



SBA SUMMER BUSINESS ACADEMY

BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

YOUR INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

WHY CONSIDER SBA?

Villanova's Summer Business Academy provides non-business majors a productive summer experience, exposure to the business landscape, an academic credential—and a valuable affiliation with VSB. Through a mix of academic courses, experiential and applied learning, and exposure to VSB's well-recognized and respected professional development component, students will gain a basic understanding of business which they can apply to their primary course of study or use as a springboard to learn more.

WHO ATTENDS SBA?

The month-long program is designed for non-business majors at any level of their education looking to enhance their basic business knowledge and understanding.

CAN STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ATTEND?

Absolutely. Villanova's Summer Business Academy is open to qualified students and graduates from any accredited college or university located in the United States or abroad. Note: International students must be matriculated in a full-time course of study at a U.S. institution when applying.

CAN SBA CREDITS BE APPLIED TO DEGREE REQUIREMENTS?

SBA credits may be applied toward major degree requirements; determination is made by students' primary colleges/home institutions. Applicants are advised to discuss SBA credits with their academic advisors.

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

SBA courses will be held online, and scheduled according to EDT. Classes can be completed from home - or anywhere with a robust internet connection.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All class years may apply, along with recent graduates. While there is no GPA requirement, admission decisions will be based upon a holistic review of the application materials, with a particular focus on overall academic achievement.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Interested students can apply between January 15 and April 15 at villanova.edu/vbssummer. Applicants must also submit their transcript, an essay and a resume. Decisions will be rolling. Scholarships are available to Villanova students with demonstrated financial need. Academic performance will also be strongly considered. **Scholarship applications are due on March 15.**

QUICK FACTS

SBA, designed exclusively for non-business majors, is a 6-credit, 4-week, online summer program providing a credentialed business education. This holistic educational experience offers an exposure to the dynamic nature of business, providing graduates a global business lens that will help them to be more informed "consumers" academically, personally—and professionally.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS - AND MORE!

SBA provides an opportunity for students from Villanova and other institutions to earn a Business Certificate, along with access to the many resources, services and staff from the Villanova School of Business (VSB).

SUMMER
2025

PROGRAM DATES

May 28 - June 25, 2025

APPLICATION PERIOD

January 15 - April 15, 2025

TUITION

\$8,500. Tuition includes textbooks and related materials.

QUESTIONS

Contact the Summer Business Academy (SBA):
(610) 519-5532
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villanova.edu/vbssummer

"SBA is perfect for me! I'm really not interested in learning about individual business disciplines such as accounting or finance, but I would like an overall introduction to business. ...and I know a lot of my friends feel the same."

"I'm excited about the opportunity to learn about business, and still have the rest of the summer to translate that knowledge to my internship."

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CURRICULUM

Online classes will be conducted synchronously and asynchronously
Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / 4 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., EDT.

EDUCATING, ENLIGHTENING AND EMPOWERING NON-BUSINESS STUDENTS.

Villanova's Summer Business Academy will introduce students to the business landscape through a robust and interactive six credits of coursework delivered both synchronously and asynchronously. Students will gain an understanding of the dynamic nature of business, as well as opportunities for professional development. The program will culminate in a team-based capstone project.

SBA students will benefit from innovative virtual instruction, applied and experiential learning components and professional development activities and events. SBA is based on the proven methodology and structure of VSB and SBI courses, ensuring the same successful and holistic learning that students expect from a Villanova education.

SBA1600 Business Essentials

4 credits

This course is an expanded version of VSB's 3-credit Business Dynamics course, which is a core requirement for all VSB and Academic-Year Business Minor students. With an extra focus on interactive and applied learning, the course will cover a broad introduction to business disciplines.

SBA1000 Excel Essentials

1 credit

This course includes class instruction and hands-on learning to familiarize students with the uses and nuances of this essential program.

SBA1001 Professional Success Essentials

1 credit

This course includes classroom instruction on professional development topics such as personal branding, resume review, and interviewing and networking skills.

SBA ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

"In four weeks, SBA was able to provide an extremely valuable and worthwhile experience for students looking to further their business knowledge and professional careers in any and all aspects! Now, I feel confident pursuing the rest of my college career with the knowledge I have obtained through the SBA program."

"SBA allowed me to gain extensive knowledge and skills in a remarkably short time, significantly boosting my professional development."

"SBA was a great opportunity for my career advancement. It helped me to develop my network and to gain the basic understanding of business essentials."