

*This document is ONLY intended for current Rio Salado Community College students;
Current UA students are required to speak with an Eller Academic Advisor about their options before enrolling in any classes.*

Important Information about Eller College Professional Admission

All students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) through the Eller College of Management enter as Foundational Business Management (Main Campus) or Foundational Business Administration (Online Campus). They then apply for [Professional Admission](#) to continue in the Professional phase of the upper-division curriculum. The Professional Admission application may be completed concurrently while applying for transfer admission to the University of Arizona.

In preparation for [Professional Admission](#), the following foundation business courses are required:

	Rio Salado Courses	UA Courses	Completion at time of Professional Admissions Application
English Composition			
1. English Composition I	☐ ENG 101 (or ENG 107)	WRIT 101	At least 1 must be complete, the other can be in progress
2. English Composition II	☐ ENG 102 (or ENG 108)	WRIT 102	
Business Math Sequence			
1. Brief Calculus/Calculus I	☐ MAT 212 (or MAT 221)	MATH 116 or MATH 122B	At least 2 must be complete, the 3 rd can be complete or in progress
2. Business Statistics	☐ GBS 221	BNAN 276	
3. Business Analytics*	☐ GBS 220* (Quantitative Methods)	BNAN 277*	
*Students who have started at the UA are not eligible to take GBS 220 to fulfill any foundation requirement, including BNAN 276 and BNAN 277			
Accounting			
1. Financial Accounting	☐ ACC 211 (or ACC 111 & ACC 112)	ACCT 200	At least 1 must be complete, the other can be in progress
2. Managerial Accounting	☐ ACC 212	ACCT 210	
Economics			
1. Microeconomics	☐ ECN 211	ECON 200	Complete or in progress
2. Macroeconomics	☐ ECN 212		
Management Information Systems			
1. Computer Applications for Business	☐ CIS 105	MIS 111 & MIS 112	Complete or in progress
Business Communications*			
1. Business Writing	No equivalent*	BCOM 214	Complete or in progress

*Business Communications: If a transfer student does not have an equivalent to BCOM 214 complete before earning Professional Admission, they will complete BCOM 315 in addition to BCOM 314R during the professional phase of Eller coursework.

*GBS 220 is approved for current Maricopa Community Colleges students ONLY, Current UA students are not eligible to use GBS 220 (or alternative coursework) towards their BSBA degree.

The Eller College suggests Rio Salado Community College transfer students complete an Associate's of Business (ABUS) and follow this recommended course sequence in preparation for Professional Admission:**

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
<i>ENG 101 or 107</i> <i>CIS 105</i> <i>MAT 152</i> <i>(or MAT 151, if needed)</i> <i>AGEC-B Course**</i> <i>ABUS/Elective**</i>	<i>ENG 102 or 108</i> <i>MAT 212</i> <i>(or MAT 213, 220, 221)</i> <i>Financial ACCT 1*</i> <i>(*See options above)</i> <i>AGEC-B Course**</i> <i>AGEC-B Course**</i>	<i>GBS 220</i> <i>(or MAT 172, 217, 218)</i> <i>ECN 211</i> <i>Financial ACC 2*</i> <i>(*See options above)</i> <i>AGEC-B Course **</i> <i>AGEC-B Course**</i>	<i>GBS 221</i> <i>ECN 212</i> <i>ACC 212</i> <i>AGEC-B Course**</i> <i>ABUS/Elective**</i> <i>Apply for Professional Admission</i>

** ABUS is a recommended transfer degree pathway that incorporates Eller's Foundational course requirements. However, a student is NOT required to complete an AGECE-B/ABUS in order to apply to Eller. NOTE: Students can complete AGECE-B General Education courses in any order.

Work with [Eller Academic Advisors](#) to determine the best sequencing for your academic plan.

Eller College Professional Admission Application Process

All students who meet the Professional Admissions eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to the Business Management Professional major (Main Campus). All other [BSBA majors](#) are competitive and selective through the Professional Admission application process.

To be eligible, students must meet all requirements by the [application deadline](#). The Professional Admissions process occurs twice each year; students intending to start the professional coursework in Fall must apply for Professional Admission in January-February, while students intending to start the professional coursework in Spring will apply in August-September. Professional Admission application deadlines are strictly enforced and can be found on the [Eller website](#).

To be a competitive applicant for Eller Professional Admission, applicants should focus on strong overall academic performance, coupled with extracurricular or professional leadership opportunities. The Eller Professional Admission application considers the following selection criteria:

- **Grade Point Average**
 - Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least **2.75** on 12 or more completed graded UA units.
 - If an applicant has fewer than 12 units at UA, Eller calculates cumulative transferrable GPA using **all attempted college-level coursework from all previous institutions** attended. (i.e. if a transferable course did not transfer to UA due to a grade of D or F, it will still be figured into the Eller cumulative GPA; W grades are not included in GPA calculation).
- **Foundation Coursework**
 - Foundation Business courses must be completed or the terminal course in each sequence may be in-progress while applying for Professional Admission. All foundational business classes must be completed with a transferable grade (C or higher) by the end of the regular semester in which the student is applying for Professional Admission.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising.

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Learn more at: <https://eller.arizona.edu/programs/undergraduate>

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- Eller considers all graded attempts at foundation courses, including repeated courses.
- Note: Students may NOT complete required courses during the summer or winter following their application to be eligible to apply – you must wait to apply in the next application cycle.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 36 units of work acceptable to the University of Arizona and be on track to complete 50 units by the end of the semester in which they apply.
- **Interview**
 - Applicants must submit a [professional resume and cover letter](#) to be evaluated by interviewers.
 - Interviews are conducted by business professionals (Eller Alum or community members). The interview consists of a brief introduction, discussion of an ethics case, and behavioral questions related to the Eller College of Management learning outcomes.

To retain Professional Admission, by the end of the application semester, applicants must:

- Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona to effectively be enrolled into their upper-division coursework by the start of the intended semester.
- Earn a C grade or higher for all in-progress transfer foundation business courses.
- Maintain Academic Eligibility with a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher.

After being admitted to the upper-division professional phase through the Professional Admission process, [each major](#) is designed to be completed in 4 traditional semesters.

Checklist for Eller Professional Admission:

- ☐ Apply to University of Arizona:
 - [Learn how to apply and begin your application for UA admission as a transfer student.](#)
- ☐ Prepare to apply through the Eller Professional Admission when you meet eligibility requirements, paying attention to dates and deadlines listed on the [Professional Admissions website](#).
- ☐ Attend required Professional Admission Orientation and Transfer Session. Information can be found on the [Professional Admissions website](#).
- ☐ Submit Professional Admission application through [eSMS Professional Admission portal](#).
 - If you have already established a UA NetID, please use these credentials to login.
 - If you have not yet established a UA NetID, you will be able to create an eSMS account with an email address and password.
 - Students can return to the Professional Admission portal before the deadline to submit the Resume and Cover Letter.
- ☐ After submitting an application for Professional Admission, schedule a mandatory Professional Admission Academic Advising appointment and provide the Eller Advisor with a copy of unofficial transcripts.
 - Communicate if you have been awarded an [ABUS](#) and/or an [AGEC](#).
- ☐ Prepare for the professional development portion of the Professional Admission process:
 - Submit [Cover Letter and Resume](#) through eSMS Professional Admission portal.
 - Participate in an [Interview](#).
- ☐ Await notification of Major and cohort assignment.
 - Acceptance information will be sent via email to the email on file through the eSMS Professional Admission portal.
- ☐ [Send official transcripts](#) to University of Arizona at the end of your final semester at Rio Salado Community College.