Fisher College of Business

MBA Program

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Improve Your Success. You’ve built a military career around the value of hard work and a commitment to excellence. Now, you’re looking for an approach to business education that values the same things you do: Integrity. Respect. Discipline. Individual strength supported by a dynamic team. You want to learn by doing and be applauded for taking risks. You want to learn alongside colleagues who are as intelligent, creative and motivated as you are. And you expect a high return on your investment.

Build New Skills. At the Fisher College of Business, we’re here to prepare you to rise within your organization, increase your value in the marketplace and change careers. During your time here, you’ll learn new ways to manage, lead and network in today’s unpredictable business environment—and how to innovate, communicate and respond in real time in a global economy.

Lead the Way. Your military experience will help you move forward at Fisher College. That’s because our students’ success is based on their intellectual, motivational and leadership abilities. Collaboration and competition are equally important at Fisher. We measure leaders by how much they give, both in business and in life. And we inspire lifelong relationships among faculty, students, alumni and executives to keep you connected.

Learn the Score. If you’re like most Fisher military MBA candidates, you’ve been gaining vital experience while working in a challenging environment. You understand the importance of a strong track record. We’re proud of ours. Why not review our advantages and see if Fisher College is the place for you?
“I chose Fisher College because the MBA program offered me the best opportunity to combine my experience in the Navy with my interest in business development and entrepreneurship. The real-world skills I learned from my professors enabled me to pursue a successful career in investment banking and gave me the confidence and vision to ultimately create my own investment firm. Now I help other companies restructure their financial and management operations. Fisher has been a key factor in my business success.”
Our Approach  The success of our MBA program resides in its characteristics—intimate, interactive, hands-on and flexible—qualities that mirror many successful businesses. At our core is the partnership among our faculty, staff and students who work together in creative ways to provide opportunity and benefit for you, business and the greater community. Our approach is rigorous and challenging, and it focuses on collaboration. This strong teamwork philosophy encourages you to build relationships in and out of class, including networking and mentoring opportunities with top executives. Because we purposely keep our program sizes small, you always have access to faculty, staff, other students, alumni and executives. At Fisher, you reap the benefits of being part of our close-knit community while capitalizing on the advantages you’d expect from one of the largest and most diverse universities in the world.

Our Faculty  Fisher College faculty are committed to teaching new ideas and creating new knowledge. Our professors apply their research to global questions, find answers that advance business and share that knowledge with their students. This makes for a relevant, lively and engaging learning environment. Learning in intimate surroundings provides you with opportunities to dig in, challenge yourself and benefit from some of the best business scholars in the world. Fisher faculty are considered top leaders in their fields, yet they know you by name, they’re interested in your ideas and they’re invested in your success.

Our Facilities  Creating one of the country’s few fully integrated business campuses is no small task. Max Fisher’s vision to build the best in management education is evident from the moment you arrive on campus. Our impressive six-building complex features all the state-of-the-art technology you would expect from a top-20 school: web-based instructional support, videoconferencing, satellite capabilities, video-on-demand, nearly 4,000 computer ports, small group break-out rooms as well as case discussion rooms—all in an environment where executives, students and faculty constantly interact. The Fisher campus also houses a collection of more than 70 original works by regional and national artists, including sculpture, blown glass, tapestry, photography and watercolor art.
Our Placement Success  According to a 2003 Financial Times career article, Fisher College was recognized as “one of the most active” colleges that devotes significant personal attention and resources to assist each graduate in the job market. This customer satisfaction also was touted by recruiters in a Wall Street Journal survey, which placed Fisher’s career services office 10th best in effectiveness of operations among business schools globally. And our graduates couldn’t be happier. Historically, close to 90% have secured jobs within three months of completing their degree. According to the Financial Times, this is one of the best success rates in the country. Our one-to-one career coaching has enabled us to place recent military MBA graduates with top companies, including National City Corporation, Intel, AEP, General Electric, Home Depot and The Limited.

Our Global Connections  While at Fisher, you’ll have the opportunity to participate firsthand in the global market. Through our emerging markets course, you can travel to different parts of the world and experience how businesses operate. Or, study abroad at noted business schools in Italy, China, Germany and elsewhere. Our Center for International Business Education and Research will help you gain valuable insight from executives, which could lead to an internship or perhaps a position in the company. As a Fisher student, you gain immediate and lifelong access to a powerful college and Ohio State alumni network. With more than 55,000 Fisher College graduates worldwide, our alumni are found in every industry, and they are eager to share the benefits of their experience with you.
Kelley Landers, MBA ’04
United States Marine Corps, 1998-2001

“With guidance from Fisher faculty and career counselors, I was able to further my professional, academic and personal goals—the resume-building opportunities were endless. It was great to be a part of a school that placed such a high priority on leadership skills. I’m looking forward to entering the corporate world as a marketing manager in a business-to-business firm.”
**Full-Time MBA**

**Program Profile**
(Class of 2005)

- Number of applicants: 708
- Enrollment: 125
- Average age: 27
- Average years of work experience: 5
- Average GMAT: 665
- Average undergraduate GPA: 3.4
- Female: 25%
- Minority: 11%
- International: 30%

**Recruiting**
Average starting salary: $73,895
Average starting salary including guaranteed first-year compensation: $100,672
Average signing bonus: $12,017

**Rankings**
2nd in the U.S. for career progress, *Financial Times*, 2004
6th in the U.S. for international experience, *Financial Times*, 2004
18th in the nation, 7th in operations, 9th for leadership, 10th for career services, *Wall Street Journal*, 2003

**Other Programs**

**Part-Time MBA**
This 76 credit-hour program begins in the summer and offers courses based on Fisher’s nationally ranked full-time program, emphasizing a team-based approach to leadership, yet is designed for immediate application through work experience.

**Executive MBA**
Fisher’s Executive MBA program gives high-potential managers the tools they need to become innovative thinkers and effective change agents for their companies. The 18-month program offers sessions three days a month, with online distance-learning components.

**Joint Degree Programs**
Joint Degree programs in partnership with other professional schools within Ohio State offer a way to combine credits and complete degrees more quickly. Fisher students may pursue an MBA/JD degree, offered with the College of Law; an MHA/MBA, which allows students to specialize in both business and health-care administration; or an MBA/MD degree, offered jointly with the College of Medicine.

**Funding Your MBA**
Fisher College offers exceptional students many ways to help fund their education. You may be eligible for scholarships or fellowships. Graduate administrative assistantships may also be available. These options provide tuition waivers, monthly stipends and work-study funding opportunities.
F. Brad Hunstable, MBA ’05
Operations Officer, United States Army, 2001-present

“I found Fisher to be the perfect transition from the service for me and my family. The small team atmosphere fits perfectly with my military leadership experiences, and the school’s commitment to social interaction helped my wife and daughter make an easier move. As a West Point graduate and Army officer, I wanted rigorous academics, and Fisher provided them—along with the prestige and excellence I demanded.”
Tom Dent, MBA ‘02
Credit Manager,
National City Bank
United States Navy, 1990-2000

“After graduating from Fisher, I was hired by one of the country’s top financial companies. Now I lead a team of analysts and help manage a $1 billion loan portfolio. Fisher was the doorway to a new career for me. I combined the leadership abilities I gained in the Navy with the financial experience I learned in my graduate classes. I’ve moved from multimillion dollar aircraft to multimillion dollar deals.”
For more information about Fisher College’s MBA programs, the application process and funding opportunities, call (614) 292-8511, or visit fisher.osu.edu.