groups, business or political organizations, community groups, neighbors, or individuals. We will examine these perspectives in order to understand various layers where conflicts arise, and to make comparisons across issues and participants noting similarities and contrasts in resolution manner, effort, and achievement.

**LDR 550 Special Topics in Leadership (8 weeks) 3 credits**

In this course students will be exposed to a current issue in Leadership. Faculty and students will explore the predetermined topic and discuss its relevance to Leadership in practice.

**LDR 600 Team Building & Leadership: Intensive Off-Site Experience  
(3 weeks) 1 credit**

In this 1 credit, 3 week seminar students will be introduced to the Capstone Project, will participate in a team based activity and will participate in a team and leadership assessment. Participants will be guided through team activities where they will learn how the individual skills they have learned through the program will benefit them in team based activities.

**LDR 602 Leadership, Imagination & Communication  
(Pre-Req: Completion of Five 500-level OL Courses)  
(8 weeks) 3 credits**

Seminar members will begin to prepare for their Capstone course and project by identifying and exploring a large-scale “leadership change” opportunity of their choosing. In this seminar they will learn to imagine possible futures and discover new ideas. They will explore the role of leaders in imagining futures for themselves as well as their organizations. Seminar members will explore ways to connect the inner life of the soul, with the outer life of organizational change and innovation. They will explore their own creativity, discuss the creativity of successful leaders and organizations, and learn to apply theory to practice in their own personal and professional lives. The seminar will conclude with members creating a project plan which will lead them to express their leadership in a new and novel way.

### **LDR 604 Capstone Course: Strategic Leadership in a Changing Society (8 weeks) 4 credits**

In this culminating course, seminar members put the finishing touches on their capstone “leadership change project”—working extensively with each-other’s plans and learning to provide positive feedback and work across teams. Teams work on synthesis and final integration of their field research, complete their capstone project, and conduct analysis of peer team’s projects. The seminar re-capitulates the major themes of the program and explores deeper realms of human purpose and our roles as leaders in shaping future human potential.

## **Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)**

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree program is a 48-credit graduate program designed for the adult working professional. The M.B.A. program has been designed to provide a strong conceptual foundation for successful management of business, across the major skill disciplines, and also to emphasize the development of skills related to creating new value for customers and the formulation of business competitiveness. A major component of the program is the completion of a capstone project which consists of the development of a working business plan for an entrepreneurial endeavor or business consulting activity. The M.B.A. provides the opportunity to profit from practical work-related experiences through a unique and intensive method of collaborative learning and student interaction. The M.B.A. is offered in three formats: on-ground, flex on-line, and all on-line.

This degree program serves a wide range of managers in organizations large and small, particularly those who need to acquire or develop analytical and creative problem-solving skills, thus enabling them to make more effective contributions to the workplace. The program has as its hallmark the exploration and study of ethical issues applicable to concepts, cases, and in-practice experiences inherent throughout the course sequence as well as the concept that team-based effort is an important aspect of organizational success. Distinctive components of the curriculum include a fully integrated sequence of courses that complete the program, which focus on developing individual and team based skills in identifying, analyzing, and communicating effectively about unique value creation opportunities for business competitiveness. A comprehensive capstone project will be developed throughout the final eight courses.

### ***Prerequisites:***

- Students who have not completed course work in Accounting and Economics will be required to fulfill pre-requisites in these disciplines.

### ***MBA Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the MBA degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Quantitative Analysis
  - Teamwork
  - Scientific Method
  - Statistical Analysis
  - Decision Making
  - Leadership
  - Information Literacy
  - Problem Solving

- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Accounting
  - Marketing
  - Managerial Economics
  - Financial Management
  - Information Systems
  - Management Principles
  - Quantitative Management
  - Business Law
  - Organizational Behavior
  - Organizational Management
  - Business Ethics
  - Human Resources
  - International/Global Business
  - Entrepreneurship
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills through:
  - Developing Hypotheses
  - Conducting Research
  - Interpreting & presenting research results
  - Evaluating Research Methods
  - Analyzing Data
- Demonstrate strategic thinking skills to:
  - Synthesize
  - Analyze
  - Integrate
  - Assess
- Present ideas logically and persuasively in writing and in speech.
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to real world issues from an expert strategic perspective

### **Course Sequence**

MBA 502	Contemporary Ethical Issues for Managers	(3)
MBA 514	Information Systems in Management	(3)
MBA 506	Organizational Behavior	(3)
MBA 510	Human Resource Management in a Changing Environment	(3)
MBA 505	Managerial Economics	(3)
MBA 605	Management Within a Global Environment	(3)
MBA 520	Managerial Finance	(3)
MBA 622	Organizational Renewal & Development	(3)
MBA 618	Value Creation for Customers & ompetitiveness	(3)
MBA 620	Entrepreneurship: Innovation & Creativity in Creating Value	(3)
MBA 611	Research Methods for Quality Improvement	(3)
MBA 621	Value-Based Marketing & Product Development	(3)
MBA 624	Operations Management & Value Creation	(3)
MBA 626	Legal Issues in Management & Entrepreneurship	(3)
MBA 628	Financial Analysis & Projection	(3)
MBA 630	Strategic Thinking for Sustainable Business Level Performance	(3)

TOTAL Credits: 48

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### **MBA 502 Contemporary Ethical Issues (7 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction to ethical and humanistic dimensions of business and business management. Research facilities, techniques, and formats are examined. Formation of study group/learning teams occurs and students are introduced to learning team dynamics and processes as they examine the role business activity and work play in human flourishing and social well-being. Introduction to ethical theory and consideration of contemporary business ethics issues, particularly those raised by changing technology, globalization of commerce, environmental concerns, employee diversity in the workplace, workplace hazards, business organization, employee rights and income distribution. Case studies are used to develop management skills and insights to identify ethical problems and approaches to their solutions.

### **MBA 505 Managerial Economics (6 weeks) 3 credits**

The key concepts of economics are utilized to examine management decision making. The course looks at the firm as an instrument for optimizing the allocation of resources and examines management processes in light of economic analysis. Principles topics are: demand and supply analysis, optimization theory, demand estimation and forecasting, costs and the production function, market structure and competitive analysis, decision making under risk and uncertainty, and game theory. The course also deals with the social consequences of management decisions. *Prerequisite: Undergraduate Economics.*

### **MBA 506 Organizational Behavior (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Organizational Behavior is the study of behavioral issues and concepts faced by organizations and individuals in the organization. The course focuses on the macro level issues faced by organizational stakeholders in the ever changing environment. Students will investigate concepts and theories of motivation, organizational culture, employee development, and the like, and come away with knowledge of the processes and theories of effective organizational dynamics.

### **MBA 510 Human Resource Management (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Studies techniques and skills necessary to manage and effectively guide human resources in a rapidly changing business environment. Emphasis on the recruitment, retention and development of human capital within modern business corporations. Specific attention is given to human resources management skills for middle and upper managers.

### **MBA 514 Information Systems in Management (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Defines information needs for the management of the continually-innovating firm and use of Management Information Systems for operations, control, and planning. Examination of issues of hardware and software systems development, evaluation, and acquisition. Considers the problems of learning, training, privacy, ethical, and security issues.

**MBA 520 Managerial Finance (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Explores advanced finance for managers stressing the analysis of principles and practices of the finance function. Emphasis on financing methods for internal and external ventures and innovations, capital budgeting, and R & D portfolio analyses. Contrasts strategic perspectives emphasizing innovation and development with those emphasizing short-term return and investment. Consideration of professional standards includes legal and ethical accounting practices. *Prerequisite: Undergraduate Financial Accounting.*

**MBA 605 Management Within a Global Environment (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

Explores the unique problems and prospects of cultural diversity in international business and enhances awareness of cultural and ethical practices that influence international business. Through directed readings, discussion, and other activities, participants are afforded opportunities to increase their cross-cultural sensitivities and skills, whether they work in the United States or abroad.

