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General Information
The McIntire School of Commerce offers a professional program that includes the study of the fundamental disciplines underlying the management of organizations. Thomas Jefferson, founder of the University of Virginia, believed a liberal arts education was key to a successful professional career. In keeping with that tradition, students spend the first two years of undergraduate work combining liberal arts and business prerequisite courses. Students, including those from other schools, typically apply for admission to McIntire during their second year.

McIntire students tackle the School's Integrated Core Experience (ICE), a continuously evolving third-year curriculum that updates and refines the presentation of core business knowledge and skills. The primary goal of the ICE program is to prepare McIntire students for the dynamic, changing realities of today's business world.

Fourth-year students choose one or more specialized area(s) of concentration: Accounting, Finance, Information Technology, International Business, Management, and Marketing.

Advanced courses in each area are provided to form a total program that is both integrative and comprehensive.

The McIntire School prepares students for an array of future opportunities, including graduate and professional school. Part of that preparation is the emphasis on integrative group projects and the case method of teaching, which introduces students to complex business situations. The thousands of alumni who enjoy prominent positions throughout the world, as well as the national ranking evidence the success of the McIntire program and reputation the school has achieved.

History
The University of Virginia was one of the first institutions in the United States to introduce the subject matter of economics into its curriculum. Since the University's first session in 1825, courses of study in this field have been approved by the University’s Board of Visitors. In 1920, a division of business administration was created in the James Wilson School of Architecture, Graduate Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, and Medicine. The McIntire School confers the Bachelor of Science in Commerce and offers Master of Science degrees in Accounting and Management of Information Technology. The bachelor's degree is conferred after a four-year program of studies in which the first two years are spent in another college or university in courses approved by the McIntire School. In the 2004-2005 session, the undergraduate student body numbered 660 and the faculty 65.

The school is located in Monroe Hall on the Central Grounds of the University. The building contains classrooms, seminar rooms, and administrative and faculty offices. Computer facilities located in the building include a computer laboratory, capital markets room and trading room complex, multimedia classrooms, and terminals linked to other University computing facilities. In addition to the facilities in Monroe Hall, the University's extensive libraries and computing systems are available to students of the McIntire School.

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Accreditation
The McIntire School was elected to membership in the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business in 1925. In 1981, the school became accredited to offer programs at the graduate level as well as the undergraduate level. Accreditation is offered only to those schools that meet the strict academic standards and program requirements prescribed by the AACSB. In 1982, the school became one of the initial 13 schools in the nation to have both its undergraduate and graduate accounting programs accredited under new AACSB standards for the separate accreditation of accounting programs. All McIntire programs received accreditation by the AACSB in 1994.

Scholarships and Awards
The J. Schuyler Alland Scholarship, established by Sky Alland Research Inc. and friends of J. Schuyler Alland (COM '79), is awarded annually to a fourth-year student who demonstrates leadership and entrepreneurial abilities.

The Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Key is awarded annually by the Alpha of Virginia Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi to the McIntire student who attains the highest scholastic average for the first three semesters of college work in the school.

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The School Today
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The Farwell Distinguished Achievement Award was established by F. Evans Farwell, a 1929 alumnus of the McIntire School, and is given to the McIntire student demonstrating the greatest academic progress while enrolled in the school.

The Charles A. Ferguson Scholarship is awarded by Ferguson Enterprises in memory of company founder and University alumnus Charles Ferguson. Selection for the award is based upon character, industry, scholastic achievement, and demonstrated financial need.

Peggy Goldsmith Scholarship is awarded to a rising fourth-year student with a concentration in finance that shows promise for a financial services career.

The Mark Boice Germain Scholarships are given in memory of Mark Boice Germain, an alumnus of the McIntire School. The scholarships recognize academic merit, character, and leadership.

The Joseph Goldsten Distinguished Award in Finance is given in honor of a University alumnus to a student who shows the most promise for a career in finance.

The Hantzmon Wiebel McIntire Scholarship is given to rising third and fourth-year student(s) who transferred from a Virginia Community College and who is concentrating in accounting and has ties to the local area.

The William B. Harman Annual Award, given by the Textile Veterans Association to honor a distinguished alumnus of the McIntire School, recognizes an outstanding McIntire student leader in the graduating class.

The C.L.H. Howard Scholarship is given annually to a deserving McIntire student who is a member of the Sigma Phi Society. The award is made on the basis of merit and need.

The Henry C. Hurt Scholarship, given in memory of a University of Virginia alumnus, is presented to a rising fourth-year finance student who has exhibited excellence in leadership and scholarship.

Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Virginia Society of CPAs Scholarship is awarded annually to a student chosen from those who have completed the associate degree program at a Virginia community college and are currently enrolled in the accounting program at the McIntire School.

The Warwick D. Johnston Scholarship is given by Mr. Johnston (COM ’49) and is awarded annually to an outstanding Commerce student.

The Harold G. Leggett Scholarship is awarded to a marketing student on the basis of character, industry, ability, and demonstrated financial need. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen from a trading area where Belk (formerly Leggett) stores are operated.

The Mary and Daniel Loughran Scholarship is awarded annually to McIntire students on the basis of financial need and achievement.

The Edmund and Catherine Wade MacDonald Scholarships are awarded to McIntire students in good academic standing who demonstrate financial need.

The McIntire Faculty Award is presented to a graduating McIntire student when, in the faculty's judgment, the student has demonstrated truly exceptional leadership qualities and a sense of social responsibility that reflect credit upon the school, the University, and the Commonwealth.

The Joseph Miniotas Communication Scholars Fund was established to honor the memory of Joseph Miniotas (COM ’96). A limited number of fourth-year students are selected as scholars based upon their demonstration of outstanding communication skills; these students assist McIntire students with the development of communication skills.

The Modell Family Scholarship is awarded to fourth-year student(s) on the basis of leadership and a demonstrated interest in entrepreneurial activities.

The Minnie E. Moore Scholarship is awarded to a rising third- or fourth-year commerce student. The scholarship is named in memory of Minnie E. Moore by a commerce alumnus.

The NAA Carman G. Blough Award honors an undergraduate selected by the accounting faculty based on total undergraduate grade point average and an evaluation of the individual's prospects for success in the field of accounting.

The Henry R. Odell Award is presented annually to a fourth-year student in the management concentration who has shown academic excellence, unusual promise in the field of management, and significant leadership contributions to the school and University.

The William F. O’Dell Distinguished Award in Marketing honors Mr. William F. O’Dell, a former distinguished member of the McIntire School of Commerce faculty, a past president of the American Marketing Association, and founder of Market Facts Inc. The award is presented annually to an outstanding marketing student, as determined by grade point average, extracurricular activities, leadership, and dedication to the school and University.

The Alice Toomer Parrish Oldfield and Edward Charles Oldfield, Sr., Scholarship may be awarded to a student entering his or her first year in the McIntire School of Commerce for their third and fourth year.

The Ginny Rettig Award was established to honor Virginia “Ginny” Rettig (COM ’61) by her family and friends. The fund supports the “Advertising Campaigns” program at the McIntire School, and each year the Ginny Rettig Award will be given to an outstanding team member in the Marketing program nominated by fourth-year class members.

The Walter B. Salley Scholarship is given to an outstanding accounting student in memory of a distinguished faculty member.

The Schade Family Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student based upon financial need and scholarly merit. The Schade Family Endowment funds the scholarship.

The William G. and Leila S. Shenkirk Scholarship is awarded to a fourth-year student on the basis of merit and need. The Raymond Moskow family established it in honor of the Shenkirs.

The William M. Shermet Scholarship is given in memory of William M. Shermet, an alumnus of the McIntire School. The scholarship recognizes a truly outstanding fourth-year student and is awarded on the basis of merit.

The Shrier Family Scholarship is awarded to rising fourth-year commerce students with financial need. The Shrier Family Scholarship Fund provides the scholarship.

The Thomas I. Storrs Scholarship is given by NCNB in honor of their chairman, Thomas I. Storrs, to a McIntire student who exhibits qualities of scholarship and leadership that will make him or her an effective businessperson and humanitarian.

The David W. Thompson Award is given in honor of a retired faculty member to a graduating accounting student judged to have the most promise for contribution to the accounting profession.

The David W. Thompson Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding accounting student during the fourth year.

The Virginia Society of CPAs Award honors a student in accounting. The recipient is selected by the accounting faculty based on the student's total undergraduate grade point average and an evaluation of the individual's prospects for success in the accounting profession.

The Wachovia Bank, Inc. Scholarship is awarded to a rising fourth-year finance or marketing student on the basis of academic excellence.

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, established by the Educational Service Bureau to honor students demonstrating overall academic excellence, is given annually to an outstanding fourth-year student.

The George Wasserman Distinguished Award in Marketing and Management is given to a student who shows the most promise for a career in marketing management or sales management.

