

# Dual Degree: Master of Business Administration & Master of Science - Hotel Administration

## Plan Description

This is a dual degree offered by the Lee Business School in conjunction with the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality. The MBA/MS HOA study is designed for those who seek career and business leadership opportunities in hotel administration. The programs will provide students with the needed skills, knowledge, and tools to become visionary and creative business leaders in hotel administration. The core MBA program is designed to advance the knowledge and practice of business and administration. The MS – Hotel Administration portion of the dual degree is designed to provide the industry-specific knowledge and skills in hospitality and tourism. The program takes advantage of the natural learning environment that is created by the hospitality industry in Las Vegas economy, the entertainment capital of the world. Students will receive a two degrees, an MBA and a MS – Hotel Administration.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

### Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

The admission requirements for the dual degree are the same as those stated under the MBA and MS HOA programs. The only exception is that the dual MBA program only accepts the GMAT for admission. All dual degree program applicants are required to show that they have at least one year of full-time management/supervisory experience or three years of cumulative full-time front-line experience in the hospitality industry.

### Application Process

See the Application Process section under the MBA and the MS HOA programs. Applications will be reviewed by representatives of the Lee Business School and the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality in an independent process within each college. Applicants must be admitted to both the Lee Business School and the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration to qualify for the dual degree program for that term.

### Application Deadline

Refer to the Graduate College website for specific deadlines. All documentation and application materials must be received by the Graduate College, the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality Graduate Studies Office, and the Lee Business School by the deadline for the application to be considered.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements.

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below.

Subplan 1: Thesis Track

Subplan 2: Professional Paper Track

## Subplan 1 Requirements: Thesis Track

Total Credits Required: 51

## Course Requirements

Total Credits Required for the Business Administration  
M.B.A.: 30

### MBA Core Required Courses – Credits: 18

MBA 761 Accounting for Managers	3
MBA 763 Leadership, Teams, and Individuals	3
MBA 765 Financial Decision Making	3
MBA 767 Market Opportunity Analysis	3
MBA 769 Applied Economic Analysis	3
MBA 775 Data Modeling and Analysis	3

### Electives – Credits: 9

Complete 9 credits of electives from any 700-level course offered by the Lee Business School.

### Capstone Course – Credits: 3

MBA 787 Strategic Management	3
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## Total Credits Required for the Hotel Administration M.S.: 21

### Required Courses – Credits: 12

HOA 705 Financial Analysis for the Service Industries	3
HOA 711 Laws of Innkeeping and Food Service	3
HOA 731 Operational Analysis in Hospitality Management	3
HOA 735 Research Methodology	3

### Elective Course – Credits: 3

Students must complete an additional 3 hours of HOA graduate-level courses (500, 600, or 700).

### Thesis – Credits: 6

HOA 789R Thesis	3 – 6
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## Degree Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 30 credits of MBA courses and a minimum of 21 credits of HOA.
2. A grade point average of at least 3.00 for course work required for the degree.
3. No grade lower than C is acceptable.
4. Students with unsatisfactory progress toward the degree requirements are subject to dismissal. A student with a grade of C or lower in any of the required courses for the degree will be put on probation for one semester. Conditions and deadlines for the removal of probation will be specified. Failure to meet the condition will result in departure from the program. A student with two grades of C or lower will be dropped from the program.
5. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a thesis committee of at least three departmental members and a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.
6. In addition to the academic requirements, the Harrah Hospitality College encourages students to complete an internship during the summer term between their first year and second year in the program. International students must receive approval to be on CPT before starting an internship experience. All internships must be secure directly by the student and carries no

academic credit. Some students who did not complete any internships during their undergraduate studies or have no prior work experience in the hospitality industry may have a conditional requirement to complete an internship, which was documented at the time of admission into the program.

## Graduation Requirements

1. Students cannot graduate from one portion of the dual degree until the requirements for both are met. Students must apply to graduate from both programs for the same semester.
2. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation from both degrees up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.
3. The student must successfully complete the MBA capstone course.
4. The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.
5. After the thesis defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their thesis to the Graduate College for format check. Once the thesis format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for thesis defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.

## Subplan 2 Requirements: Professional Paper Track

Total Credits Required: 51

## Course Requirements

**Total Credits Required for the Business Administration  
M.B.A.: 30**

### MBA Core Required Courses – Credits: 18

MBA 761 Accounting for Managers	3
MBA 763 Leadership, Teams, and Individuals	3
MBA 765 Financial Decision Making	3
MBA 767 Market Opportunity Analysis	3
MBA 769 Applied Economic Analysis	3
MBA 775 Data Modeling and Analysis	3

**Electives – Credits: 9**

Complete 9 credits of electives from any 700-level course offered by the Lee Business School.

**Capstone Course – Credits: 3**

MBA 787 Strategic Management	3
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HOA 731 Operational Analysis in Hospitality Management	3
HOA 735 Research Methodology	3

**Elective Course – Credits: 6**

Students must complete an additional 6 hours of HOA graduate-level courses (500, 600, or 700).

**Professional Paper – Credits: 3**

HOA 788R Professional Paper	3
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5. The Hotel Administration portion of the dual degree program requires successful completion of a professional paper that must adhere to the standards in the American Psychological Association's current publication manual regarding writing style and format. This paper must be completed at the end of the dual program.

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3. The student must successfully complete a professional paper and the MBA capstone course.

## Plan Graduation Requirements

Refer to your subplan for Graduation Requirements.

Subplan 1: Thesis Track

Subplan 2: Professional Paper Track