**MBA 611 Research Methods for Quality Improvement (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

This course focuses on the application of quantitative analysis in the business environment. The concepts covered include probability distributions, decision analysis, regression analysis, forecasting techniques, linear programming, sensitivity analysis, project management, and simulation models. These concepts provide quantitative skills for research used in completing the capstone project.

**MBA 618 Value Creation for Customers & Competitiveness (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

This course provides an overview of how organizations create and sustain value for customers and how they excel in a competitive environment. The course focuses on the application of systems thinking and measurement tools in assessing and understanding the root causes of sustainable organizational performance. Learners will explore potential ideas for a capstone project and apply tools from the course where appropriate.

**MBA 620 Innovation & Creativity in Creating Value:  
Entrepreneurial Thinking (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Provides learners with a self-reflective path introducing them to the benefits of creative and innovative thought. Students will review cross-disciplinary theories of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship written by seminal authors. Learners will apply concepts from the course with case studies and commit to a capstone project that will extend through the remainder of the program.

**MBA 621 Value-Based Marketing and Product Development (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

Presents an in-depth analysis of the principles of marketing used to identify the needs of customers. The course addresses issues related to competitive analysis and market segmentation. And, it analyzes how the marketing mix—product, price, channels, and promotion—is used to define marketing strategy.

**MBA 622 Organizational Renewal and Development (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Focuses on the management skills needed to diagnose, change, and develop a quality-focused work organization. Participants will explore practices designed to improve quality as well as methods for integrating these practices into an organization's culture. Organizational design and development strategies will be explored in depth. Learners will have the opportunity to develop and refine their skills for organizational design that are customized to support progress on their capstone project and analysis track.

**MBA 624 Operations Management & Value Creation (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Provides a comprehensive examination of the process of planning, implementing, and controlling the activities required to produce goods and services. Issues related to process and job design, quality and inventory control, vendor selection, and facilities location and layout will be explored. Particular attention will be paid to the use of operations research techniques in process flow analysis, and specific capstone project related operations plans will be developed

**MBA 626 Legal Issues in Management & Entrepreneurship (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

Explores the relationship between business activity and the requirements of the law, and addresses the legal ramifications of business decisions, practices, and actions. Specifically, the course will examine the business environment as it relates to domestic and international law, federal and state regulations, as well as local statutes and ordinances. Learners will integrate appropriate legal analysis and casework into their ongoing capstone project.

**MBA 628 Financial Analysis and Projection (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Focuses on the application of managerial finance principles to the development of live and working "pro forma" spreadsheets that provide a detailed financial analysis of the emerging capstone projects. Using capstone work from the previous M.B.A. courses, learners will build a financial model of their project and make a preliminary assessment of the financial feasibility of their plan.

**MBA 630 Strategic Thinking for Sustainable Business Level Performance  
(6 weeks) 3 credits**

Recapitulates many of the themes introduced in the M.B.A. program, now within the specific context of completed first drafts (week two of this course) of the capstone projects. Learners will exercise various strategic thinking tools and skills to integrate, analyze and polish their capstone projects and project teams will provide critical feedback, as consultants, for improvement to other members. Final capstone project presentations and paper will be completed.

## Master of Science in Management

The Master of Science in Management program has been designed for the adult working professional whose advancement in the contemporary workplace is increasingly dependent on significant academic achievement in an environment which emphasizes both the theoretical approach to management issues and the opportunity to profit from practical work-related experiences through a unique and intensive method of student interaction. Participants deepen their understanding of the ethical, social, behavioral, economic and organizational concepts which are critical to the management of corporations and businesses.

This program serves the needs of a wide range of managers in organizations large and small, particularly those who need to acquire or develop the analytical skills which will enable them to make more effective contributions to the workplace. The program has as its starting point the concept that team effort and spirit are important aspects of organizational success. In addition, advances in technology and the impressive effects of globalization dictate that a manager must be ready for change, understand its requirements, and be able to project its significant consequences. Participants bring their own experiences and values to this educational process when they make the commitment to strengthen their personal abilities and skills by contributing in a collegial manner to the success of the group. The final Management Research Project (MRP) is an individual research on a significant business management issue.

### ***MSM Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the MSM degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Quantitative analysis
  - Teamwork
  - Scientific Method
  - Statistical Analysis
  - Decision Making
  - Leadership
  - Information Literacy
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Management Principles
  - Business Ethics
  - Economics
  - Business Law
  - Human Resources
  - Organizational Management
  - Organizational Behavior
  - Marketing
  - Information Systems
  - International/Global Business
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills through:
  - Developing Hypotheses
  - Conducting Research
  - Interpreting & Presenting Research Results
  - Evaluating Research Methods
  - Analyzing Data
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to real world issues from an expert strategic perspective

**Course Sequence**

MGT 501	Management: Perceptions, Paradigms, and Practices	(3)
MGT 509	Professional Writing and Communications	(3)
MGT 506	Organizational Behavior and Individual Differences	(3)
MGT 514	Critical Thinking and Decision Making	(3)
MGT 505	Economics for Managers	(3)
MGT 508	Marketing Management	(3)
MGT 601	Human Resource Management in a Changing Environment	(3)
MGT 605	Management Within a Global Environment	(3)
MGT 603	Change Strategy: Anticipating, Leading, and Managing the Change Process	(3)
MGT 502	Contemporary Ethical Issues for Managers	(3)
MGT 615	Management Research Project I—Topic Selection	(1)
MGT 511	Research Methods for Managers	(3)
MGT 616	Management Research Project II—Data Collection & Analysis	(1)
MGT 617	Management Research Project III—Results & Recommendations	(1)

TOTAL Credits 36

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

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**MGT 501 Management: Perceptions, Paradigms, & Practices (7 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction to the power that ideas have in shaping our perception of how we work, manage, and lead others in complex organizations. Explores various paradigms and practice of effective management, and provides a context for both self-reflection and for understanding the roots of organizational performance. The basic processes of research will be discussed, and learners will be introduced to learning team dynamics and best practices as they form their program learning teams.

**MGT 502 Contemporary Ethical Issues for Managers (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Introduction to ethical and humanistic dimensions of business and business management. Research facilities, techniques, and formats are examined. Introduction to ethical theory and consideration of contemporary business ethics issues, particularly those raised

by changing technology, globalization of commerce, environmental concerns, employee diversity in the workplace, workplace hazards, business organization, employee rights and income distribution. Case studies are used to develop management skills and insights to identify ethical problems and approaches to their solutions.

**MGT 503 Executive Management: Strategies & Leadership (6 weeks)**  
**3 credits**

Studies management as an organized body of knowledge, focusing on role of executive management in directing an organization and improving organizational performance. Concepts include the nature and purpose of organizations; strategic planning; humanistic, ethical, and behavioristic challenges facing modern institutions in a rapidly changing environment; and the development of leadership skills and techniques needed in the contemporary business environment. Specific training in team development and group dynamics completes the formation of learning teams.

