

Major Planning Guide:

Business

What can I do with a major in business?

Students interested in business cover a wide variety of careers that include keeping track of money, managing people, marketing or starting your own business. Regardless of what major you choose, a degree in business teaches you a lot of practical and transferable skills to make you successful in the job market.

Related Majors

Accounting	Marketing
Finance	Management
Entrepreneurship	Business Analytics
International Business	Economics
Information Systems	

Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in business in Washington?

Many universities offer business as an undergraduate major. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find business programs in Washington state or around the country.

How do I prepare to major in business?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that business is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in business, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Most universities offer a business degree, but the specializations they offer vary. If you want to study international business, for instance, make sure your intended transfer university offers that focus.
- Many successful business people did not major in business in college. If you are interested in marketing, you could also consider a major in communications, or even graphic design. If you are interested in management, psychology could provide good preparation. Students interested in finance might consider majoring in economics or math. International relations and economics could be a good preparation for working in international business.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in business often earn the Associates of Business (AB-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand how to best approach the business and math requirements necessary to complete this degree. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AB-DTA ([yellow sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in business at a university usually take courses in accounting, microeconomics, macroeconomics, calculus, statistics, and business law, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer.

English	Business	Mathematics	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 201	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 116, &148	<input type="checkbox"/> World Language
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 202	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT& 201, 202, 203	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 141, 142, 151	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
	<input type="checkbox"/> BUS& 201		

Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.

*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

What are my next steps?

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in business you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. *(If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113).*
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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