

# M.S. IN COMMERCE *vs.* MBA

## **Average Age: 22**

The M.S. in Commerce is designed for recent graduates in liberal arts, science, and engineering with less than a year of work experience.

## **Jumpstart Your Career**

The M.S. in Commerce provides a practical foundation for those interested in launching a career in business. Many are interested in leveraging their undergraduate major with business.

## **< 1 Year**

The accelerated M.S. in Commerce is 10 months long, and out-of-state tuition is roughly \$50K plus living expenses, books, and supplies. It typically takes less than two years to recoup the investment.

## **Foundation with Specialization**

The M.S. in Commerce begins with a foundation of business followed by specialization in business analytics, finance, or marketing and management. The program ends with a three-week global immersion experience.

## **Case Studies + Teamwork**

The M.S. in Commerce features integrated teaching using case studies and teambuilding. Companies come into the classroom and work with students on actual business problems.

## **Entry Level**

M.S. in Commerce graduates accept entry-level jobs in analytics, consulting, finance, government, healthcare, management, marketing, and nonprofit. The Class of 2016 posted an average base salary of \$65K.

## **Profile**



## **ROI**



## **Time & Cost**



## **Coursework**



## **Format**



## **Outcome**



## **Average Age: 27**

Most MBA programs are geared toward working professionals with a minimum of 2 years of work experience.

## **Pivot Your Career**

The MBA offers working professionals the opportunity to enhance their current position or change career direction. They want to boost their salary, grow their network, and increase job security.

## **2 Years**

According to the Graduate Management Admission Council, a top two-year MBA can exceed \$300K when factoring in tuition, living expenses, relocation, and two years of lost earnings.

## **Foundation with Electives**

MBA programs dedicate the first year to general business foundation courses, followed by a second year of electives. Electives could also include a short global component or course.

## **Case Studies + Teamwork**

MBA programs use a variety of teaching methods, including case studies and teambuilding while leveraging students' work and professional experience.

## **Mid-Level**

MBA graduates accept mid-level management positions in a variety of industries. The median starting salary for 2016 MBA graduates in the United States was \$105K, according to the Graduate Management Admission Council.