**MGT 505 Economics for Managers (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Economics and management decision making are examined from a broad perspective. Using an applied approach, economic concepts are brought to life to explain firm and individual behavior. Key economic topics are: demand and supply analysis, demand elasticity, costs and pricing, market structure analysis, optimization theory, theory of the firm assessment of risk for decision making, game theory, and market failure. *Prerequisite: Undergraduate Economics*

**MGT 506 Organizational Behavior & Individual Differences (6 weeks)**  
**3 credits**

Organizational Behavior and Individual Differences is the study of the individual and his/her role in the organization. In this course students will be exposed to best practices of leadership and organizational dynamics, and will focus on the role the individual plays in the organization. Students will study personality theory, group and team dynamics, conflict resolution and other issues which impact the role the individual plays in the organization as well as the effectiveness of the organization as a whole.

**MGT 508 Marketing Management (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Presents an in-depth analysis of the principles of marketing used to identify the needs of customers. The course addresses issues related to competitive analysis and market segmentation. And, it analyzes how the marketing mix—product, price, channels, and promotion—is used to define marketing strategy.

**MGT 509 Professional Writing & Communications (6 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is designed to enable students to gain a deeper understanding of writing and communications appropriate to professional goals and the demands of the workplace. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills in advanced written and oral communications, research and information literacy, reading and critical thinking.

**MGT 511 Research Methods for Managers (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Examines how managers can use both qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection and analysis to improve their decision-making capabilities. Additionally, students will learn the research techniques necessary to complete their Management Research Project.

**MGT 514 Critical Thinking & Effective Decision Making (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

Seminar participants will evaluate their own decision making skills and consider optimal ways of reaching decisions individually and in a group context. The psychology of decision making will be explored with an emphasis on the biases and motivations which may prejudice our decision making abilities. Participants will critically analyze contemporary decisions in society and apply the course material to positive organizational context.

**MGT 601 Human Resource Management in a Changing Environment  
(6 weeks) 3 credits**

Studies techniques and skills necessary to manage and effectively guide human resources in a rapidly changing business environment. Emphasis on the recruitment, retention and development of human capital within modern business corporations. Specific attention is given to human resources management skills for middle and upper managers.

**MGT 603 Change Strategy: Anticipating, Leading, &  
Managing the Change Process (6 weeks) 3 credits**

Studies change management in the modern organization—how to design and implement organizational transformations, including reengineering, productivity improvement, redeployment of corporate assets, and focus on core competencies. The course makes extensive use of case studies to examine the issues from various points of view.

**MGT 605 Management Within a Global Environment (6 weeks)  
3 credits**

Explores the unique problems and prospects of cultural diversity in international business and enhances awareness of cultural and ethical practices that influence international business. Through directed readings, discussion, and other activities, participants are afforded opportunities to increase their cross-cultural sensitivities and skills, whether they work in the United States or abroad.

**MGT 615 Management Research Project I—Topic Selection (2 weeks)  
1 credit**

Presents an overview of research project and specific project requirements. Students will identify a topic in the field of business management as well as a work-related problem meriting investigation. Provides students with practical steps for reviewing the body of peer-reviewed literature and developing a study that will examine the relationship between two variables.

**MGT 616 Management Research Project II—Data Collection & Analysis  
(2 weeks) 1 credit**

Explores how the collection and analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data will be used to confirm or accept the hypothesis. Focuses on appropriate statistical analyses designed to discover the degree of relationship between variables in the study.

**MGT 617 Management Research Project III—Results & Recommendations  
(2 weeks) 1 credit**

Presents an overview of how the interpretation of results from the study serves as a foundation for the implementation of specific recommendations. Reviews guidelines for oral presentation of hypotheses, research design, and conclusions of the study. Prepares students for final written submission, review, and acceptance of the Management Research Project.

## Master of Science in Education

The Master of Science in Education program seeks to strengthen the ability of provisionally certified teachers to work effectively in promoting literacy and academic achievement in the culturally and ethnically diverse environment of 21st century America. The program stresses the ability to seek out, understand, and apply insights from current educational research, with the fundamental goal of improving literacy levels of all students in our schools. The program will prepare individuals to assume leadership roles among their colleagues and within their school districts, particularly in initiatives related to differentiating instruction and improving student literacy levels.

After the first course, which is delivered on-ground, this program will utilize a sequenced, cohort-based, weekly class session format over an eight week period with classes meeting on-site for 2.5 hours. An additional 2.5 hour on-line element occurs asynchronously each week. The final two capstone courses are delivered on-line. The format utilizes learning teams for selected courses with the majority of coursework completed individually.

### ***M.S. Ed. Degree Program Objectives***

Students who successfully complete the M.S.Ed. degree program should be able to:

- Demonstrate skills in:
  - Application of analytical tools
  - Effective oral & written communication
  - Research methods
  - Leadership
  - Application of differentiating instruction
  - Technology in classrooms
- Demonstrate knowledge of:
  - Educational theories
  - Assessing student learning
  - Effective methods to promote literacy & academic achievement in culturally & ethnically diverse populations
  - Educational psychology
  - Literacy instruction & establishment of differentiated classroom instruction
  - Methods for improving student literacy skills
- Demonstrate the capacity for creative thinking
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills through:
  - Developing Hypothesis
  - Evaluating Research Methods
  - Conducting Research
  - Analyzing Data
  - Interpreting & Presenting Research Results
- Apply learning from diverse disciplines to real world issues in education from an expert strategic perspective

### ***Requirements for Admission***

- Valid Connecticut initial teaching certificate

**Course Sequence**

EDU 501	Maps of Education: Tracing the Roots of Contemporary Public Education	(3)
EDU 502	Educational Psychology: Theories, Learning Development and Teaching Practices	(3)
EDU 503	Educational Research	(3)
EDU 601	Literacy Across the Curriculum: Language Acquisition as a Tool for Learning	(3)
EDU 602	Reading and Writing as Tools for Learning	(3)
EDU 603	Assessment and Student Learning	(3)
EDU 604	Culture and Inter-group Relations	(3)
EDU 605	Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom	(3)
EDU 606	Technological Applications in the Classroom	(3)
EDU 680	Capstone Research Practicum	(2)
EDU 691	Comprehensive Activity	(1)

TOTAL Credits 30

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

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**EDU 501 Maps of Education: Tracing the Roots of Contemporary Public Education (8 weeks) 3 credits**

A detailed study of the historical and philosophical roots of contemporary and public education. In light of the fundamental question of why do we educate children, this course examines the educational interplay of the State, community, family, and teaching professionals in different eras and the consequences, both intended and unintended, of legislative initiatives and educational reforms. (On-ground)

**EDU 502 Educational Psychology: Theories, Learning, Development, & Teaching Practices (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is a study of the assumptions about learning and development that underlie various educational practices by acquainting students with different theories in both of these areas. It will provide students with opportunities to develop their problem solving skills in the context of education and psychology. Topics covered during the course will include development, learning theories, individual differences (in literacy development), problem solving, instructional objectives and methods, motivation, behavior management and the development of self-regulated learners, and assessment. (Blended)

**EDU 503 Educational Research (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course examines how educators can use both qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection and analysis to improve the learning experience of their students. The focus is on both conducting primary research and becoming skilled critical consumers of published middle and high school educational research. These skills will be cultivated further in subsequent classes all of which will prepare students to complete their Capstone Research Project successfully. (Blended)

**EDU 601 Literacy Across the Curriculum: Language Acquisition as a Tool for Learning (8 weeks) 3 credits**

So much of learning is dependent on language. The purpose of this course is to assure candidates' knowledge of how language operates, in order to enable them to teach students to use language as an effective tool for learning, and for communicating what they know. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 602 Reading & Writing as Tools for Learning (8 weeks) 3 credits**

