Program Eligibility

Applicants to the MSBA progressive degree program must meet the following qualifications:

- Have completed at least 64 total units of undergraduate courses excluding AP/IB units earned prior to high school graduation
- Have at least one full semester remaining before completion of their undergraduate degree
- Have completed an undergraduate statistics course
- Have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Plan to begin the MSBA Progressive Degree Program in Fall 2023
- Students may apply in their junior (recommended for best value) or senior year (Students graduating in May must apply by the January 15th deadline.)
- Be able to enroll in a minimum of 6 units of MSBA coursework in the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters
- Be ready to complete 30-33 units over at least three semesters
- Plan to enroll in only one Progressive Degree Program. Students who are currently enrolled in a PDP cannot apply for another one.

Application Process

If you meet the qualifications mentioned above, you may apply to the MSBA Progressive Degree Program for Fall 2023. A completed application includes:

- Copy of most recent Undergraduate course plan from the undergraduate advisor
- Copy of STARS report
- Resume
- Draft of the [USC Progressive Degree Program Proposed Course Plan form](https://bit.ly/MSBAPDPAppl), without any signatures (Complete to the best of your ability, based on the instructions on the next page. The MSBA advisor will advise you for revision after the MSBA committee reviews your MSBA application)

Decisions are released approximately 6 weeks after each round deadline. If the MSBA admissions committee recommends you move forward with the process, you will meet with an MSBA advisor to discuss the next steps in the admission process. For Marshall Undergraduate students, the MSBA advisor will also discuss options to count some 500-level MSBA electives toward Marshall Upper Division Elective units.
Fill out the course plan starting with the current semester (i.e. Fall 2022, or Spring 2023 even though you are not taking any MSBA courses yet).

Do NOT get any signatures on the form since this is a first draft.

Enter the courses on the tentative PDP Course Plans below along with your courses from your undergraduate coursework.

Feel free to add more lines to the semesters if there's no room.

Do not fill in your total number of units until after you meet with the MSBA advisor.

A letter of recommendation is not required.

Please do your best to prepare the first draft of the plan based on the instruction below and submit it with your MSBA application at [https://bit.ly/MSBAPDPAppl](https://bit.ly/MSBAPDPAppl).

Your proposed course plan will not impact your admission decision. If you are recommended by the MSBA committee to move forward after your MSBA application is reviewed, the MSBA Advisor will work with you to revise and customize your plan.

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**PDP TENTATIVE COURSE PLAN (FULL-TIME)**

Students who complete bachelor's degree in May 2023

**PDP TENTATIVE COURSE PLAN (PART-TIME)**

Students who complete bachelor's degree after May 2023