



BUSINESS PLUS

FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE TO THE BUSINESS PLUS  PROGRAM



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3-YEAR ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Complete your undergraduate degree in just three years

3+1 PROGRAM

Complete your undergraduate degree in three years with guaranteed acceptance into the MBA program of your choice

+1 PROGRAM

Complete the MBA program of your choice in just one year



4+1 PROGRAM

Complete your undergraduate degree in four years with guaranteed acceptance into the MBA program of your choice

5+1 PROGRAM

Complete your undergraduate business program in four years and be automatically accepted in the graduate business program of your choice.

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Franklin Pierce offers motivated students the opportunity to complete their undergraduate business degrees in just three years and graduate degree in one year. Students completing their undergraduate degrees through the Business Plus Program enter the job market earlier or can choose to go on and earn a graduate degree in their fourth year at Pierce.

Several accelerated options are available to new and continuing students who have a record of strong academic achievement and desire to advance their education. Personalized schedules are available to student athletes and those with work or volunteer commitments so students can take advantage of all that Franklin Pierce has to offer. The following options are available

Applying to the Business Plus Programs

Current students are eligible to apply to the Business Program of choice if they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or more.

Business Plus Program Requirements

To be eligible for a bachelor's degree and/or a master's degree, students must fulfill the requirements of the respective program. In addition, the following are the program requirements for students admitted into the 3+1 or 4+1 programs:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. This higher CGPA benchmark is required because of the guaranteed admission to the graduate program.

In the event that students do not meet the CGPA minimum requirement, they may complete the standard application and admissions portfolio for the graduate degree which would then be assessed as any other graduate application.

- Complete an experiential learning component. This requirement may be fulfilled via internships, or participation in the Small Business Advisory Group (SBAG), or other intentional learning situations that are supervised. The experiential learning component must be approved by the Academic Advisor.
- Work closely with the Business Program Faculty to ensure they stay on track throughout their course of study. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor (either in person or through email) at least two times per semester (at mid-term and at the end of the semester).
- The mid-term meeting will provide early warning signs of issues students may be encountering. The end-of-the semester meeting will be designed to ensure students have registered for classes based on their + education plan and continue to be on track to complete the degree in the desired time frame.

Business Plus students are eligible to take up to two graduate classes and have them count towards their general electives in the undergraduate program and for graduate credit in the graduate program. Students may choose from the following courses:

GM510	Seminar in Leadership
GM520	Legal and Ethical Issues
GM540	Organizational Behavior

Business Plus students whose CGPA falls below a 3.0 will be placed on Program Probation (Warning) and will receive notification from their program advisor indicating they have one semester to improve on their CGPA.

Students who at the end of the following semester are unable to raise their CGPA to at least 3.0, will step out of the Business Plus Program and will be encouraged to pursue their degree requirements as traditional students. Traditional students who are planning to enroll in an M.B.A. program must complete undergraduate work with a minimum CGPA of 2.8.