The premise of this class is that all teachers are teachers of reading and writing. Participants review current research on effective reading and writing instruction, especially as tools for learning across all content areas. In addition, attention is given to integrating reading and writing instruction in all lessons and units of study. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 603 Assessment & Student Learning (8 weeks) 3 credits**

Participants in this course investigate current research on classroom assessment, specifically as it relates to their own content areas and instructional levels, and consider the various types and purposes of assessment, including tests for exceptionalities such as talented and gifted, learning differences, and English language learners. Focus is on the relationship of course objectives, instruction, and student assessment. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 604 Culture & Inter-group Relations (8 weeks) 3 credits**

Given the increasingly multicultural student population in American schools of the twenty-first century, it is important for all educators to become sensitive to diverse cultural contexts, and to establish classroom climates in which all students will feel they are welcome and that they have the ability to succeed. This course will address a wide range of issues facing teachers in a multicultural society, and will lead those enrolled in the course to draw parallels and contrasts between their own culture and a variety of other cultures. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 605 Differentiating Instruction in the Classroom (8 weeks) 3 credits**

This course is based on the premise that all students can be successful. Participants study current research on the nature of differentiated instruction and consider various possibilities for application of this research in typical classrooms in both urban and suburban environments. Among other considerations, course content includes a definition of differentiated instruction as both learner and knowledge-centered, and an investigation of various strategies suggested by current research for differentiating both content and skills instruction. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 606 Technological Applications in the Classroom (8 weeks) 3 credits**

The explosion of technology in this century has provided opportunities for innovative approaches to learning, and also to teaching. The purpose of this course is for participants to discover currently available technology for classroom use, to acquire the ability to assess quality of available technology, and to use technology as means for effective instruction. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503.* (Blended)

**EDU 680 Capstone Research Practicum (6 weeks) 2 credits**

All those enrolled in this course will work with a project advisor. Following the selection of a project and its development the candidate will work it into a final draft to be read and assessed by a committee consisting of the candidate's advisor and two other members of the graduate faculty. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503, 602, 603, 604.* (On-line)

**EDU 691 Comprehensive Activity (2 weeks) 1 credit**

Candidates will organize materials developed during the Program (e.g. statement of philosophy, résumé, samples of assessment instruments) into a professional portfolio to be viewed as the candidate's reflective summary of the substance of his/her chosen career in education. *Prerequisites: EDU 501, 502, 503, 602, 603, 604, 680.* (On-line)

# Application Process

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## Who May Apply

New Dimensions welcomes applications from adult men and women of every nationality, ethnic, racial, and/or religious group. An applicant may be admitted as a first year student, transfer student with some previous college or graduate school experience, or a graduate student.

## How to Apply

Potential students should call the New Dimensions office at 203-777-0800 and make an appointment with an Admissions Representative to discuss their plans and previous college coursework.

# Tuition and Fees

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## Tuition

Tuition and fees are reviewed and published each July. Students should contact the New Dimensions Accounting office for a current fee schedule which contains specific information on tuition, fees, and payment dates.

## Fees

The following fees are charged to students in the School of New Dimensions:

- Application Fee—to be included when the application is submitted. Applies to:
  - New students
  - Students re-entering a program after an absence longer than one year
  - Students transferring from an undergraduate to a graduate program
- Registration Fee—to be paid when the student registers for the program.
- Educational Resources Fee—to be paid with the tuition for each course. This fee covers the cost of books and materials, delivery of books and materials, audio-visual equipment, maintenance of learning management systems and reproduction of materials supplied by the instructor and is averaged over the entire program.
- Technology Fee—is charged to continually develop and expand e-resources and educational technology.
- Single Course Fee—tuition paid upon registration for courses outside a student's scheduled program.
- Transcript Fee—accompanies transcript requests. An additional fee is charged if the student needs the transcript on the same day.
- Degree Completion Fee—is charged to cover the expenses associated with the awarding of degrees. Students who apply for graduation pay this fee with the Application for Candidacy. This fee must be paid regardless of participation in the commencement ceremony or actual receipt of the diploma. No reduction will be made in the fee for non-attendance at the graduation exercises.

## Payments

Payment of tuition, educational resource fee, and all other fees is due prior to the course start date. Regardless of financial source, the student is responsible for all costs of the program in which he/she is enrolled. In general, all fees are non-refundable.

## Payment procedure

1. The student will receive a payment schedule for payment of tuition and the educational resource fees for the core curriculum.
2. PAYMENTS ARE DUE IN ADVANCE of the start date of each new course, as listed on the payment schedule.

3. If payment is not received for two sequential courses, the student will not be allowed to attend class, and we reserve the right to add a 1% monthly interest charge to the outstanding balance of the student's account until the account is paid in full.
4. No transcripts will be provided to any student with an outstanding balance.
5. Students may be subject to Administrative Dismissal (removal from the program) for failure to meet financial obligations.
6. Students may not participate in graduation exercises, receive their diplomas, or obtain any documentation indicating the completion of their degree until all financial obligations are met.

## **Employer Reimbursement**

The above payment policy applies even if a student anticipates employer reimbursement for tuition fees. It is not unusual for an employer to reimburse the student directly after the tuition fee has been paid and a receipt generated for each course. Because there may be a time lapse in the employer's reimbursement of funds, there may be a time period when the tuition is covered by a student's personal funds. It is recommended that a student consider the use of financial aid or auto charge agreement to assure timely payment of all courses and to avoid the possibility of a late payment due to personal financial obligations.

## **Direct Employer Billing**

New Dimensions has arrangements with several employers throughout Connecticut to bill the companies for student tuition. Students who are eligible for this funding source are required to submit a course approval document to New Dimensions in order to complete the billing. These documents should be forwarded to the Accounting Department at the Long Wharf Campus in New Haven or faxed to 203-777-6019. Billing cannot be processed without these documents and the student may be responsible for payment for all or part of the tuition cost, depending on the employer benefit.

## **Students Receiving Financial Assistance**

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees; however, if a student applies for and is awarded financial aid, then the amount awarded will be deducted from the balance owed. If a student does not submit the appropriate paperwork within the time frame required for the Financial Assistance department, the student is then responsible for all charges incurred. Questions regarding appropriate deadlines or other issues should be referred to the Financial Assistance Office.

## **Tuition Refund Policy**

The school application fee and registration fee are non-refundable. The educational resource fee is refundable for materials not yet received or not yet used. The student will not be charged for a class if written notification of withdrawal is received prior to the first class session of a course.

To obtain a refund, a student must officially withdraw from the course by submitting a withdrawal form or letter to the New Dimensions office. The date used for the refund calculations is the last date of attendance. The Federal Refund Policy is used for all calculation purposes and is specified in the following:

- 100%—Student withdraws up to one week before or on the first night of class.
- 90%—Student withdraws after the first night of class and before the second night.
- 50%—Student withdraws after the second night of class and before the third night.
- 0%—Student withdraws after the third night of class and beyond.

Students receiving financial assistance are subject to federal regulation and financial aid policy governing refunds, which determine what portion, if any, of the funds must be returned to the required aid programs. For more information on this policy, inquire at the Financial Aid office or *www.new-dimension.org*.

## **Veterans Benefits**

The New Dimensions Associate, Bachelor, and Master's degree programs are all certified by the Veterans Administration. The College Registrar processes benefits three times a year. For more information, students may call the VA toll free number at 888-442-4551, or contact the Long Wharf office and ask for the VA designee.

# Financial Aid

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Albertus Magnus College seeks to make it possible for every student accepted for admission to attend the College by providing financial aid; assistance is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and student employment.

