Master of Business Administration: Fall 2019/Spring 2020/Fall 2020
3 Semesters (45 Credits)

3 – Required Non-credit Courses
MGMT 7230 Professional Development Workshop I (Fall): Wednesday 2-3:50 p.m.
MGMT 7240 Professional Development Workshop II (Spring): Wednesday 2-3:50 p.m.
MGMT 7250 Professional Development Workshop III (Spring): Wednesday 4-5:50 p.m.

11 – Required 3-credit Courses:
MGMT 6040 Talent Management (Fall): Tuesday 2-4:50 p.m.
MGMT 6100 Statistics for Managerial Decision-Making (Fall): Monday 9-11:50 a.m. or Thursday 9-11:50 a.m.
MGMT 6580 Marketing High Tech Products (Fall): Tuesday 6-8:50 p.m.
MGMT 7730 Economics & Institutions (Fall): Friday 9-11:50 a.m.
MGMT 7740 Accounting for Reporting and Control (Fall): Monday 6-8:50 p.m.
MGMT 6020 Financial Management I (Spring): Tuesday 9-11:50 a.m.
MGMT 6140 Information Systems for Management (Spring): Thursday 2-4:50 p.m. or 6-8:50 p.m.
MGMT 6XXX Operations & Supply Chain Management (Spring): Tuesday 6-8:50 p.m.
MGMT 6060 Business Implications of Emerging Technologies: Friday 9-11:50 a.m. (Fall) & TBA (Summer)
MGMT 6840 Practicum in Management: Thursday 6-8:50 p.m. (Fall), Tuesday & Friday 4-5:50 p.m. (Spring), & TBA (Summer)
MGMT 7030 Strategy, Technology and Competition I: Thursday 3-5:50 p.m. (Fall) & TBA (Summer)

4 – Electives:
A concentration consists of 4 courses (12 credits). Concentration courses are offered in the fall and spring terms annually. See the MBA concentration summary below for specific courses. MBA concentration options include:
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing—New Product Development
- Supply Chain Management
- Technological Entrepreneurship
- Or explore technical concentrations with coursework from other schools at Rensselaer

There are two MBA tracks:
12 months – fast track; fall/spring/summer; no internship; August graduation
16 months – fall/spring/fall; optional internship in summer; December graduation
MBA Concentration Summary

Business Analytics

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The business analytics concentration, like a major, focuses on using information to develop business insights and influence decision-making in organizations. This provides a strong foundation in analytical modeling and statistical methods as well as skills in data management. It provides hands-on experience through industry projects in applying these skills in data and model-driven decision-making in domains such as marketing, supply chain management, healthcare, and finance.

All students in the business analytics concentration should take:

MGMT 6560 Introduction to Machine Learning Applications (F, S)

Then, choose three from an evolving list of related electives, as approved by the adviser. Sample courses include:

ARTS 4870 Creative Data Design (Not offered in Fall 2019)
MGMT 6570 Advanced Data Resource Management (F, S)
MGMT 6460 Advanced Quantitative Methods for Business (F)
ISYE 6961 Data Analytics Research Lab (F)
CSCL 6100 Machine & Computational Learning (F)
CSCL 6390 Data Mining (F)
CSCL 6130 Natural Language Processing (S)
MGMT 6962 Marketing Analytics (S)
MGMT 6720 Internet Marketing (S)
MGMT 6160 Applied Analytics and Predictive Modeling (S)
ITWS 6600 Data Analytics (S)
COMM 6880 Interactive Data Visualization (U-Summer)

Finance

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The finance elective set prepares students for a career path in corporate finance and for careers in financial services. The special finance challenges in high-tech industries are explored as well as the impact of technology on financial markets and the financial manager in modern corporations. Students pursuing the finance concentration may elect two paths: investments or corporate finance. The investments option focuses on financial markets and securities, including stocks, bonds, and derivatives. Students taking this option learn about decision-making such as portfolio choices, making markets in securities, and analyzing non-standard forms of investments. The corporate finance option should be pursued by students who are interested in working and making decisions within firms. This option deals with financing and investment (real and financial) decisions within business entities such as corporations, sole proprietorship, partnerships or a limited liability corporation.

Note: M.S. Management students should: (1) Waive MGMT 6190 Introduction to Accounting and Financial Management and replace it with MGMT 7740 Accounting for Reporting and Control. (2) Incorporate MGMT 6020 Financial Management I as a required elective.

