Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration

History and Objectives
The Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration (C&BA) is the longest-standing business school in Alabama and one of the premier programs in the South. The College has earned national recognition for excellence in business education and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—International (AACSB). An outstanding faculty helps maintain this tradition of excellence by continuously making advancements in academic programs using technologically advanced classrooms, laboratories and library facilities.

Lee Biggood, the first dean of the College, launched the School of Commerce in 1919. Dean Biggood oversaw the development of the College, including construction of the Commerce Building (now known as Biggood Hall), which was completed in 1929. Biggood Hall has further developed to become a central part of the technologically integrated three-building business complex in the central University campus.

The College offers degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels. The mission of the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration is to excel in the creation and application of general and discipline-based knowledge. We are committed to providing the educational and enrichment experiences expected of a major, full-time residential state university.

Degrees and Programs Offered
The Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration offers one undergraduate degree, the bachelor of science in commerce and business administration (BSSCBA). The Manderson Graduate School of Business offers the following degrees: master of business administration (MBA), master of arts (MA), master of science (MS), master of accountancy (Macc), master of tax accounting (MTA) and doctor of philosophy (PhD).

Undergraduate students in commerce and business administration may major in accounting, economics, finance, general business, management, management information systems, marketing or operations management. Students in business may complete more than one major, including a non-business major, a non-business minor and a specialization in a particular business field.

Admission Requirements
Admission as a Freshman Student
A student who meets the criteria for admission to The University of Alabama as a freshman is eligible for admission to the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration as a lower-division student with the intent to major in one of eight different major programs. Specific information about these criteria is available from The University of Alabama Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Box 870132, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0132; (205) 348-5666 or toll-free 1-800-933-BAMA in the continental United States.

Admission as a Transfer Student
A student seeking to transfer into the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration from another institution must have an official transcript sent directly to the UA Office of Undergraduate Admissions (see address in preceding paragraph) from each college or university previously attended. For admission to the University and to the College, the student is required to have a minimum grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) for all college-level work attempted. For direct admission to the College’s upper division, a GPA of at least 2.5 is required for all majors except the general business major, which requires a GPA of 2.0 or above. Transferred credit hours will be applied as appropriate to a student’s degree program. The authority to apply or to deny transferred credit rests with the College.

Transfers from Two-Year Colleges
Undergraduate business programs in this catalog require 120 semester hours for the bachelor’s degree. At most, 50 percent of those hours may be taken at two-year colleges and applied toward graduation requirements. Therefore, the maximum number of two-year college hours applicable to a degree in the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration is 60 hours.

Only courses that are equivalent to those numbered 100 or 200 at the University (freshman- and sophomore-level courses) may be transferred to C&BA from junior colleges. Junior college transfer students may transfer courses equivalent to the following:
- the College’s general education requirements
- restricted and unrestricted electives

- the University’s sophomore-level courses that satisfy the business administration functional field requirements (i.e., AC 210 Intro To Accounting, ST 260 Statistical Data Analysis and LGS 200 Legal Environment Business)

All courses for which credit is to be transferred must be of essentially the same quality as the equivalent courses at The University of Alabama.

Transfers from Senior Colleges and Universities
Courses transferred from institutions accredited by the AACSB will be accepted within the broad limits of the College and the University graduation requirements. Students seeking to transfer credit from institutions not accredited by the AACSB, or by a regional or national accrediting agency, may be granted transfer credit on a provisional basis. Provisional credit may be validated by completing 30 semester hours in residence with a C average or better. Consult the C&BA Registrar or the UA Office of Undergraduate Admissions for more information.

A maximum of six semester hours of professional courses taken at another institution may be applied toward a student’s major program requirements. Approval is required from the head of the department in which the student expects to earn a degree. All courses for which credit is to be transferred must be of essentially the same quality as the equivalent courses at The University of Alabama. All coursework required in the major program of the Culverhouse School of Accountancy must be done in residence.

Transfers from Other Divisions of The University of Alabama
Students who wish to transfer from one division of the University to another should consult staff members in the student services office of the division into which they intend to transfer. Students are encouraged to contact the new division in advance of the semester in which they intend to transfer. Students will need information about the procedures involved in transferring, as well as the applicability of previous and present coursework to the new division’s requirements.

Students with Bachelor’s Degrees
Students who have completed an undergraduate degree and wish to complete a second degree in business must meet the requirements described for business majors in this catalog. A minimum of 30 hours of coursework beyond the first degree is required to earn a second bachelor’s degree. For more information, students should consult with an academic adviser in the A.H. Bean Undergraduate Student Services Center in 10 Biggood Hall.

Admission to the College’s Upper Division
Business students are required to apply for admission to the upper division of the College and to a major program. Application for admission to the upper division and to a major program must be made upon completion of a set of specific requirements outlined below.

Entering freshman students will be designated LAC, LEC, LFI, LMGT, LMKT, LMIS, LOM or LGB depending on their intended major. All lower-division students are administratively housed in the College, and they receive academic advising in the A.H. Bean Undergraduate Student Services Center in 10 Biggood Hall.

Requirements
Students are eligible for admission to the upper division and to a major program—and are therefore entitled to enroll in 300- and 400-level business courses—only if they meet the following standards:
- Students must have earned a minimum of 60 hours of credit. Students may apply for admission to the upper division either in the semester during which junior standing will be achieved or after junior standing has been achieved. Credit earned by such means as Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP or departmental placement is counted toward the 60-hour requirement. Students who have completed coursework at another institution and wish to have that work applied to the 60-hour requirement must see to it that transcripts from the other institution(s) are forwarded as soon as possible to The University of Alabama. All hours completed that are not officially transferred to the student’s University of Alabama record cannot be included in the calculation of the 60-hour requirement. Courses (and hours) in which a student has earned a grade of Incomplete (I) cannot be included in the calculation of the 60-hour requirement until the grade has officially been changed to a passing grade.