Financial Aid recipients must comply with the requirements in this Catalog, which are subject to change in response to current federal regulations. In the event of discrepancies or conflicts, the applicable federal regulations shall govern. Students must maintain communication with the Financial Aid Office for appropriate instructions.

## How to Apply for Financial Aid

All Financial Aid applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA may be completed on-line at <http://www.fafsa.gov>

It is important to note that in order to renew your financial aid the FAFSA form must be completed annually, at least eight (8) weeks prior to the end of the award period. It is the responsibility of the student to make note and complete this process annually.

## How Financial Need Determined

Student's seeking financial aid should complete a FAFSA form at the time of application for admission. Albertus uses the FAFSA form annually to determine each applicant's demonstrated need. Demonstrated need is defined as the cost of attendance (COA) minus the expected family contribution (EFC) determined by the FAFSA.

The following is a list of financial aid offered by Albertus Magus College.

## Grants

### ***Federal Pell Grants***

The Federal Pell Grant is a need based award offered to students with very low Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC determines a student's Pell Grant eligibility. The federal government determines award levels including the maximum and minimum amounts annually.

### ***Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)***

FSEOG is funded by the federal government and is offered to students with the highest need, typically Pell Grant recipients.

### ***Connecticut Independent College Grants (CICS)***

CICS is typically awarded to students who are Connecticut residents attending private institutions within the State.

### ***Connecticut Independent College Community Service Grant (CICCS)***

This grant is awarded to students who are Connecticut residents attending private institutions within the State with demonstrated financial need. Students must volunteer at a non-profit organization, including but not limited to health care, city municipalities,

childcare, literacy training, social services, public safety, crime prevention, and community improvement. The purpose of this grant is to reduce a student's loan indebtedness while pursuing postsecondary education. Students are required to work approximately 6 to 15 hours weekly, and the funds are directly credited to the Billing Office at the end of each semester once a completion letter is received from the agency where the student has worked.

## Loans

### ***Federal Perkins Loan***

The Perkins Loan is funded by the federal government and is offered to students with the highest need. While the borrower is enrolled in college, the Perkins Loan interest is subsidized by the Federal government during in-school and grace periods. Repayment begins nine months after graduation for first-time borrowers as of July 1987, at an interest rate of 5 percent, per annum. Deferments are granted for additional education, military service, Vista, and Peace Corps work. This program has cancellation provisions for graduates entering the fields of special education of the handicapped or teaching in designated schools in low-income areas. There are other cancellation provisions for this loan program. The interest rate is subjected to change at anytime.

### ***Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan***

This is a federal loan offered to students with demonstrated need. Undergraduate students may borrow up to \$3,500 as a freshman, \$4,500 a sophomore, and \$5,500 as a junior or senior. Graduate students may borrow up to \$8,500 annually. Repayment starts six months after graduation, or when a student falls below half-time enrollment. The interest rate is currently fixed at 5.6% but may be subject to change. While in school the government pays interest on all Subsidized Loans.

### ***Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan***

This is a non need-based federal loan. All undergraduate students are automatically eligible for \$2,000 in Unsubsidized Stafford Loans. Additional Unsubsidized loan funding is available for students who are classified as being independent or obtain a Plus Loan denial in order to receive an unsubsidized Stafford Loan. The interest rate is currently fixed at 6.8% but may be subject to change. The student is responsible for the interest while in-school and in any deferment periods.

### ***Federal Loan Provisions***

New Federal Stafford and Perkins Loan borrowers must sign a promissory note and complete a mandatory Entrance Loan Counseling interview before funds can be credited to their account. Stafford and Perkins Loan recipients must also complete loan exit counseling at the end of or prior to withdrawing from their program of study.

### ***Work Programs***

*Federal Work-Study Program*—Provides students the opportunity to receive a wage while working on campus. Students are scheduled to work a set amount of hours based on their award allocation. Hourly wages begin at \$8.00 for first-year participants in the program. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

### **Scholarships**

Albertus Magnus College students are encouraged to apply for scholarship assistance. Scholarships enhance gift assistance and allow students to minimize loans and debt. The Financial Aid Office encourages students to reference the Financial Aid bulletin board located on the first floor of Aquinas Hall throughout the year. As information from scholarship/grant sources is received, it will be posted for the convenience of students. A list of web sites is available from the Financial Aid Office to help search for scholarship funds.

### **Student Financial Aid Ombudsman**

The SFA Ombudsman works with student loan borrowers to informally resolve loan disputes and problems. The Ombudsman helps borrowers having problems with the Stafford, PLUS, Direct, and Perkins loan programs, and can be reached by calling (877) 557-2575 or at: <http://www.sfahelp.ed.gov>

## **Other Financial Aid Policies**

### **Federal Funds**

The Financial Aid Office recalculates federal financial assistance eligibility for a student who withdraws, drops out, is dismissed, or takes a leave of absence prior to completing the payment period. Using the Department of Education Return to Title IV formula, unearned aid is returned to the federal government.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by Financial Aid is measured annually both quantitatively and qualitatively. For a student to be making satisfactory academic progress, he/she must be in “Good Standing” and have earned a minimum number of credits for the appropriate award year.

The Financial Aid Office performs annual reviews of Satisfactory Academic Progress at which time students who fail to meet the minimum SAP requirements outlined below will have their financial aid terminated.

Financial aid will not be offered to cover the class in which the student earned an “F” grade. However, the student may receive financial aid to cover the retaking of the failed course.

Financial aid will be terminated for any students who receive two or more consecutive “F” grades within an academic year. Financial aid may be restored once the student starts making SAP.

Credits Attempted	Good Standing	Minimum Credits to Maintain Aid	
	Minimum C.G.P.A.	Credits Earned	Weeks
<i>Undergraduate:</i>			
Freshman 1–24	2.00	24	40
Sophomore 25–49	2.00	48	80
Junior 50–74	2.00	72	120
Senior 75–over	2.00	96	160

Full time undergraduate students making SAP may receive financial aid for up to 36 months of full-time attendance, or until the student is certified for graduation by the institution, whichever comes first.

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*Graduate MSM:*

Credits Attempted	Minimum C.G.P.A.	Credits Earned	Weeks
1–24	3.00	21	45
25–34	3.00	33	72
35–above	3.00	45	99

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Full time MSM students making SAP may receive financial aid for up to 27 months of full-time attendance, or until the student is certified for graduation by the institution, whichever comes first.

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*Graduate MBA:*

Credits Attempted	Minimum C.G.P.A.	Credits Earned	Weeks
1–24	3.00	21	45
25–34	3.00	39	66
35–above	3.00	45	93

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Full time MBA students making SAP may receive financial aid for up to 36 months of full-time attendance, or until the student is certified for graduation by the institution, whichever comes first.

## **Appeal Process**

A student who believes his/her failure to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards was due to extenuating circumstances beyond his/her control may appeal in writing to the Financial Aid Office.

Appeals should thoroughly describe the applicant's special or unusual circumstances that contributed to his/her lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress. If appropriate, documentation to substantiate the circumstances should be attached. Once an appeal decision has been made, subsequent appeals will not be accepted for that academic year. Applicants submitting appeals will receive written notice of the appeal decision.

# Academic Policies and Procedures

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## Class Attendance

Class and learning team attendance is vital to the educational experience in New Dimensions and, therefore, is mandatory. Class and learning team attendance are both recorded and maintained for administrative, grading, and financial aid purposes.

The faculty supplemental syllabus and course guide are made available at the outset of each course and will include a statement of attendance and an explanation of how absenteeism and tardiness will affect the student's grade.