Student Organizations and Activities

The following organizations are affiliated with the McIntire School of Commerce. Commerce students are also eligible to participate in the University activities and the service and government organizations described in The Colonnades.
Alpha Kappa Psi, the first professional fraternity in commerce, has the following objectives: to foster scientific research in the fields of commerce, accounting, and finance; to educate the public to appreciate and demand higher ideals therein; and to promote and advance in institutions of collegiate rank courses leading to degrees in business administration. Members are selected from the McIntire School on the basis of scholastic standing and promise of achievement in business.

American Advertising Federation (AAF) is a national professional organization committed to the study and practice of advertising. Each year AAF participates in a nationwide intercollegiate case competition that offers the opportunity to apply classroom theory in the development of an actual ad campaign. Preparation entails oral and written presentation, including research, total media plan, and creative planning and execution. All interested students are welcome to participate.

Beta Alpha Psi, a national professional honorary organization, recognizes the scholastic excellence of outstanding students of accounting, finance, and information technology. Invitations to membership are extended to master’s students and highly qualified third- and fourth-year bachelor’s students.

Beta Gamma Sigma is a national honorary society, the purposes of which are to encourage and reward scholarship and accomplishment among students of commerce and business administration; to promote the advancement of education in the art and science of business; and to foster integrity in the conduct of business operations. Chapters of Beta Gamma Sigma are chartered only in schools holding membership in the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. Third- and fourth-year Commerce students ranking in the highest seven and ten percent of their class, respectively, are eligible.

The Business Ethics Group is dedicated to discussing and encouraging ethical and socially responsible business to the UVA student body and local community. The Group seeks to enhance business ethics awareness and knowledge, develop ethical leaders, and affect an immediate social impact through discussion forums, speaker events, and volunteer work.

The Commerce Council is the student government body within the McIntire School. Its primary functions are to provide student representation to the dean and coordinate school-wide student activities.

McIntire Consulting Group educates students about various careers in consulting by working in real-life consulting situations and offering workshops to help students learn and refine case interview techniques.

The McIntire Information Technology Group is involved in activities that respond to members’ interests in information technology.

McIntire Investment Institute started in 1994 with a $100,000 gift from John Griffin (COM ‘85), is one of the few student-run investment institutes in the nation. Its purpose is to teach students about investing by using real money; students handle all investment decisions. Participation in the institute is open to any student at the University.

The McIntire Marketing Association provides opportunities for students to exchange ideas with executives in advertising, sales management, product management, retailing, financial institutions marketing, and industrial marketing, as well as with executives from non-profit organizations. Membership is open to all University students.

McIntire Women’s Business Forum provides an open forum to discuss issues that are unique to gender and to explore the challenges faced in work and family relationships. The group is open to all interested students.

The Multi-Cultural Commerce Student Network provides a support system for multi-cultural students in the McIntire School. It also provides guidance and support for first- and second-year multicultural students interested in entering the school.

National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) is a professional organization for minorities in accounting, auditing, finance, consulting, and information technology. This association provides a direct link to today and tomorrow’s business leaders.

Net Impact seeks to develop services and social activities that foster cooperation between business and society while creating a hub dedicated to promoting the research and teaching of socially responsible business practices at the University.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is the world’s largest student business organization and the collegiate division of the Future Business Leaders of America. PBL helps members acquire unique business and technology skills through participation in various programs.

Society of Non-Traditional Students (SNS) provides non-traditional McIntire students with extracurricular activities and a network of peers who can help with the transition into the McIntire School. Activities include student and family social events, community service and fundraising, and information presentations.

The Virginia Entrepreneur Organization (VEO) serves to provide educational and professional resources for undergraduate students at UVa with interests in entrepreneurship.

Career Opportunities and Resources
McIntire graduates pursue a variety of challenging and rewarding career opportunities throughout the United States. McIntire alumni enter such fields as accounting, finance, human resource management, information technology, and marketing. They are employed in roles in such diverse work settings as investment and commercial banking, manufacturing, advertising, retailing, consulting, government, sports, education, the military, and law. The salaries and responsibilities commanded by graduating McIntire students consistently rank at the top for the nation’s leading undergraduate schools of business. The Commerce Career Services Office provides a variety of services and assists students in identifying and achieving their career goals.

Available to Commerce students is an extensive on-Grounds recruiting program. Each year approximately 300 organizations visit the University of Virginia to interview McIntire students for full-time employment. In addition, over 100 organizations either recruit on-Grounds or list summer internships for third-year students. Approximately 10 percent of each class chooses to attend graduate school immediately after graduation. Students pursue such graduate and professional degrees as law, accounting, information technology, and education.

The McIntire School is justifiably proud of its academic program, and the career success of its 10,000 alumni represents a good measure of that pride. The entering third-year student and the finishing fourth-year student both have ample opportunities for direct assistance in plotting their own successful career futures after graduation.

Endowed Chairs
The endowed chair or professorship is the highest honor and rank that can be obtained in academic life. The accomplishment of a distinguished academician is recognized when he or she is named to an endowed professorship. The availability of the following endowed chairs and professorships makes it possible for the McIntire School to attract and retain eminent teachers and scholars in the disciplines of commerce:

The Andersen Alumni Professorship of Commerce was established with a commitment from the Arthur Andersen Foundation and alumni employed with that firm.

The Bank of America Eminent Scholar Endowment Fund was established with the generous commitment of NationsBank Virginia. The income is to be used to attract and retain an eminent scholar at the McIntire School of Commerce and/or the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration.

The Ralph A. Beeton Professor of Free Enterprise honors an outstanding alumnus of the University of Virginia, Ralph A. Beeton, former chair of the board and chief executive officer of First Virginia Banks Inc.

The Carman G. Blough Professorship of Accounting honors a long-time resident of Virginia and outstanding leader in the field of accounting. Mr. Blough served as the first chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission and from 1944 to 1961 was director of research for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Carman G. Blough Professorship of Commerce honors a long-time resident of Virginia and outstanding leader in the field of accounting. Mr. Blough served as the first
chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission and from 1944 to 1961 was director of research for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Ramon W. Breeden, Sr., Research Professorship was established in memory of his father by Ramon W. Breeden, Jr. (COM ’56).

The Robert Hill Carter Professor of Marketing honors an outstanding alumnus of the University of Virginia, Robert Hill Carter, founder of the Virginia Tractor Company of Richmond, Virginia.

The Consumer Bankers Association Professor of Retail Banking was established with a commitment from the Consumer Bankers Association.

The F. S. Cornell Professor of Free Enterprise was established through the generous support of Figgie International to honor Shep Cornell, a Figgie director for many years and mentor to Mr. Harry E. Figgie, Jr.

The William Stamps Farish Professorship in Free Enterprise William Stamps Farish III established the William Stamps Farish Professorship in Free Enterprise in 1982 in honor of his grandfather, who was co-founder and president of Humble Oil and Standard Oil of New Jersey (predecessor of Exxon).

The C. Coleman McGehee Professorship in Banking in Commerce was established with support from Sovran Bank (now Bank of America) in honor of its retired board chair, C. Coleman McGehee.

The Arthur J. Morris Plan Professor of Consumer Banking memorializes the consumer credit plan developed by an outstanding University of Virginia alumnus, Mr. Arthur J. Morris.

The Murray Research Professorship was endowed by the Murray Foundations to support a faculty member in the area of finance or information technology.

The William F. O’Dell Professor of Commerce honors the founder of Market Facts, Inc., and a former distinguished member of the marketing faculty at the McIntire School.

The Martin J. Patsel, Jr., Research Professorship was established by alumnus Martin J. Patsel, Jr., the late president of Roanoke Distributing Company.

The KPMG Peat Marwick Professor of Professional Accounting was endowed by the KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation and alumni members of the firm.

The William G. Shenkir Professorship in Commerce was established in honor of William G. Shenkir, the second dean of the McIntire School of Commerce, who served as dean from 1977 to 1992.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Professor of Commerce was established with a commitment from C&P Telephone Company.

The Virginia Bankers Association endowed the Virginia Bankers Association Professor of Bank Management and the Virginia Bankers Professorship of Bank Management.

The Walker Professorship in Growth Enterprises was established by Jeffrey C. Walker (COM ’77) president of the McIntire Board of Trustees.

Research Programs

Ongoing research is an important way for faculty members to keep abreast of the latest developments in their disciplines and contribute to the advancement of knowledge. Faculty research is supported through the funding of summer research grants and periodic leaves. Other forms of support include the establishment of research professorships, available to faculty members at all ranks, and research opportunities through the Center for the Management of Information Technology, the McIntire Center for Financial Innovation, the Center for Growth Enterprises, and the PricewaterhouseCoopers Center for Innovation in Professional Services.

The Ramon W. Breeden, Sr., Faculty Research Professorship was established in memory of his father by Ramon W. Breeden, Jr. (COM ’56).

