Degree Candidacy is approval by the college to begin upper division business courses. Degree Candidacy requires a high level of academic performance. Listed below are the criteria. In addition to achieving Degree Candidacy, students must complete all pre-requisite courses* before beginning 3000 level business coursework.

Achievement Standard for Degree Candidacy

- Students must be admitted to the College of Business and must meet the following GPA minimums: 2.50 OU and 2.50 combined (OU and transfer) retention grade point averages.
- Students must complete the basic business 6 (BB6) courses (ACCT 2113, ECON 1113, ECON 1123, ECON 2843; MIS 2113 and BC 2813) with the following grade requirements:
  - For those students who transfer in two or less of the BB6 courses, at least a 3.00 cumulative (all attempts) GPA and grades of C or better in each course are required.
  - For those students who transfer in three or more of the BB6 courses, at least a 3.20 cumulative (all attempts) GPA and grades of C or better in each course are required.
- Students are not allowed to repeat courses in which an A or a B is earned.

Enrolling in upper-division business courses

*Students are required to complete all other prerequisites (ENGL 1113, ENGL/EXPO 1213, COMM 1113/2613, MATH 2123, ACCT 2123, and B AD 1001), earn 60 credit hours (junior classification), and maintain 2.50 OU and Combined GPAs before they may enroll in upper-division business courses. All students must complete the degree candidacy application during their final semester of the BB6 courses. Students are eligible for a decision after grades are posted in each of the BB6 courses.

Petitioning for Degree Candidacy

- Students must be admitted to the College of Business and must meet the following GPA minimums: 2.50 OU and 2.50 combined (OU and transfer) retention grade point averages.
- The applicant must earn a minimum cumulative (all attempts) grade point average of 2.70 within the BB6 courses and at least a “C” in each of these courses.
- Students are not allowed to repeat courses in which an A or a B is earned.

Please speak to an academic counselor if you have any questions about the Degree Candidacy process or the strength of your application. If you need assistance in choosing a new major at OU, we can provide you with some tools and resources to explore your options.