

Business Associate in Science

What doors are wide open for business degree graduates?

The answer is that many doors will be open to you. The business field is very flexible so you can follow your dreams and pursue a career that fits your personal strengths and interests. An AS degree provides students the opportunity to prepare for an immediate career in the expanding field of business. It establishes a solid business foundation and students have the option of transferring credits to another institution to complete a bachelor's degree in Business or Accounting.

This curriculum is designed to provide a strong foundation for the study of business. Emphasis is placed on business technology along with classes in management, marketing, communications, international business, and financial skills. Riverland also offers several introductory courses to help students develop awareness about specific business areas that may appeal to them.

All full-time Riverland faculty members have a master's degree plus work experience. They maintain membership in professional business organizations to help them stay current in their field. Small class sizes, personal attention and the flexibility of day or online classes are more distinct advantages of this program. If you desire, this major can be taken totally online.

Further Education:

You will have a solid foundation to pursue further education to advance your career. Ask a Program Counselor about applying Business credits toward a bachelors degree or other advanced education. Additional educational opportunities are available through collaboration agreements that will enable you to transfer into a specific major as a junior. Our AS Degree graduates can take advantage of collaboration agreements with Southwest Minnesota State University in Business Administration, BS/BA degree program or the Business Education Teaching program at Winona State University. Be sure to discuss these opportunities with your Program



Degree Type: Associate in Science (AS)

Location: Austin, Albert Lea, Owatonna & Online D2L/Web Enhanced

Program Starts: Fall Spring, Summer

Total Credits: 64

Course Plan: Two Year

Program Costs:

Number of Credits: 64

Tuition per credit: \$162.00

Estimated Total Tuition Cost:
\$10,368.00

Additional Costs

Other required costs: -

Books: \$1800

Articulation Agreements

Winona State University - BS Degree in Business (Teaching)

Southwest Minnesota University

- BS/BS Degree in Business

Administration/Management

Southwest Minnesota University

- BAS in Management

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Please Note: There is an AA degree with Business emphasis which also requires 64 credits to graduate. It is designed specifically for liberal arts students who want to develop a strong business base as they work toward transferring to a four-year university program.

Employment Outlook

There is a tremendous need for people with strong business training and skills, and the demand is expected to continue far into the future. Riverland graduates are well prepared for entry-level management jobs in any type of business or corporation including international companies. Your Business degree can also lead to starting your own business. There is room for advancement by learning on the job with an established business or the start-up of a new company.

Business Program Curriculum

Please note: There is an AA Degree, Business Emphasis which also requires 64 credits to graduate. It is designed for students who have decided to pursue transfer to a four-year institution.

Required Core Courses (26 Credits)

Crs #	Name
ACCT2011	Principles of Financial Accounting
ACCT2012	Principles of Managerial Accounting
BUSA1010	Introduction to Business
BUSA1065	Microcomputer Applications
BUSA2032	Business Law - Legal Environment
BUSA2041	Business Communications
BUSA2042	Principles of Management
BUSA2043	Principles of Marketing

MnTC General Education Courses (27 or 28 Credits)

Crs #	Name	Credits
ECON2291	Macroeconomics	3
ECON2292	Microeconomics	3
ENGL1101	Freshman English	3
MATH1110	College Algebra	3
	At least one credit chosen from the MnTC Curriculum Humanities & Fine Arts Category	1
	At least one credit chosen from the Physical Education/Health Category	1
PHIL1130	Ethics	3
PSYC1105	General Psychology or Introduction To Sociology (SOC1101)	4
SPCH1100	Fundamentals of Speech (SPCH1100 preferred for transfer students) or Interpersonal Communications (SPCH1200)	3
STAT2021	Fundamentals of Statistics	4

MnTC/General Education Electives Courses (A total of 64 credits is needed for the AS degree. Additional credits must be chosen from the MnTC Transfer Curriculum to fulfill discipline areas. Courses may be chosen from the following categories:)

Crs #	Name
	Communication
	Humanities and Fine Arts
	History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
	Natural Sciences and Mathematics/Logical Reasoning

[Physical Education/Health](#)

Electives (7 Electives Needed. Elective options include BUSA courses or other Riverland courses. For proper course selection, please contact the program advisor or a counselor.)

Crs ##	Name
BUSA1050	Personal Financial Management and Planning
BUSA2050	Introduction to Management Information System
BUSA2060	Fundamentals of International Business