The Carter Machinery Research Fellowship was established with the generous support of Carter Machinery Company Inc. and Beirne Carter, a distinguished alumnus of the McIntire School.

The Coopers & Lybrand Research Fellowship was established with a commitment from the Coopers & Lybrand Foundation.

The Paul Tudor Jones II Eminent Scholars Research Professorship was established by Paul Tudor Jones and is shared jointly with the Darden School. The endowment is used to expose undergraduate and graduate students to the concepts of technical analysis.

The Marriott Research Fellowship is funded annually by the Marriott Foundation.

The C. Coleman McGehee Faculty Research Professorship was established with support from Bank of America.

The Martin J. Patsel, Jr., Research Professorship was established by alumnus Martin J. Patsel, Jr., the late President of Roanoke Distributing Company.

The Peterson & Co. Summer Research Fellowship is funded annually by Peterson & Co. Consulting.

The Price Waterhouse Research Fellowship was established with a commitment from the Price Waterhouse Foundation and alumni members of the firm.

The Deloitte-Touche Research Fellowship was established with a contribution from Touche, Ross & Company.

The William G. Shenkir Eminent Scholar Professorship was established to honor the school’s second dean.

The William Stamps Farish Faculty Research Professorships of Entrepreneurial Studies were established with support from the William Stamps Farish Fund.

Centers

The McIntire Center for Financial Innovation provides a focus on the schools many educational and research services for the financial services industry. The center also funds McIntire faculty members who conduct special studies concerning problems and issues in the industry.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers Center for Innovation in Professional Services seeks to advance the collective knowledge of professional services in three integrated ways: by sponsoring small, faculty-driven, student centric programs throughout the academic year, which are integrated into the McIntire curriculum, required for students, and open to all University members; by actively engaging students, faculty, and targeted practitioners interested in sharing ideas on best practices within professional services through these student-centric programs; and by creating a Web infrastructure that disseminates program outcomes and other relevant content to a broader professional services audience.

The Center for Growth Enterprises serves to advance the understanding of growth companies and to create a world-class program focused on the strategic, finance, and management issues associated with growth enterprises and the factors that drive wealth-creating organizations and economic expansion. Current interest areas include closely held firms; venture capital/private equity, mature industries, real estate/asset intensive firms, and non-financial performance measures.

The Center for the Management of Information Technology promotes research and education on topics related to the management and application of information technology within organizations. To this end, the center functions as the nexus for an interdisciplinary network of practitioners and academicians.

Specialized Programs

McIntire Business Institute Summer (MBI Summer) was founded in 1982. This program gives holders of non-business degrees a working knowledge of business practices. This intensive summer program provides a sound preparation for entry into the world of business and industry. It is an attractive way for persons considering a graduate business degree to take a firsthand look at business studies before committing to a
two-year program. All participants must complete their undergraduate degree prior to the first day of the institute.

McIntire Business Institute School Year (MBI School Year) was founded in 2003. This program gives college students in Arts and Sciences a working knowledge of business practices. This program targeted at third-year college students provides a sound preparation for internships in world of business and industry between the third and fourth year. MBI School Year is taught on Fridays during the two consecutive semesters of the student’s third year, with an intensive six-week experience in January during the semester break.

Executive Education Programs An important aspect of the McIntire School’s mission is serving the continuing education needs of the private and public sectors. The area of executive business education has been growing rapidly in recent years; businesses have realized the importance of keeping their managers exposed to the latest management concepts and developments. The McIntire School of Commerce seeks to address these education needs through four basic types of programs:

Affiliated Programs The school offers several educational programs in affiliation with major trade associations. Examples include the Virginia Bankers Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Customized Executive Education Programs The McIntire School works closely with individual firms and organizations in custom designing and presenting programs to meet their unique needs.

Sponsored Lectures and Seminars This program encourages an exchange of ideas among business, banking, and government leaders through a continuing series of lectures, seminars, conferences, and workshops.

External Boards McIntire School of Commerce Advisory Board The Advisory Board, founded in 1981, is an important link between the McIntire School of Commerce and the business community that it serves. The Board advises the school leadership regarding the dynamic and complex needs of business and assist the dean and faculty in areas such as career services and resource development.

McIntire School of Commerce Foundation Board of Trustees The McIntire Foundation Board of Trustees promotes the school’s goals by assisting and advising the school leadership with respect to the management of Foundation resources and fundraising, both capital and annual.

The McIntire Cornerstone Society Board The McIntire Cornerstone Society Board promotes the planned giving efforts of the school by assisting in educational programs, helping to identify prospects, and advising staff regarding the marketing of various gift vehicles to help ensure the future funding of the McIntire School through estate and financial plans of alumni, parents, and friends.

McIntire Young Alumni Council The McIntire Young Alumni Council, founded in 2002, is established to serve and support recent McIntire graduates with activities, programs, and communications that are uniquely tailored to the needs of young alumni of the School. The Council members assist Annual Programs with alumni outreach and serve as mentors to current Commerce students through Career Services.

Academic Requirements

Add/Drop Rules Courses may be added only during the two weeks and two days (16 calendar days) after final registration.

Required courses cannot be dropped. Other courses may be dropped only during the McIntire School’s drop period, not to exceed two weeks (14 calendar days) after final registration. After the two-week period, students are not allowed to drop or withdraw from any courses.

Changes in students’ class schedules are made via ISIS. If admission to a course requires the instructor’s permission, a course action form signed by the instructor must be submitted to the Student Services Office in Monroe Hall.

Attendance Students are expected to attend all lectures and other prescribed activities of the courses for which they are registered.

Although the course instructor sets course attendance requirements, any student who is absent from more than 50 percent of the lectures may automatically receive a grade of F in that course.

Course Completion No 400-level Commerce courses may be taken prior to satisfactory completion of all required third-year core courses except with instructor permission.

Course Restrictions Commerce students may take no more than one credit of physical education or one credit of EDHS physical education-related courses as part of their 120-credit course of study. See Credit/No Credit Courses.

Course Credit Requirements (Semester) Students in the third-year curriculum are required to register for 15 credits. A student may register for three more credits than were passed the preceding semester, up to 21 total credits.

A degree candidate needing 27 or fewer credits to meet degree requirements may, in either of the last two semesters of candidacy, carry as few as 12 credits (one semester) or 13.5 credits (both semesters). However, any student carrying fewer than 15 credits is not eligible for the Dean’s List.

Credit/No Credit Courses CR/NC courses cannot be used to satisfy any McIntire School requirement (except 1 credit of PHYE can be used towards the 120-credit requirement). Courses taken on a CR/NC basis before entering the McIntire School may be applied toward a student’s degree requirements. After enrollment in the school, students may take non-Commerce courses on a CR/NC basis as part of the 120-credit requirement for graduation. CR/NC courses may be taken only on an overload basis (i.e., above the minimum 15 credit graded course load) and may not be used to satisfy any McIntire requirements. Except labs offered only CR/NC, Commerce courses may not be taken on a CR/NC basis.

Dean’s List Students who pass at least 15 credits of graded work in the preceding semester, of which nine or more credits are Commerce courses, with a GPA in the top 20 percent of the school, will be placed on the Dean’s List of Distinguished Students. Courses taken on a CR/NC basis may not be counted toward the 15-credit minimum. Any student receiving an F, NC, or NG during the semester is not eligible to be on the Dean’s List.

Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

Prerequisites Prior to enrolling in the McIntire School, a student must complete the following courses:

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Third-year core curriculum During the third year a student must complete the following core curriculum in sequence during the fall and spring semesters:

**Fall Semester**
- COMM 301 Strategy & Systems ..........4
- COMM 302 Behavioral Issues in Marketing & Management ....4
- COMM 303 Quantitative & Financial Analysis ..........4

**Spring Semester**
- COMM 304 Communication, International Business & Organization Behavior ........2.5
- COMM 305 Data Management, Quantitative Analysis & Nonprofit Organizations ....3.5
- COMM 306 Strategy and Value Enhancement ..........3

**Fourth Year**
- COMM 341 Commercial Law I ..........3

(1) COMM 341 may be taken prior to enrollment in the McIntire School or in the fourth year, and if taken at the University of Virginia will be included in the student’s 42 Commerce credits.

**Fourth-year Concentrations** During the fourth year a student must declare a concentration and complete the following courses:

**Accounting (effective class of 2006)**

**Third Year**
- COMM 311 Intermediate Accounting I ....3
- COMM 312 Intermediate Accounting II ..3

**Fourth Year**
- COMM ___ Two 400- or 500-level accounting courses from approved list ....6

**Finance**

**Third Year**
- COMM 311 Intermediate Accounting I ....3
- COMM 372 Intermediate Corporate Finance ....3

**Fourth Year**
- COMM 475 Intermediate Investments ....3
- One 400-level Capstone Finance course ....3

(1) Recommended in third year, may be completed fourth year.

