Program Mission Statement

The marketing major is designed for students interested in the marketing of consumer and industrial goods and services. The curriculum has been developed to include course work in the principles and foundations of marketing management and in the marketing functions of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. The major also includes behavioral, technical, and elective courses in order to prepare the student for a marketing career.

Flexibility is allowed so that students have some discretion in orienting their program toward career and degree objectives. Students are encouraged to work closely with their advisors in selecting major and contextual courses which are appropriate to their objectives.

Students who choose marketing as their area of concentration must satisfy all requirements for the B.B.A. degree. As a part of these requirements, marketing students must satisfy the marketing concentration requirement and contextual requirement. A maximum of 18 hours of marketing, excluding marketing courses required of all B.B.A. candidates, will be counted toward satisfying degree requirements.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

Content/Discipline-Specific Knowledge/Skills

• Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the global economy and the ability to recognize the impact of diverse socioeconomic and cultural factors on business operations.

• Students will demonstrate the ability to utilize technology to enhance decision-making skills and improve productivity.

• Students will demonstrate content knowledge in the major functional areas of business: Accounting, Economics, Management, Marketing, Quantitative Business Analysis, Information Systems, Finance, and the Legal and Social Environment.

Communication Skills

• Students will communicate effectively in written, oral and electronic formats.

Critical Thinking Skills

• Students will demonstrate the ability to identify and reconcile ethical issues in decision-making.

• Students will demonstrate the ability to think critically to identify problems, and propose alternatives to these problems and implement solutions.

Assessment Approaches

The Coggin College of Business operates a college-wide strategy to assess its six learning objectives. Each of the 11 programs of study (housed in 4 departments) has adopted these as its learning objectives, which links to the university's three broad learning categories. While each of these objectives is differentially emphasized in the various programs of study, they are common to the core body of knowledge provided to all students majoring in a sub-field of business. The college utilizes a multi-year time horizon to assess alternating objectives. This time horizon corresponds to the AACSB (re)accreditation cycle.

Oral communication (objective 1) is assessed by student performance during SPC 4064 (Public Speaking for Professionals), using a standardized, anchored grading rubric.

Written communication (objective 1) is assessed in MAN3025, via a standardized written evaluation system.

Electronic communication (objective 1) is assessed in MAN3025, via a standardized evaluation system.

Ethics (objective 2) is assessed in the capstone policy course.

International business knowledge (objective 3) is assessed on the international assessment indicator (sub-score) of the Major Field Test in
Technology use (objective 4) is assessed on the information system assessment indicator (sub-score) of the Major Field Test in Business, an instrument of the Educational Testing Service (ETS). It is administered in each student's last term in his/her program of study via the capstone policy course.

Critical thinking (objective 5) is assessed via the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Proficiency Exam, with plans to administer a standardized test via MAN3504. It is administered in each student's last term in his/her program of study via the capstone policy course.

Content knowledge in the functional areas of business (objective 6) is assessed via the Major Field Test in Business, an instrument of the Educational Testing Service (ETS). It is administered in each student's last term in his/her program of study via the capstone policy course. Content knowledge is measured by the overall score, as well as the score on each of eight assessment indicators (sub-scores), including accounting, economics, management, quantitative analysis, finance, marketing, legal / social environment, and information systems.

Assessment mechanisms may change over time.