BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The Business Foundations Certificate at Saint Louis University Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (https://www.slu.edu/business/) is an 18-credit certificate program available for graduates of any undergraduate program interested in gaining business knowledge and skills. Upon successfully completing the certificate, interested students may apply for admission to the Chaifetz School’s Professional MBA program. If students are accepted, the completed 18 credits may be applied to the MBA program of study.

Curriculum Overview

The certificate requirements consist of 12 credits of graduate foundation courses and six credits of breadth courses (chosen by the student in association with their advisor) for a total of 18 credits.

Admission Requirements

The Chaifetz School uses a holistic admissions approach to carefully evaluate all applicants, considering every aspect of their application. While an undergraduate degree is required for admission, a business background is not. Applicants must submit their:

- Completed online application (https://slu.force.com/apex/ERx_Forms___PageMaker/?pageld=PortalRegistration&temp=1&)
- Official transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement of fewer than 500 words

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis once all application materials are received. The average time for admissions decisions is two weeks.

Requirements for International Students

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents will also need to submit:

- **English Language Proficiency Scores**: For non-native speakers of English, an official English language test score report is required and must be sent directly to the institution. Scores should be no more than two years old. This program requires a TOEFL score of 80 and an IELTS broadband of at least 6.5 or a Duolingo score of 110.
  - The Graduate Programs Office reserves the right to evaluate an applicant’s English based on an admissions interview and/or an English language test. Based on the results from either or both, applicants may be referred to INTO SLU for additional coursework.
- **Official Academic Transcripts**: An official transcript articulating both GPA and grades for all previous coursework is required and will be evaluated at the time of admission.
  - The Graduate Programs Office reserves the right to request an applicant submit a WES or ECE evaluation.
- **Documentation of Financial Support**: After an admission decision has been made and scholarship consideration has been assessed, students will need to complete an addendum form outlining certification of financial support for one year of study (if a student visa is required) that must be submitted with the necessary documentation. Documentation will include:
  - A letter (declaration) of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency providing funds for your tuition and living expenses for the duration of your study at Saint Louis University.
  - A letter (certification) from the sponsor’s bank verifying that such funds currently are available and will be so for each subsequent year of your study at this University. The financial evidence must cover at least the expenses needed for the first year of your study.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about Saint Louis University scholarships and financial aid, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services online at www.slu.edu/financial-aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Accreditation

The Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the world’s largest business education alliance and accrediting body of business schools, ensuring continuous quality improvement in terms of curriculum, instructional resources, student selection, career placement and intellectual contributions and qualifications of the faculty. Fewer than 5% of business schools worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

### Requirements

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Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Contact Us

For additional admission questions, please contact:

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Request Information (http://www.slu.edu/business/graduate/request-info.php)