Students who must miss an entire course due to extenuating circumstances must arrange for a temporary leave of absence prior to the beginning of the course. Before withdrawing from a course, students receiving financial assistance should check with the Financial Assistance Office to assure that they will not jeopardize their financial aid status through their absence from class.

## Student Late Arrival

Tardiness is a major concern in that it represents both missed class time and disruption to the class in session. A student's grade will be adversely affected by habitual and/or excessive lateness to class.

## Instructor Late Arrival

If an instructor is late arriving to class, it is recommended that students meet in their learning teams to discuss the assignments that were due at the beginning of the class. Students are expected to wait at least 30 minutes for the instructor's arrival. However, after 30 minutes, they may leave, and the New Dimensions office will reschedule the class after consultation with the students and the instructor.

## Class Postponements

In the case of inclement weather or other unexpected circumstances:

- Classes are POSTPONED not canceled.
- When Albertus Magnus College is closed in the morning due to weather conditions or other unusual circumstances, New Dimensions classes are not automatically postponed.

To determine whether classes have been postponed, students should:

- Check the College's web site.
- Call the "Hotline" at 203-773-5221.
- Listen to the radio stations or visit the web sites posted on the New Dimensions Campus News page.
- Watch the television stations listed on the Campus News page for information relating specifically to The School of New Dimensions of Albertus Magnus College.
- Contact the Cohort Representative.

***Evening Classes***

- Final postponement decision will be made by 4:00 PM.

***Saturday Classes***

- Final postponement decision will be made by 6:30 AM.

***Rescheduling of Classes***

- The first night of missed class due to school closing automatically rolls to the Friday night in that same week.
- The second night of missed class in the same week due to school closing automatically rolls to the Friday night of the following week. Exceptions must be approved by New Dimensions administration.
- Extreme conditions requiring repeated rescheduling of classes in the same week may result in adjustment to the cohort schedules.

***Instructor Unable to Hold Class***

If classes are in session, but an instructor is unable to hold class, they must notify the Director of Academic Services to arrange for rescheduling class and notifying the affected students.

**Delivery of Books and Materials**

New Dimensions delivers textbooks and course materials to students' class sites prior to the beginning of the next course. Textbooks and course materials for Saturday single courses must be picked up at Long Wharf or East Hartford Learning Centers at least two week's prior to the class start to allow time to complete homework assignments due the first day of class. Arrangements to pick up these materials must be made at the time of registration.

**Cohort Representatives**

During the first course in each program, each cohort selects an individual to serve as its Cohort Representative to function as the primary student link to the New Dimensions administration. If more than one Representative is selected, responsibilities might rotate or alternate.

**End-of-Course Surveys**

At the end of each course, students are asked to complete the Student End-of-Course Survey. This survey records information about the curriculum, the faculty, and administrative services. The instructor completes an Instructor's Course Survey as well. Both documents provide valuable information which allows the administration to address issues and concerns and to continually improve upon the School of New Dimensions.

**Leave of Absence**

To apply for a leave of absence, students must contact the Student Services Office at least 10 days prior to the start date of the leave. Taking a leave of absence could lead to finan-

cial aid being recalculated and as a result, may lead to owing balances on a student's account.

Refer to the New Dimensions Student Handbook for detailed procedures and instructions. The Student Handbook is available electronically in both the Undergraduate and Masters Learning Centers.

## **Student Withdrawal from a Course**

Students are expected to take the course work in the order presented in their cohort calendar. The courses were developed in a sequential manner and intended to be presented in an order that would enhance the students' understanding of the discipline. Should extenuating circumstances make it necessary to withdraw from a course, students should contact their Academic Advisor for appropriate instructions.

Students missing a significant amount of time may be encouraged to withdraw from a course as outlined in the Leave of Absence policy.

Before withdrawing from a course, students receiving financial aid should check with the Financial Assistance Office to assure that they will not jeopardize their financial aid status through their absence from class.

## **Withdrawal from the Program**

A student who misses two or more class sessions without contacting a Student Services Academic Advisor may be withdrawn from the program.

To withdraw from the program, a student must notify the Student Services office and complete a "Change of Status" form providing information concerning the withdrawal. To re-enter the program the student must fill out a "Change of Status" form. To re-enter the program after an absence of six months or more, the student must apply for readmission and fill out a Change in Status form.

## **Re-entry**

Students who have been out of class for less than six months may be readmitted upon submission of a written request for re-entry and the attainment of financial approval. Such re-entry students must immediately start taking New Dimensions courses.

Students who have been out of class for more than six months are required to complete an application form and must submit transcripts of any courses taken since leaving the College. All re-entry students are required to meet the college graduation requirements and the departmental major course requirements in effect at the time of re-entry. They are also required to pay current tuition rates.

When a student re-enters The School of New Dimensions, New Dimensions will notify the Accounting Office of the student's "active" status, and financial approval must occur.

## **Administrative Withdrawal**

Students may be administratively withdrawn from The School of New Dimensions for failure to meet financial obligations or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Reentry into the program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## Change in Student Status

To withdraw from The School of New Dimensions, re-enter the program, or change personal information such as address or telephone number, students must complete a “Change of Status” form and submit it to an Academic Advisor in the Student Services Department of New Dimensions.

## Transfer to Another Cohort

Because of the nature of The School of New Dimensions and the cohesiveness created within cohorts and learning teams, a student is encouraged to remain with the original group for the entire program. When this is not possible, the student may request a transfer by contacting an Academic Advisor in the Student Services Department of New Dimensions. The student must fill out a “Change of Status” form. All attempts should be made to avoid disrupting the degree program course sequencing. In most cases, transferring will postpone program completion.

## Taking More Than One Class at a Time

All programs offered in the New Dimensions format are accelerated and students complete one course at a time and are considered to be attending college on a full-time basis. The “doubling up” or the taking of two courses at once is not permitted without explicit approval by the Director of Student Services. Such exceptions would be for exceptionally extenuating circumstances and would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## Classification of Students

Undergraduate students are classified according to the number of credit hours of work earned.

Freshman	0–24 credits
Sophomore	25–49 credits
Junior	50–74 credits
Senior	75–and over

Students are considered full-time students at Albertus Magnus College as long as they maintain continuous enrollment in The School of New Dimensions. To be full-time, an undergraduate student must complete 24 credits in a 12-month period.

## Grading System

Formal grade reports are issued to the student upon completion of each course. Grade reports indicate the course taken, credits earned, and grades assigned. Grading criteria include a policy on absenteeism and tardiness. Grades will not be issued to a student who has failed to make payment of the course tuition, has an outstanding library fine, or an incomplete admission file. Grades can be obtained via the College’s learning management system. In keeping with the Privacy Act of 1974, it is an Albertus Magnus College policy that grades may not be issued to students via the telephone, e-mail, or facsimile. There are no exceptions to this policy.

The following letter-grade numerical equivalents are suggested.

Grade per Credit	Honor Points	Percentage
A	4.0	94–100
A–	3.7	90–93
B+	3.3	87–89
B	3.0	84–86
B–	2.7	80–83
C+	2.3	77–79
C	2.0	74–76
C–	1.7	70–73
D+	1.3	67–69
D	1.0	60–66
F (Failure)		0–59
I (Incomplete)		0.0
WP (Withdrawal Pass)		0.0
WF (Withdrawal Failure)		0.0

### **Grade Point Average**

As demonstrated in the example below, GPA is obtained by dividing the total number of honor points earned by the total number of credits attempted.