Students can elect one of two options: Investments or Corporate Finance. All students must take MGMT 6430 and then elect three courses from one of the options below.

All students in the finance concentration should take:
Investments Option
MGMT 6240 Financial Trading and Investing (F)
MGMT 6370 Options, Futures and Derivatives Markets (F)
MGMT 6410 Investments I (F,S)
MGMT 7430 Investments II (S, not offered in spring 2020)

Corporate Finance Option
MGMT 6030 Financial Management II (S, not offered in spring 2020)
MGMT 6360 International Finance (S)
MGMT 6380 Advanced Corporate Finance (F, not offered in fall 2019)
MGMT 6370 Options, Futures and Derivatives Markets (F)

Management Information Systems
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The management information systems concentration, like a major, focuses on the use of information technology for value creation in new and established firms. This concentration equips students with the perspectives and skills to understand the role of IT in organizations, to identify opportunities for IT-enabled business innovations, and to design, develop, and deliver the technology infrastructures that enable firms to effectively use IT for value creation.

The management information systems concentration courses adopt an interdisciplinary approach that integrates technical concepts with business concepts to enable students to develop the knowledge, perspectives, and skills needed for a career in information systems. Students develop the capability to understand business requirements and translate them into technology needs and the skills to design and implement application systems, databases, and web-based systems. They also develop critical proficiency in areas such as project management and team-based development.

MGMT 4150 IT Project Management (4 credits, S)
MGMT 6090 Enterprise IT Integration (F)
MGMT 6570 Advanced Data Resource Management (F,S)
MGMT 6080 Networks, Innovation and Value Creation (F)
MGMT 6720 Internet Marketing (S)

Marketing – New Product Development
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This elective set is available to students interested in a career path in new product development or in marketing and product management, and is geared toward the special challenges associated with developing and marketing high-tech products.
Students focus their attention on understanding the links between a product’s design, and the manufacturing and selling/marketing efforts necessary for achieving successful product/market development, commercialization, and management throughout the life cycle.

MGMT 6800 Consumer Behavior and Product Design (F)
MGMT 6530 Making Business Happen (F)
MGMT 6540 Marketing Communications and Branding Strategy (S)
MGMT 6550 Marketing Research (F)
MGMT 6590 Commercializing Advanced Technologies (S)
MGMT 6720 Internet Marketing (S)
MGMT 6690 Negotiations (S)
Supply Chain Management

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The supply chain management concentration, like a major, focuses on the design and management of supply chains in manufacturing and service industries. This concentration equips students with the perspectives and skills to design supply chains, develop strategies to optimize supply chain operations, and identify opportunities for deploying IT to create effective demand fulfillment capabilities in firms.

ISYE 4220 Optimization Algorithms and Applications (S)
ISYE 6600 Design of Manufacturing System Supply Chains (F,S)
MGMT 6460 Advanced Quantitative Methods for Business (F)
MGMT 6090 Enterprise IT Integration (F)
MGMT 6080 Networks, Innovation, and Value Creation (F)
MGMT 6490 Competitive Advantage and Operations Strategy (F)

Technological Entrepreneurship

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The technological entrepreneurship elective set has been developed for students who have an interest in new venture creation in start-ups and established firms. Students following the technological entrepreneurship concentration may elect two paths: entrepreneurship for start-ups or corporate entrepreneurship. The former focuses on founding a brand new business entity, whereas the latter focuses on creating new growth platforms based on technological innovation within established companies. Both require entrepreneurial behavior. Students may elect instead to draw from both tracks if that suits their academic and career objectives.

Start-Up Option
Students choosing this option must take: MGMT 6620 Intro to Principles of Technological Entrepreneurship (S)

And three from the following list:

MGMT 6260 Entrepreneurial Finance (S)
MGMT 6590 Commercializing Advanced Technologies (S)
MGMT 6630 Starting Up A New Venture (F, S)
MGMT 6670 Practicum in Technological Entrepreneurship (S, not offered in spring 2020)

Corporate Entrepreneurship Option
Students choosing this option must take: MGMT 6700 - Corporate Entrepreneurship (S)

And three from the following list:

MGMT 6530 Making Business Happen (F)
MGMT 6580 Marketing High-Tech Products (S)
MGMT 6590 Commercializing Advanced Technologies (S)
MGMT 6640 Invention, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (F)
MGMT 6810 Management of Technical Projects (F, not offered in fall 2019)