**Information Technology**

**Third or Fourth Year**
- COMM 420 Project Management ........3

**Fourth Year**
- Two 400-level Information Technology courses or
- One 400-level Information Technology course and
- One Management course from the following list:
  - COMM 462F Managing and Leading
  - COMM 462K Managing the Knowledge-Based Organization
  - COMM 466 Strategic Management Consulting
  - COMM 467 Organizational Change and Development

(1) Recommended in third year, may be taken fourth year.

**International Business**

Students are encouraged to study abroad in a chosen country or region.

**First or Second Year**
- Area Studies .............6
  (1) Six credits of area studies courses that focus on other countries or regions of the world or foreign language courses above the 202 level.

**Fourth Year**
- COMM 451 International Marketing ....3
- COMM 465 Business, Politics, and Culture in the European Union or
- COMM 469 International Management ....3
- COMM 472 International Financial Analysis or
- COMM 474 International Finance and Accounting ..........3

**Management**

**Fourth Year**
- COMM 4___ Three 400-level management courses * ..........9
*COMM 453 may be substituted for 3 credits

**Marketing**

**Third Year**
- COMM 353 Marketing Techniques ..........3

**Fourth Year**
- COMM 4___ Two 400-level marketing courses .................6

**Commerce Electives** Students are required to earn 6-9 credits in Commerce electives from among 300- and 400-level courses after enrollment in McIntire. For students not concentrating in accounting, six credits must be in areas outside the primary concentration.

**Non-Commerce Electives** After enrollment, students may take any courses necessary to complete the 51-credit requirement.

**Credit Requirements**

Students must earn 120 credits for the Bachelor of Science in Commerce. Of these:
1. 57 credits must be in Commerce courses and ECON 201 and 202;
2. 51 credits must be in non-Commerce courses (excluding ECON 201 and ECON 202);
3. 15 credits may be in either Commerce or non-Commerce courses.

**Grade Requirements**

Students must achieve at least a 2.000 grade point average for:
1. all course work completed;
2. all Commerce courses and ECON 201 and 202;
3. course work taken during the semester immediately preceding graduation. This semester must be completed in good academic standing (see Probation).

**Residency Requirement**

It is the philosophy of the McIntire School of Commerce that students should be broadly educated to deal with the complex issues of the business community and society at large. The school’s program is designed to increase students’ skills and build upon previous knowledge. In order to effectively achieve program goals, the school requires that students be enrolled full-time for two academic years and complete a minimum of 57 credits. Students are also required to complete all core, concentration, and elective Commerce courses at the McIntire School of Commerce (see Study Abroad section). Exceptions to this policy must be submitted to, and approved by, the McIntire Rules Committee.

**Academic Regulations**

Diploma with Distinction Diplomas inscribed “with distinction” are awarded to undergraduate Commerce students who have a grade point average in the top 15 percent of the class based on all graded coursework completed while enrolled in the school.

**Examinations** Absence from exams will not be excused except for sickness on the day of examination attested by a physician’s certificate or for another cause approved by the faculty. An unexcused absence is counted as a failure.

Special examinations may be taken by a student with an excused absence on a date to be arranged with the course instructor.

**Exclusion from Courses** Any student who is making no real progress in a course may, at any time during the semester, be excluded from the course (with a grade of F) by the dean upon recommendation of the course instructor.

**Grade Changes** No grade may be changed after it has been submitted to the University registrar without the approval of the dean. The dean is not authorized by the faculty to change a grade submitted to the University registrar except when an instructor certifies that, because of errors in calculation or transcription, an incorrect grade has been submitted.

Students who wish to appeal a Commerce grade must first attempt to resolve the issue with the instructor of the course. The appeal must be in writing and filed within 30 days of the first class day of the following semester. Absent a satisfactory outcome, the student should submit a written appeal to the associate dean of the B.S. in Commerce Degree Program, who will review the matter and consult with the Undergraduate Program Committee. The final level of appeal is to the dean of the McIntire School.

**Incompletes** The symbol IN (incomplete) is used when additional course work is required or examinations need to be taken in order to fulfill the requirements of the course. An IN automatically becomes an F ten days after the final examination date, unless work in the course is completed satisfactorily within that time or arrangements have been made with
both the assistant dean for student services and the instructor for work to be made up later.

**Independent Study** COMM 499 (Independent Study in Commerce) may be taken only by fourth-year Commerce students who have obtained permission from the supervising faculty member, area coordinator, and associate dean by the School of Commerce add date. Commerce students may take COMM 499 only once.

**Leave of Absence** Upon completion of any semester in the McIntire School, a Commerce student may take a leave of absence for a year or more by meeting with the assistant dean for student services and filing a leave of absence form in Room 136, Monroe Hall. Students taking such leave may return only in the academic semester that follows the completed semester (e.g., a student who takes a leave after the fall semester, third year, must enroll in third-year courses in a subsequent spring semester).

Readmission depends upon a student’s status at the time of leaving the McIntire School. Students having at least a 2.00 average in the McIntire School, who are making satisfactory progress toward their degree, may return in the appropriate semester as stated above. Students with less than a 2.00 average or who have not been making satisfactory progress toward their degree (e.g., they have not completed or passed courses required at the level attained when they requested the leave of absence) may be required by the assistant dean for student services of the McIntire School to attend the University’s summer session to take prescribed courses before readmission.

Any student who wishes to be readmitted after a leave of absence must submit a readmission request to the assistant dean for student services of the McIntire School by March 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

**Major/Minor Outside McIntire** Commerce students may major and/or minor in one subject in the College of Arts and Sciences or other UVa school outside of Commerce. Credits may not be duplicated in the other major or applied toward the completion of a minor. Prior permission must be obtained from the chair or director of undergraduate programs of the department in which the student is seeking the major or minor.

In pursuing the above, students do not receive two degrees from the University. They receive a B.S. in Commerce with a concentration and a minor (or major) appearing on the official transcript.

Students are responsible for completing the major or minor form from the appropriate department and for obtaining the signature of the chair or director of that program. Forms must be submitted to the registrar of the McIntire School, in Monroe Hall, who monitors the satisfactory completion of requirements.

**Physical Education** See Course Restrictions.

**Prostitution** Probation is a state of warning involving the withdrawal of certain privileges from the student. No student on probation may be a member of any organization that publicly represents the University. Probation is incurred when a student:
1. passes fewer than 12 credits or earns less than a 2.00 grade point average in any one semester; or
2. carries fewer than 15 credits of graded work per semester without permission; or
3. after two or more semesters in the McIntire School, has a grade point deficiency exceeding nine grade points, either in all Commerce courses attempted or in all courses attempted at the University.

Probation shall last for one semester under (1) above and for so long as the grade point deficiency exceeds nine grade points under (3). Students are not usually removed from probation by attending summer school. However, if summer school work completely eliminates a grade point deficiency, the Rules Committee of the McIntire School will consider a petition for removal from probation.

Students placed on probation for work completed in the semester preceding graduation will not be allowed to graduate.

**Repeating Courses** No course, once passed (D- or better), can be repeated to improve the recorded grade.

**Required Courses** See Degree Requirements.

**Simultaneous Counting of Courses** Generally, a single course may not be counted simultaneously for credit in multiple concentrations. However, students concentrating in finance and accounting may count COMM 311 toward satisfying requirements for both concentrations. However, the credits may not be double counted toward the 120-credit degree requirement (e.g., each course contributes 3 credits toward the 120 credit degree requirement).

**Study Abroad** Participation in study abroad enhances the academic program and provides a unique opportunity to experience another culture and function professionally in an international business environment. Students wishing to study abroad should visit the International Studies Office in Minor Hall and the McIntire Student Services Office to explore the various opportunities available. Several spring semester programs exist that allow students to study abroad with other Commerce students and faculty members and complete the third-year core requirements. Students should also consider the summer between the third and fourth year and the fall semester of the fourth year as other good periods to study abroad.

Interested students should work with their faculty advisor, area coordinator, the assistant dean, and the registrar of the McIntire School to prepare an appropriate program of study. For students who are studying abroad on a McIntire-approved program, the credits transferred from one study abroad semester will be included in the McIntire 57-credit residency requirement.

**Suspension** Suspension involves enforced withdrawal from the University and may be issued whenever a student:
1. passes fewer than nine credits or earns less than a 1.800 grade point average in any one semester; or
2. after two or more semesters in the McIntire School, has a cumulative grade point deficiency in excess of 12 grade points, either in all Commerce courses attempted or in all courses attempted at the University; or
3. incurs probation for the third time; or
4. incurs probation after a suspension.

Suspension normally lasts for one academic year. Suspended students may normally return only in the academic semester that follows the last successfully completed semester (e.g., a student suspended after the spring semester, third year, must enroll in third-year courses in a subsequent spring semester).