Example: Credits	Grade	Honor Points
3	A	12.0
3	C–	5.1
3	B+	9.9
3	B	9.0
12		36.0 $36/12 = 3.0$ (GPA)

### **Undergraduate Letter Grade Equivalencies**

A = Clearly stands out as excellent performance. Has unusually sharp insight into material and initiates thoughtful questions. Sees many sides of an issue. Articulates well and writes logically and clearly. Learns from this and other disciplines. Anticipates next steps in progression of ideas.

B = Grasps subject matter at a level considered to be good to very good. Is an active listener and participant in class discussion. Speaks and writes well. Accomplishes more than the minimum requirements. Work in and out of class is of high quality.

C = Demonstrates a satisfactory comprehension of the subject matter. Accomplishes only the minimum requirements, and displays little or no initiative. Communicates orally and in writing at an acceptable level for a college student. Has a general acceptable understanding of all basic concepts.

D = Produces a quality and quantity of work in and out of class that are below average and barely acceptable.

F = Produces a quality and quantity of work in and out of class that are unacceptable.

## Cumulative Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average is based on credits earned at Albertus Magnus College and transferred from another accredited college.

## Incompletes

A student who has failed to fulfill all requirements of a course because of a serious illness or other justifiable cause may petition the instructor to grant a grade of Incomplete for the course. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, this request must be made to the instructor by the last class of the course. A student must be doing passing work in the course at the time an Incomplete is requested.

Work must be completed within five weeks for undergraduates and six weeks for graduate students from the final meeting date of the course or within the timeframe the instructor requires. If work is not completed on time the Incomplete will convert to a Failure unless special arrangements have been made in advance with the instructor and/or the Director of Student Services. It should be noted that the Incomplete and the resulting grade will be a permanent notation on the student's record and will be reflected accordingly on the student's transcript.

When a New Dimensions student receives a second grade of Incomplete, the student is prohibited from taking additional courses without having satisfactorily removed at least one Incomplete.

## Failure

A student who fails a required course must repeat the course in order to remove the failure before they are allowed to graduate or to transfer into the next degree program. If a student successfully repeats a course that has been failed, the second grade received replaces the failure when the average is computed. The original failing grade will remain on the record. A student who fails the first part of a sequenced two-part course cannot take the second part without passing the first course.

## Grade Appeals

Although students have the right to appeal a grade, actual changes in grades are both rare and at the discretion of the faculty member. The deadline for submission of a Formal Grade Appeal is six weeks after the final meeting date of the course. The burden of proof lies with the student to demonstrate that within the context of the course the grade is clearly unfair. The procedure for filing grade appeals is outlined in the New Dimensions Student Handbook. However, students may not formally appeal more than one course per degree program.

## Transfer Credits Allowed After Matriculation

Prior approval from the Advisor and Assistant Registrar is required when a current matriculated student wishes to enroll in courses at another accredited institution and receive transfer credit from Albertus Magnus College. Approved work at institutions other than Albertus Magnus College must be completed with a grade of C or better to be accepted by this College. A matriculated student may seek permission to transfer no more than 15 credits of coursework.

## Transfer Credits

Course credits from other institutions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Transfer credits must:

- be from a post-secondary, degree-granting institution of higher education accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations,
- not be remedial, non-credit bearing coursework,
- reflect an earned grade of “C” or better,
- be completed within the last 5 years (to fulfill business core)

## CLEP/DSST Examinations

Albertus Magnus College will grant credit for appropriate subject examinations according to the policy recommended by the Council on College Level Examinations (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board; i.e., credit will be granted to individuals earning scores at or above the mean score for “C” students on CLEP national norms. Credit for general examinations may be granted on the basis of a score of 420 or more.

Students whose professional careers parallel a core course may take the appropriate CLEP/DSST examination to demonstrate college level proficiency in their discipline upon approval from the Director of Student Services. If such proficiency is demonstrated, the student may waive the course. New Dimensions Learning Centers serve as testing sites for DSST exams.

## Credit for Employer-Sponsored Coursework or other Prior Learning

Job development coursework received through an applicant’s employer, or other prior experience, may be eligible for college credit. The applicant must submit course materials such as a course outline, syllabus, or textbooks for evaluation. Upon review and evaluation by members of the appropriate Department, if the course is in compliance with the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs by the College Credit Recommendation Service of the American Council on Education (ACE) the course may warrant college credit. In the case of coursework or prior learning not covered by ACE, students may receive college credits through the completion of a portfolio which will be reviewed by Charter Oak College. Charter Oak has been designated by the State of Connecticut to evaluate and award credits for documented prior learning. A student may receive up to 12 undergraduate credits for employer-sponsored coursework or a life experience portfolio.

## Admission of Students at Entry Point A or Entry Point B

Entrance at Entry Point A or B will be evaluated on a case to case basis dependent upon credits received from a regionally accredited college or university, or from CLEP, DSST, ACE or other evaluations which are transferable toward the requirements of the degree.

## Transcripts

The student’s official transcript is prepared by the Registrar. The transcript will show the courses, grades, credits, and dates of instruction for each course. Requests for transcripts of course work at Albertus Magnus College must conform to the Privacy Act of 1974.

This requires that all transcript requests be submitted in writing and be signed by the student. There is a fee for each transcript. The fee must accompany the request. An additional fee is charged if the student needs the transcript on the same day.

## **Academic Probation**

A student is placed on academic probation when the cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 for an undergraduate or 3.0 for a graduate student. If the student does not raise the grade point average to 2.0 or better for undergraduate students or 3.0 for graduate students over the next two consecutive courses (or six credits), the student will be required to retake courses to raise their GPA.

## **Academic Suspension**

A student who has two concurrent grades of incomplete, two grades of failure, or a combination thereof at one time on the academic record, will be suspended from continuing in the program until the failing and/or incomplete grades are replaced. When a New Dimensions student receives a second failing grade, the student is prohibited from taking additional courses until both courses have been satisfactorily repeated.

## **Academic Dismissal**

Academic disqualification results if a student fails to remove academic probation within the probationary period of two consecutive courses. A disqualified student is not eligible for re-admission for six months. A formal application for re-admission must be submitted to the New Dimensions office.

## **Recognition for Academic Achievement**

### ***Dean's List***

The Dean's List is an undergraduate designation of academic performance. Traditionally, the Dean's List is published at the end of the Spring and Fall terms. It contains the names of students who have taken at least 12 credits within a six-month period and who have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.80 or above.

### ***Honor Society***

#### **Kappa Gamma Pi Honor Society**

Kappa Gamma Pi is the national Catholic college graduate honor society founded in 1926. Members are graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence and service leadership during their college years. As candidates, they pledge to continue to provide examples of scholarship, leadership, and service in their personal and professional lives. This commitment is the difference that distinguishes nomination to Kappa Gamma Pi as the most relevant and prestigious award on campus.

### ***Graduation with Honors***

Outstanding academic performance by a student who meets the general College requirements and the requirements for a particular degree is recognized through graduation with Honors. To be eligible for Honors at graduation, a student must have completed all course requirements for the Associate, Bachelor, or Master's degree programs in Business Management and have satisfied the criteria outlined for each of the following programs:

**Associate of Science Degree**

At the Associate level, to be eligible to graduate with honors:

- The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or above.

**Bachelor of Science Degree**

At the baccalaureate level, there are three levels of Honors:

- **Cum Laude:** the student shall have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50;
- **Magna Cum Laude:** the student shall have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.70;
- **Summa Cum Laude:** the student shall have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.90.

**Master of Science Degree**

At the Master's level, in the Master of Science Degree Program, to be eligible to graduate with honors:

- The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or above
- The student must receive a grade of "A" in all components of the final project.

