Degree Candidacy Instructions
for students completing the basic business 5 courses
Spring 2017 and beyond

What is Degree Candidacy?

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 meet the GPA minimums for the college: 2.50 OU and 2.50 combined (OU and transfer) retention grade point averages.
• Students must complete the basic business 5 (BB5) courses (ACCT 2113, ECON 1113, ECON 1123, ECON 2843 and MIS 2113) with the following grade requirements:
  o For those students who transfer in two or less of the BB5 courses, at least a 3.00 cumulative (all attempts) GPA and grades of C or better in each course are required.
  o For those students who transfer in three or more of the BB5 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, B C 2813, ACCT 2123, B AD 1001, and B AD 2091), 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 BB5 courses. Students are eligible for a decision after grades are posted in each of the BB5 courses.

Petitioning for Degree Candidacy

• Students must meet the GPA minimums for the college: 2.50 OU and 2.50 combined retention grade point averages.
• The applicant must earn a minimum cumulative (all attempts) grade point average of 2.70 within the BB5 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.

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