Additionally, a student who has been suspended only once must normally attend a full-time program at the University of Virginia, summer session to make up grade point deficiencies. Upon completion of this program, the student may apply to the McIntire Rules Committee for readmission. The application for readmission is to be submitted to the Rules Committee through the assistant dean for student services of the McIntire School. Readmission is not automatic. A student who is readmitted after suspension is placed on a probationary status for a period of one semester. No student who is suspended a second time will be readmitted.

**Transfer Credit** Credit toward a degree is allowed for approved work completed in another college or university, or in other schools of this University upon presentation of a satisfactory transcript of record. The School of Commerce grants transfer credit based on an analysis of the content, level, and comparability of the courses taken, the applicability of the courses to the student’s intended major and degree program, the quality of the student’s performance in the course, and the accreditation of the institution at which the course work was completed. However, no credit will be given for a required upper-level Commerce course unless the course is taken in the McIntire School or an approved McIntire study-abroad program. In no case will the total transfer credit granted toward a degree in the McIntire School of Commerce be more than 63 credits. No adjustment of transfer credit for prior course work will be made after the first semester in the school. (See Transfer Credit in Chapter 5.) Students wishing to transfer credit for course work taken after enrollment in the school must receive prior approval from the assistant dean for student services. In general, credit will not be granted for:
1. work completed with grade lower than C;
2. business courses beyond the elementary courses in accounting and principles of economics; or
3. more than one credit of physical or health education courses.

**Voluntary Withdrawal** An official application to withdraw from the University must be submitted to the assistant dean for student services and filing a leave of absence form in Room 136, Monroe Hall. Students taking such leave may return only in the academic semester that follows the completed semester (e.g., a student who takes a leave after the fall semester, third year, must enroll in third-year courses in a subsequent spring semester).
Accounting The accounting program molds individuals into financial experts. Graduates work as business consultants, financial managers, independent auditors, and tax advisors. McIntire’s accounting program is widely recognized as one of the country’s best, and graduates are highly sought. The program builds on the broad liberal arts background acquired during a student’s first two years at the University. It is designed to give the student both a sound general business foundation and the analytical and conceptual skills essential to an understanding of current accounting practices.

Accountants supply quantitative information to various users. Primarily financial in nature, this information is essential to decision making and control. As corporate financial managers, they also participate in financial decisions that allocate scarce resources within and among private and public organizations to achieve both economic and social goals. Equally important, accounting provides information to investors, creditors, government, and society on management’s stewardship and the effective use of an organization’s resources. Independent certified public accountants provide a wide variety of tax and consulting services to clients. CPAs also audit management reports and determine whether they fairly present the facts.

The basic requirements for the accounting concentration are COMM 311, 312, two courses from the following: COMM 410, 445, 414/514, 521, 531, or 546. Students seeking professional certification (e.g., certified public accountant, certified management accountant, or certified internal auditor) should consider taking COMM 521, 445, 531, and 546 as electives.

University of Virginia students who have been admitted to the McIntire School of Commerce may apply for, and be accepted to, the McIntire M.S. in Accounting degree program after completing two semesters of study as a Commerce School student, earning good grades, submitting acceptable letters of recommendation, and earning GMAT scores that indicate a capacity to do graduate work at the University. Because this is a competitive admissions process, acceptance to the program is not guaranteed but ultimately hinges on the candidate’s record of accomplishments.

The Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination Students planning to sit for the Uniform CPA examination should determine the requirements for admittance to the examination by contacting their State Board of Accountancy.

For information on the requirements for admission for the CPA examination in Virginia contact the Virginia State Board of Accountancy, Department of Commerce, 3600 W. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23220; 1-800-CPA-EXAM.

For information on admission requirements for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) examination and/or the Certified in Financial Management (CFM) examination, contact the Institute of Management Accountants, 10 Paragon Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645-1759; 1-800-638-4427.

Finance Financial management handles the efficient acquisition and investment of a firm’s funds, and thus plays a critical role in the management of the corporate enterprise, both in domestic and multinational firms. It is therefore essential that the student possess an understanding of both the functional and analytical methods of finance and of the operation of global financial systems.

To achieve these goals, the program in finance presents an integrated treatment of the operational aspects of business and investment finance, the functions of financial institutions and international capital markets, and the basic economic and legal framework of financial organizations. Primary emphasis is placed on the role of the global financial manager in achieving broad corporate objectives, including financial planning and control, and raising and investing funds. A variety of teaching pedagogies, including lecture, socratic, and case methods, are employed in this process. The program is designed to meet the needs of students who look forward to specialized careers in corporate finance, financial counseling, investment management, or banking. International financial topics are incorporated throughout the finance concentration, which includes a specialized course held abroad, COMM 474. Students concentrating in finance are required to complete COMM 311, 372, 475, and one of several 400-level capstone courses. Additional courses in accounting are recommended.

International Business For managers, knowledge of international business is imperative in an increasingly global business environment. The crossing of national boundaries intensifies the complexity of a business transaction given the differences between countries in accounting, banking, culture, currency, finance, governmental regulations, information systems, insurance, law, management, marketing, political systems, taxation, and transportation.

As a field of study, international business is broader in focus than the field of international trade. International business draws upon contributions from the traditional business disciplines of accounting, finance, management, information technology, and marketing. It also draws from anthropology, cultural studies, economics, geography, history, languages, law, politics, psychology, and sociology.

The required courses for a concentration in international business include COMM 451, 465, or 469, and 472 or 474. Additionally, students must complete the foreign language requirement and at least two courses in area studies of other cultures in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students are encouraged to study abroad during the fall semester of their fourth year.

Management Managerial, interpersonal, and organizational insight skills are a necessary complement to technical skills for long-term career success and satisfaction. The management concentration in the McIntire School develops and deepens those skills through a course of study in management theory and practice. Students choose a management concentration for a variety of reasons. Some have a specific career in mind, such as human resource management or entrepreneurship. Others choose management courses or a concentration to provide a balance to more technical courses of study in business. The flexibility of the management curriculum provides students with the ability to customize a program of study that meets their academic and career objectives.
The required courses for this concentration are three 400-level management courses.

**Information Technology**

Information Technology is an increasingly critical and costly organizational resource, making the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively leverage business value from information technology investments essential to managers in today’s organizations.

The concentration in IT prepares students to become effective business analysts and consultants who can apply skills in project management with knowledge of how to apply leading edge information technology to solve business problems in finance, accounting, marketing, and related functions. Important areas for IT-related knowledge and skill development include project management, consulting, systems development, database management, e-business, financial systems, innovation, organizational change, and data communication.

To complete the IT concentration students must take COMM 420 Project Management plus six credits of approved IT and Management courses from among the following three-credit courses:

- COMM 422 Database Management Systems
- COMM 423 Financial Systems Engineering
- COMM 424 Electronic Commerce
- COMM 425 Innovation and Technology Management
- COMM 427 IT Project Practicum
- COMM 428 Data Communications
- COMM 429 Selected Topics in Information Systems
- COMM 462F Managing and Leading
- COMM 462K Managing the Knowledge-Based Organization
- COMM 466 Strategic Consulting
- COMM 467 Organizational Change and Development

(1) Students may count only one of 462F, 462K, 466, or 467 towards the IT concentration. These courses may be used to fulfill the requirement of the Management or IT concentration but not both.

**Marketing**

The discipline of marketing is eclectic in nature. In developing and expanding its content, it draws from and interchanges with the quantitative and social sciences. As such, the areas of accounting, economics, law, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and other related disciplines are used as resources for the conceptual, theoretical, and empirical underpinnings of the marketing discipline.

What product or service, and how much of it, should a company provide for its consumers? How should the product be distributed? How should the company inform consumers of the product’s existence and merits? What price should consumers pay for it?

Every organization, profit or non-profit, must answer these questions in one form or another. It is the purpose of the marketing program to provide the student with the necessary concepts and background for examining these questions. The program’s objectives are to make the student aware of the role of marketing in society and in the firm, where it interrelates with almost all organizational functions and influences virtually all plans and decisions.

The marketing program intends to introduce the student to the role of marketing, both in the firm and in society. Case analyses, computer simulation, discussion groups, experiential exercises, research reports, seminars, field projects, lectures, outside speakers, and the McIntyre Marketing Association (MMA), together with national marketing/advertising competitions (AAF, the American Advertising Federation competition), are utilized to accomplish this purpose. The marketing program is intended to meet the basic educational needs of students planning graduate study or entering profit or non-profit organizations in such areas as client relations, sales, advertising and promotion, brand management, distribution, international marketing, marketing research, marketing consulting, logistics, purchasing, product management, retailing, and positions in the service industries.

Required courses for the marketing concentration are COMM 353 and two 400-level marketing courses.