**Master of Business Administration Degree**

At the Master's level, in the Master of Business Administration Degree Program, to be eligible to graduate with honors:

- The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or above
- The student must receive a grade of "A" in the final capstone course:

**Commencement**

- A student must submit an application for graduation.
- Applications for Candidacy forms are available in the New Dimensions Office or on the college's learning management system. The application must be accompanied by the Degree Completion fee.

Two months prior to the anticipated date of commencement, the candidates for degrees must:

- Meet with their academic advisor to ascertain that credits earned outside of Albertus Magnus College are accurately recorded. Credits received for proficiency demonstrated in the CLEP or DSST Examinations must also be recorded if applicable.

Although the Commencement ceremony is held annually in May, degrees are also conferred in August and December. Please contact your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Bachelors degree candidates who are within six credits of graduating may participate in the commencement ceremony provided they have a "C" (2.00) average overall and they have met all their financial obligations. Once the outstanding credits have been earned, it is the student's responsibility to inform the Registrar's office in writing, to obtain a diploma.

## Student Records

### **NOTIFICATION of RIGHTS under FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, written request that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The College official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the College official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the College to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the College official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they would like changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the College will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure with consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); the National Student Loan Clearing house; a person servicing on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the College disclosed education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (FERPA requires an institution to make a reasonable attempt to notify the student of the records request unless the institution states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.)

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Albertus Magnus College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-5920

## **Directory Information Notice**

The office of the Registrar of Albertus Magnus College maintains academic records for all students. Access to these records is governed by the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Copies of the College's policy are available from the Office of the Registrar on request.

In accordance with the Act, students have a right to withhold directory information by submitting a written request to the Office of the Registrar no later than the close of the second week of classes in September. Such notification must be made annually.

Albertus Magnus College designates the following items as Director Information: student name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, full or part time status, expected date of degree completion and graduation and awards received, class rosters, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and the weight and height of members of athletic teams.

## **Student Right-To-Know**

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, students have the right to know the graduation or completion rate. The can be found on the Web at [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu) under the Admission page. Any questions may be addressed to the Registrar in Aquinas Hall.

# Student and Campus Services

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## Counseling and Student Services

The Student Services staff of the School of New Dimensions is available by appointment to discuss educational objectives with students. From September through June, office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Summer hours may vary and are posted on the New Dimensions web site. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 203-777-7100.

## Academic Advising

Each student in the School of New Dimensions is assigned an academic advisor who will work with students to evaluate their previous academic experience, assess their educational progress, and plan a program of study. In addition, advisors schedule periodic cohort visits, and assist students in addressing programmatic and/or procedural concerns. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 203-777-7100.

## Career Services—Hubert Campus Center, Rooms 107 and 108

The resources in the Career Center connect students with information sources and employers. Other services provided by the Center are career counseling, self-assessment, and career workshops. For more information, students should call the Director of Career Services at 203-773-6989.

Albertus Magnus College makes no representations or guarantees about positions listed by the Office of Career Services. Albertus Magnus College is not responsible for wages, working conditions, safety, or other aspects of employment at the organizations listed. It is the responsibility of each individual to research the integrity of the organization to which they are applying, and use caution and common sense when following up on job leads. The Office of Career Services assumes no liabilities for acts or omissions by third parties or for material supplied by them. The links to other web sites from the Albertus Magnus College site are not under the control of the Office of Career Services; therefore, the Office of Career Services is not responsible for the contents of any linked site. The Trustees of Albertus Magnus College and the Office of Career Services shall not be responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, for any direct or indirect damage or loss caused by or in connection with use of or reliance on any such contents, products, or services available on or through such sites.

## Parking

Ample parking is available at New Dimensions Learning Centers and sites. Free parking is also available in well-lighted lots on the main campus located at 700 Prospect Street, New Haven. Students may park in any lot except behind Aquinas Hall; this lot is reserved for AMC faculty, staff, and administration. A campus security guard is on duty at all times. Parking on College property is at the vehicle owner's risk.

## Library Facilities

Library facilities are located in Rosary Hall on the Prospect Street campus. The College has a collection of over 100,000 volumes in print materials, over 650 periodical titles, over 2,000 media titles, as well as an extensive electronic collection and remote access. The Library gives students the capability of accessing thousands of “full-text” academic resources via the World Wide Web, the Interlibrary Loan service, and through Database resources. Librarians are available to assist students with all reference work. An open stack policy ensures that materials are readily accessible for students. The Library maintains the following features:

- CD-ROM workstations, several of which provide access to the Internet for computer assisted literature searching;
- Microform reader-printers for microfilm materials
- A Media Center in which students may use audio-visual materials
- Cross-circulation privileges with the University of New Haven

Regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday. Additional hours and summer hours are posted as needed. New Dimensions students receive a library card in the initial class of their program. Students need a library card to access all the databases, on campus as well as at home. For more information, please call the Library at 203-773-8511.

## College Bookstore

The Bookstore, located in the Prospect Street Hubert Campus Center, posts special extended hours as posted on the Albertus Magnus College web site. Regular hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students wishing to sell their books to the Bookstore may consult the web site or contact Bookstore personnel for current policy. New students will be allocated books at the New Dimensions site. For more information please call 203-777-7100.

## Hubert Campus Center Cafeteria

Cafeteria and lounge facilities on the main campus are open to all students. The House of Bollstadt Pub, also located in the Hubert Campus Center, serves beverages Monday through Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Students may purchase a modestly-priced dinner in the campus dining room Monday through Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. À la carte items are not available during these times. Hours may vary, however, and students may call 203-773-8541 for more information.

## Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center

The Athletic Center welcomes New Dimensions students to join. The facility offers a six lane (25 yard) pool, Jacuzzi, racquetball courts, gymnasium, weight room, dance room, and locker rooms. The Center is typically open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday noon to 3:00 p.m. Membership is available on an individual or family basis. For more information, students should call the Director of Athletics at 203-773-8575, during normal business hours.

## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

It is the policy of Albertus Magnus College New Dimensions to comply with all federal and state requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other similar statutes and regulations as promulgated federally and by the State of Connecticut. Information concerning the provisions of the ADA and the rights provided there under are available from the New Dimensions Department of Student Services. New Dimensions does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission process or in access to programs or activities. To this end, New Dimensions has designated an ADA Coordinator to help ensure individuals with disabilities the full benefit of education programs offered by the College in compliance with the above laws. An individual with a documented disability wishing academic accommodations to programs and/or services must contact the ADA Coordinator, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, 203-773-8590, prior to attending any classes. Documentation, which must be no older than 3 years from the date of application/request for program modification, will consist of medical or other diagnostic documentation of disability or limitations

## **Accreditation**

Albertus Magnus College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary schools through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction.

New Dimensions programs are also accredited by the Connecticut Board of Higher Education and the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

## **Memberships**

Albertus Magnus College holds institutional memberships in the:

American Alumni Association

American Art Therapy Association

American Association of College Admissions Counselors

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

American Association of Graduate Schools of Liberal Studies Programs

American Council on Education

Association of American Colleges and Universities

Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

College Entrance Examination Board

Conference of Small Private Colleges

Connecticut Association for Continuing Education

Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges

Connecticut Consortium to Enhance Learning and Teaching

Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium

Connecticut United for Research Excellence

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

Council of Independent Colleges

International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education

National Academic Advisors Association

National Association of Foreign Student Advisors

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

National Catholic Educational Association

National Commission on Accrediting

New England Association for Cooperative Education and Field Experience

New England Faculty Development Consortium  
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