**Course Descriptions**

In the following descriptions, the expression “fourth-year Commerce standing” is defined as those students who have credit for COMM 180, 201, 202, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, and ECON 201-202. A student must have fourth-year Commerce status before being permitted to enroll in the required courses of a concentration. (See exceptions in accounting and information technology concentrations in the course-planning guide available in the office of the assistant dean for student services.)

**Integrated Core Experience**

COMM 300 - (0) (S)

**The Integrated Core Experience**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. The Integrated Core Experience (ICE) is a two-semester core program composed of 12 credits in the fall and nine credits in the spring. The two semesters are divided into six sessions. The three sessions in the fall are assigned four credits each, and the three sessions in the spring are assigned two, 2.5, 3.5, and 3 credits, respectively. ICE eliminates the artificial constraints imposed by the traditional, rigid, and compartmentalized functional curriculum. The course emphasizes the development of integrated analytical, strategic, and behavioral skills that address real business problems and projects. Cross-functional faculty teams deliver the carefully coordinated ICE curriculum, which eliminates overlap and redundancy and introduces critical new topics often ignored within the framework of traditional courses.

**COMM 301 - (4) (Y)**

**Strategy and Systems**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. Provides an overview of a business from both a strategic process perspective and as a system and introduces a broad conceptual framework. The remaining ICE sessions provide more specific concepts and techniques. A current business, as well as cases and lecture, is used to develop the framework. Topics include the transformation of business, the role of the general manager, systems thinking and process management, strategic thinking and information systems, global strategy and culture, organizational architecture, information architecture, and the value chain.

**COMM 302 - (4) (Y)**

**Behavioral Issues in Marketing and Management**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. Studies the interaction of human behaviors both within the organization and within the business environment. Discusses personal effectiveness and interpersonal skills and introduces the marketing management process. Topics include individual differences, leadership, conflict resolution, group decision making, creating high-performance teams, globalization of markets and measuring markets, consumer markets and consumer behavior, developing communication strategies, organizational markets, organization buying behaviors, market segmentation, management of products and services, the use of the Internet and other promotion tools, and marketing decision systems.

**COMM 303 - (4) (Y)**

**Quantitative and Financial Analysis**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. Covers basic analytical tools used in marketing and finance. Introduces a disciplined problem-solving process to structure, analyze, and solve business problems that is used extensively in case discussions. Topics include marketing research; exploratory data analysis, financial statement analysis, basic stock and bond valuation, pro forma statement analysis, cash budgeting, capital budgeting, regression analysis, and analyzing risk and return. Excel is used extensively throughout this session.

**COMM 304 - (2.5) (Y)**

**Communication, International Business, and Organization Behavior**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. As a continuation of COMM 302, this course studies the strategic implications of international business and of organizational behavior. The course also considers communication and ethical issues corporations face as well as the effects of these issues on all aspects of the firm.

**COMM 305 - (3.5) (Y)**

**Data Management, Quantitative Analysis, and Nonprofit Organizations**

**Prerequisite:** Third-year Commerce standing. Introduces the use of business management tools in both for profit and nonprofit settings. Students study nonprofit organizations and their similarities and dissimilarities to for profit organizations. The data management portion of this course uses quantitative analytical tools in business decision contexts, and introduces simulation techniques. Topics include how to effectively manage and analyze data and information in support of
organization decision-making. This portion of the course is a continuation of COMM 303. Cases are used extensively to reinforce the application of quantitative tools.

**COMM 306 - (3) (Y)**
**Strategy and Value Enhancement**
*Prerequisite:* Third-year Commerce standing. Provides a capstone business experience for the academic year. Focuses on integrating and applying the tools and techniques learned throughout the year to make decisions from a top management perspective. Introduces advanced valuation techniques. Explores corporate diversification issues (mergers and acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures, etc.), financing, international expansion, and other strategic decisions' impact on value and firm growth.

**Accounting**

**COMM 201 - (3) (S, SS)**
**Introduction to Financial Accounting**
An introduction to the language of business for all University students. Initially, the focus is on the accounting system, which measures, classifies, and reports economic data. Financial statements are studied in depth to gain an understanding of their underlying assumptions, limitations, and the relationships between financial elements. Students then explore how the enterprise raises capital and invests it; accounting for key operating areas such as inventory, accounts receivable, and investments are studied in depth. Finally, parent-subsidiary relationships and consolidated financial statements are explored.

**COMM 202 - (3) (S, SS)**
**Introduction to Management Accounting**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 201.
A continuation of COMM 201 that examines accounting's problem-solving contributions to management. Emphasizes planning, control, performance measurement, cost behavior, ethics, and information for special decisions.

**COMM 311 - (3) (Y)**
**Intermediate Accounting I**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 202 or instructor permission.
Intensive study of the generally accepted accounting principles for asset valuation, income measurement, and financial statement presentation for business organizations, and of the processes through which these principles evolve. Focuses on important areas in financial accounting, including accounting for leases, pensions, and income taxes.

**COMM 312 - (3) (Y)**
**Intermediate Accounting II**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 311.
Continuation of COMM 311, with emphasis on accounting for the equities of a firm's investors and creditors. Continues to focus on financial accounting issues including financial instruments, asset impairment and long-term debt.

**COMM 410 - (3) (Y)**
**Accounting Information Systems**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 311.
For fourth-year accounting concentrators, this course provides a broad overview of both manual and computerized accounting information systems. Discusses strategies and risks that a business faces and how an organization builds accounting systems and controls to help achieve those strategies and properly manage those risks. Major topics include business transactions on the Internet, electronic commerce, electronic data interchange, transaction processing, internal controls, application controls, fraud, and data security.

**COMM 414 - (3) (Y)**
**Strategic Cost Management**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 311.
Explores the roles of accounting information in strategically positioning the firm and in improving performance and examines cost management problems and practices in U.S. and selected foreign firms. The course primarily deals with activity-based cost management, kaizen, target costing, and the balanced scoreboard. Additional topics include the theory of constraints, the strategic value chain, the half-life metric for improvement, and the role of accounting in managing quality.

**COMM 521 - (3) (Y)**
**Introductory Auditing**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 410 and 311.
Includes the planning, processes (gathering evidence), and judgments required to render an opinion on an entity's financial statements. Deals with evidence theory, risk identification, and professional judgment. Audit methodology is examined through a study of auditing standards and the concepts and procedures developed to implement those standards. Other topics include professional ethics, auditors' liability, internal control assessment, audit program development, working papers, types of audit tests, and audit reports.

**COMM 531 - (3) (Y)**
**Advanced Financial Accounting**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 311.
Covers accounting and financial reporting for business combinations (including consolidated financial statements), international accounting issues, foreign currency translation, reorganizations and liquidations, accounting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and accounting for partnerships. Emphasizes the conceptual understanding of major issues and technical accounting requirements.

**Finance**

**COMM 273 - (3) (S)**
**Personal Finance**
*Prerequisite:* Non-Commerce students.
A survey of contemporary wealth-enhancing strategies, such as best borrowing practices, investment alternatives for short-, medium-, and long-term goals; and tax and timing considerations required in the general design of an investment portfolio throughout the individual's life cycle. Guidelines are reviewed for insurance coverage and best investment management of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Current tax-deferred savings opportunities, such as 401(k)s and IRAs, are explored.

**COMM 371N - (3) (IR)**
**Managerial Finance I**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 201 and 202.
The development of managerial theory and decision methodology is emphasized in evaluating the financial function of the firm. The concepts and techniques employed in the procurement of resources from financial markets and their allocation to productive investments are analyzed.

**COMM 372 - (3) (Y)**
**Intermediate Corporate Finance**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 301, 302, and 303.
A rigorous introduction to the full field of finance. Students should gain an appreciation of the role of financial markets and institutions in our economy as well as an introduction to the responsibilities, concerns, and methods of analysis employed by corporate financial managers. We focus on the two fundamental aspects of financial decision-making: time value and risk (modern portfolio theory, the capital asset pricing model, and alternatives). The concepts of time value and risk are used to value the two basic financial assets, bonds and stocks, as well as real assets, investment projects, and companies. In addition, the course introduces derivative securities (options, futures) and discusses their application in a wide variety of settings (real options, contingent claims valuation of equity). The course also covers the theory and practice of capital structure decisions (Modigliani and Miller, taxes, bankruptcy costs, asymmetric information, agency) and dividend decisions. The course will include a thorough discussion of market efficiency and an introduction to the field of behavioral finance. A unifying theme of the course is how no-arbitrage conditions and the law of one price can be used to value most financial assets. The emphasis in this course (both in and out of class) will be on problem solving.

**COMM 373 - (3) (Y)**
**Investment Banking**
Provides an understanding of the nature and function of investment banks. In particular, it examines the structure of investment banks, how deals are done, how investment banks make money, the evolution of modern investment banks, and recent trends and likely changes in investment banking.

**COMM 379 - (3) (IR)**
**Venture Capital and the Emerging Firm**
*Prerequisite:* COMM 303, 304, 305, or instructor permission.
Examines the financial concerns of small firms (under $50 million) through empirical field research. Under instructor supervision, student teams collect and analyze case descriptions of actual business problems and decisions.
COMM 470 - (3) (IR)
Topics in Finance
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
a seminar on issues drawing current attention in the finance literature and affecting non-financial business firms, financial institutions or investment management.

COMM 472 - (3) (Y)
International Financial Analysis
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
a case-predominant examination of the financial tools, techniques, and strategies required for understanding the financial management of the firm in the global business environment. Topics include the multinational enterprise, forecasting exchange rates, accounting and economic exposure, short- and long-term international financial markets, investment analysis, multinational capital budgeting, and political risk.

COMM 473 - (3) (Y)
Advanced Investments
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
This course considers advanced topics in investments.

COMM 474 - (3) (SS)
International Finance and Accounting
Prerequisite: COMM 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, or instructor permission.
Offered overseas during the summer session. Explores the international financial environment in which economic and financial policies and business decisions are made. International monetary relations are covered, emphasizing the balance of payment measure, forward exchange markets, international capital markets, and correspondent networks.

COMM 475 - (3) (Y)
Intermediate Investments
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Provides an understanding of contemporary cash and derivative equity securities and markets. Both investment theory and its practical applications are considered. The primary perspective for most discussions is that of an institutional investor, although applications to personal finance are included. Both U.S. and international equity and fixed-income markets are discussed. Topics include asset allocation, portfolio theory, market efficiency, models of asset pricing, program trading, and equity options and financial futures.

COMM 476 - (3) (IR)
Financial Management of Financial Service Firms
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Introduction to the financial theory and management of financial service industries. A contemporary orientation, supplemented by frequent practitioner speakers, combined with recent theoretical constructs, provides insight into the place of financial service institutions in the international economy. Includes lectures, cases and a computer simulation.

COMM 478 - (3) (Y)
Advanced Corporate Finance
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
This course considers advanced topics in corporate finance.

COMM 479 - (3) (IR)
Real Estate Investment and Finance
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Develops an analytical framework by which individuals and institutions can make real estate investment and financing decisions. Emphasizes theory, concept building, financial modeling, and practical real estate applications. Uses the case method to illustrate implementation of an analytical framework.

COMM 570 - (3) (IR)
Financial Trading
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce or graduate standing, or instructor permission.
This course examines the nature and influence of trading on financial market prices. Particular attention is directed to the role of noise in financial markets; the psychology of participants in financial markets; the identification of potential profitable trading opportunities; back office processing of trades; the management of the trading function; and artificial neural networks and AI expert trading systems. Mock pit trading sessions are held to give firsthand experience in simulated pit trading environments and illustrate some of the skills necessary for successful trading.

International Business
COMM 384N - (3) (Y)
Foundations of International Business
Prerequisite: Non-Commerce students.
An introduction to the field of international business through an examination of the practice and theory of international business, focusing on managerial, operational, strategic, ethical, and environmental factors. The student develops an understanding of global trade theory and the various forms of global and regional economic integration; examines the major functions of managing an international business; becomes familiar with the instruments, procedures, and processes of international business; ascertains the modes of international market entry and foreign direct investment; generates an appreciation of the importance of culture on international business; and evaluates ethical issues in international business.

COMM 460 - (1-3) (IR)
Selected Topics in Management
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Seminar on critical thinking about current issues in management.

COMM 462 - (1-3) (S)
Topics in Organizational Behavior
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Courses focusing on specific topics in organizational behavior—for example, “Managing and Leading” and “Managing the Knowledge-Based Organization.”

COMM 463 - (3) (Y)
Human Resource Management
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Examines the fundamentals of human resource management. Topics include job analysis, recruitment and selection, training and development, performance management, compensation, and employee and labor relations. Explores the implications of increasing legal pressures (e.g., equal employment opportunity laws, sexual harassment liability) and the complexities of managing a global work force.

COMM 464 - (3) (Y)
Advanced Managerial Communication
Develops writing and speaking skills while increasing student understanding of how managers communicate with diverse audiences. Covers communication with the public, investors, and employees. Special topics will include media relations, communication ethics, and crisis communications. Students practice for communication events such as speaking at a press conference, briefing a small group, telling professional anecdotes, and preparing for a media interview.

COMM 465 - (3) (SS)
Business, Politics, and Culture in the European Union
Prerequisite: Third- or fourth-year Commerce standing.
Classes are held in England, Belgium, and France. Focuses on political and management issues related to European integration. Activities include classroom lectures at the University of Bath, briefings by government and business officials in London and Brussels, and cultural side trips in all three countries.

COMM 466 - (3) (Y)
Strategic Management Consulting
Develops practical, strategic-thinking and behavioral skills with focus on identifying, diagnosing, and resolving client issues. Introduces students to strategy, process, technology, and change-management methodologies as well as the dynamics of a consulting career. Integrates readings, case studies, guest speakers, group activities, and client-focused work to simulate what it feels like to be a consultant.

COMM 467 - (3) (Y)
Organizational Change and Development
Prerequisite: Fourth-year standing or instructor permission.
Develops an in-depth understanding of key concepts and theories in organizational behavior and development. Focuses on developing the diagnostic skills necessary for effective management of organizational change.
COMM 468 - (3) (IR)
Entrepreneurship
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Deals with the formation of a new enterprise and certain special aspects of managing a small enterprise. Considers the characteristics of the successful entrepreneur, methods of identifying new opportunity areas, starting a new enterprise, tax and legal aspects of new business, and financing for initial capital and growth.

COMM 469 - (3) (Y)
International Management
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Explores the strong influence of culture on business practices and cultivates skills for developing and implementing strategies in multicultural environments. Topics include culture and its implications, interpersonal effectiveness, organizational systems, political and economic environments, and corporate social responsibility.

Information Technology
COMM 420 - (3) (S)
Project Management
Prerequisite: Commerce student or instructor permission.
This course covers the basic processes related to the effective management of projects including feasibility assessment, resource analysis, estimation of time, effort and cost, scheduling, team management, risk management, and implementation planning. The course is taught in the context of analyzing and managing the design of business processes in support of business strategy including business requirements analysis, business process modeling, and process design. A survey of project management tools is also provided. Class work includes case analysis of real world project scenarios and a management retrospective analyzing a completed IT project.

COMM 422 - (3) (S)
Database Management Systems
Prerequisite: Fourth year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Focuses on managing the information resources of an organization with a special emphasis on applications to marketing. Teaches students how to analyze the database environment of business enterprises, develop data modeling techniques, design databases to rigorous standards of independence and integrity, explore relational data models, and build databases and application programs using contemporary database management software.

COMM 423 - (3) (Y)
Financial Systems Engineering
Prerequisite: Fourth year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
This course provides students with an introduction to business systems with a particular emphasis on applications in Finance and Accounting. It introduces students to the systems development process and the challenges involved in building high-quality systems efficiently and reliably while providing hands-on skills in state-of-the-art technologies (e.g., C# and Visual Studio .Net). In-class activities will focus on systems development concepts and problem solving. Homework includes hands-on exercises using the Moneyline Telerate Center for Financial Markets. Students work in teams collaboratively with finance students to develop a complex application to support decision-making that is tested in a Tournament at the end of the semester (the annual McIntire Hedging Tournament).

COMM 424 - (3) (S)
Electronic Commerce
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
This course provides a comprehensive presentation of the concepts, technologies, and tools necessary for designing and implementing information systems that support electronic commerce initiatives. The primary objective is to familiarize students with the current literature related to e-commerce, including networking basics, infrastructure architectures, security, front-end/back-end integration, development tools, emerging business models, marketing tactics, online investing, and designing interactive Web sites to enhance usability.

COMM 425 - (3) (S)
Innovation and Technology Management
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
This course provides an understanding of the knowledge and skills that are required to leverage technological innovations to generate and sustain business growth. The particular emphasis is on the management of information technology. The course examines the nature and evolution of technological innovation, the assessment of emerging technologies, the valuation of technological innovation and ways to structure and organize firms to take advantage of new and emerging technologies.

COMM 427 - (3) (S)
Information Technology Project Practicum
Prerequisite: COMM 420 and either COMM 422 or 423, or instructor permission.
Provides a comprehensive application of the concepts, methodologies, procedures, and tools necessary for building information systems. Approaches and techniques for system design, integration and implementation are emphasized through case study. Students gain hands-on experience with developing technologies used throughout the systems development cycle in a real world project setting.

COMM 428 - (3) (S)
Data Communications
Prerequisite: Fourth year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Focuses on understanding the strategic value of networks and data communications technologies for organizations. Introduces contemporary technologies and methodologies used in the development and administration of computer-based networks including the Internet.

COMM 429 - (3) (IR)
Selected Topics in Information Systems
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Presents the opportunity to either examine new and emerging IT concepts and techniques, or study a particular IT area in greater depth than is covered in other courses.

Marketing
COMM 350 - (3) (IR)
Marketing Elective
Prerequisite: ECON 201, 202.
COMM 351 - (3) (IR)
Fundamentals of Marketing
Prerequisite: ECON 201, 202.
Study of the business and behavioral activities involved in marketing goods and services in both profit and not-for-profit enterprises. Examines and analyzes marketing activities from the planning stage to the consumption stage. Emphasizes concepts that facilitate an understanding of client behavior, marketing practices, environmental factors, ethical issues, and global relationships in marketing.

COMM 351N - (3) (Y, SS)
Fundamentals of Marketing - Non Commerce
Prerequisite: ECON 201, 202 and Non-Commerce students.
Studies business and behavioral activities involved in marketing goods and services. Examines marketing activities from the planning to the consumption stage. Emphasizes understanding client behavior, marketing practices, environmental factors, ethical issues, and global relationships in marketing.

COMM 353 - (3) (Y)
Marketing Research Techniques
Prerequisite: Second-semester, third-year Commerce standing or permission of instructor.
The basic objective of this course is to develop a general understanding of research methodology as a prerequisite to the intelligent use of research results in marketing management. Thus, the course is designed to provide an introductory background that enables the student to evaluate the potential value of proposed research and to assess the relevance, reliability, and validity of existing research. This research-evaluation ability requires knowledge of the language and techniques of marketing research, including research designs, data collection instruments, sample designs, and varieties of data analysis.

COMM 450 - (3) (IR)
Product and Brand Management
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.
Product management describes a wide range of activities related to managing a product or product line. These include the New Product Development (NPD) process, the product launch, and product portfolio assessment, to name a few. Brand management is the process of developing and nurturing a brand while leveraging strong brands across line extensions and categories. This course
exposes students to these and other contemporary challenges facing product and brand managers as they launch new products, create and maintain brand equity, and manage their product lines.

**COMM 451 - (3) (Y)**

**International Marketing**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

Examines the concept of global marketing and the institutions, literature, managerial processes, models and/or frameworks, strategies, tactics, and theories related to marketing in the global arena. The impact of international economics, culture, and nationalistic governmental policies, global and regional trade alliances, and other multilateral entities on trade patterns and marketing decision-making in global firms are considered.

**COMM 452 - (3) (IR)**

**Services Marketing**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

Examines approaches to marketing strategy, both in development and execution, employed by service industries. Illustrates concepts by using cases and analyses of specific industries.

**COMM 453 - (3) (S)**

**Negotiating for Value**

Introduces students to the subject of negotiation by exposing them to various activities of negotiations such as: general tactics, preparation, promoting relationships, managing tension, creating and claiming value, and closing a negotiation. Case studies, supplemented by readings, will be used liberally and role-play from time to time will be used to demonstrate actual negotiating situations, simple, complex, and spontaneous. Note: this course may be used to fulfill concentration requirements in Marketing or Management, but not both.

**COMM 454 - (3) (Y)**

**Marketing Analysis**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

The second course in Marketing Research. Focuses on analysis necessary for understanding primary and secondary research. Covers data mining techniques and multivariate statistics, including MDS, Factor, Cluster and Discriminate Analysis.

**COMM 455 - (3) (Y)**

**Marketing Strategy**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

A capstone course in marketing that emphasizes planning at the management level. Examines key concepts and issues that impact planning decisions, such as analysis of the marketing environment; formulation of strategies; and development, implementation, and control of the marketing program. Develops a comprehensive marketing plan as an integrating mechanism in the student's marketing curriculum. May include case exercises, Internet applications, planning/strategy projects, and computer simulations.

**COMM 456 - (3) (IR)**

**Topics in Marketing**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

Seminar on issues currently drawing attention in the marketing literature and business community that affect marketing management.

**COMM 457A - (3) (Y)**

**Promotional Aspects of Marketing**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

This course is designed to introduce you to the field of advertising and integrated marketing communications. The emphasis in this course will be on the role of integrated advertising and promotion in the marketing communications program of an organization. As with any specialized field of marketing, we will analyze how this area of advertising and promotion fits into the overall marketing process. Our major thrust will be to study how various factors (creative, media, etc.) should be considered in planning, developing, and implementing advertising and promotional campaigns and marketing programs.

**COMM 457B - (3) (Y)**

**Advertising Campaigns**

*Prerequisite:* COMM 457A and instructor permission.

This course is designed to allow students to analyze integrated marketing communication campaigns. In addition, this course will take a critical look at strategic decisions associated with media choice as part of any integrated communication plan. The course will be taught utilizing industry experts to present via teleconferencing. Students will work on the National AAF case competition and develop a selling strategy, creative development, and media analysis.

**COMM 457L - (1) (S)**

**Promotions/Advertising Lab**

*Corequisite:* COMM 457A or COMM 457B.

Lab trains students in the various digital media software for developing advertising campaigns. Software studied includes Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Avid video editing.

**COMM 458 - (3) (IR)**

**Consumer Behavior and Marketing Strategy**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

This course focuses on how consumers meet needs through the evaluation, acquisition, and use of goods and services. Covers major influences on the consumption process, including psychological, situational, and socio-cultural factors. Specific topics include perception, attitudes, values, consumer decision-making, and customer satisfaction, among others. The marketing implications of understanding the consumer are emphasized, but social factors are also considered.

**COMM 459 - (3) (IR)**

**Sales Management**

*Prerequisite:* Fourth-year Commerce standing or instructor permission.

Examines the functions of the sales manager in inter-organizational systems. Studies sales organization, deployment, action, training, legal and ethical considerations, compensation, and evaluating and motivating a sales force.

**Taxation and Law**

**COMM 341 - (3) (S, SS)**

**Commercial Law I**

Introduces the American legal system, emphasizing contracts, torts, agency, corporations, and partnerships. May be taken prior to enrollment in the McIntire School.

**COMM 342 - (3) (S, SS)**

**Commercial Law II**

*Prerequisite:* COMM 341.

Further introduces the American legal system, emphasizing debtor-creditor law, bankruptcy, product liability, and sale of goods, property, and commercial paper.

**COMM 444 - (3) (Y)**

**Tax Factors in Business Decisions**

*Prerequisite:* Non-accounting concentration. For non-accounting concentrators who want to learn enough about the federal tax system to recognize the tax problems and planning opportunities inherent in common business and financial transactions.

**COMM 445 - (3) (Y)**

**Federal Taxation I**

*Prerequisite:* COMM 202 or instructor permission.

Analyzes the federal income tax law and its application to business, investment, and personal transactions.

**COMM 446 - (3) (Y)**

**Federal Taxation II**

*Prerequisite:* COMM 445 or instructor permission.

Analyzes the federal income tax law and its application to corporations, shareholders, partnerships, partners, and estate and gift transactions. Considers the basic concepts and tax attributes relating to alternative forms of operating a business. Provides the basic skills necessary to do tax research.

**Commerce Interdisciplinary Courses**

Courses that cut across area boundaries.

**COMM 180 - (4) (S)**

**Making Business Work**

A Commerce course designed for students without previous business courses. It introduces basic, useful, and useable concepts that undergird American business practice. Basic theory and skills in the areas of strategy, finance, accounting, and marketing will be covered. Lecture and case study approach will allow students to hone critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills while addressing emergent issues in business practice. Students will be exposed to Microsoft Excel and Access as tools to structure and solve business problems. Specific topics include defining the business model, understanding financial statements, formulating a marketing strategy, and analyzing consumer
behavior. The goal of this course is to provide useful tools for students interested in business and to provide a platform for subsequent commerce coursework.

COMM 380 - (3) (IR)  
Business, Government, and Society  
Prerequisite: ECON 201, 202. Reviews the ways in which business and government, particularly at the federal level, are related to each other and to society as a whole.

COMM 381 - (3) (IR)  
Business Ethics  
Examines major moral issues in contemporary business through the study and application of foundational concepts from philosophical ethics. Emphasizes directed discussion of case studies and readings from business and non-business literature.

COMM 382 - (3) (IR)  
History of International Business  
Examines international business history, focusing on the individual business firm.

COMM 383 - (3) (Y)  
Introduction to Business Speaking  
Introduction to the foundations of successful speaking by preparing presentations, organizing material, dealing with anxiety, developing delivery skills, working with visual aids, adjusting to a range of speaking demands, speaking collaboratively and communicating interculturally. Students will develop expertise in speaking in a variety of professional situations.

COMM 386 - (3) (IR)  
The Business of Saving Nature  
Human activities are currently resulting in an unprecedented decline in the biological diversity of our planet. The conversion of natural lands for agriculture and urbanization, together with the alteration of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems, is resulting in the extinction of species that depend on these ecosystems as essential habitat. Recognition of the impacts of human activity on biological diversity has led to a growing international environmental movement to promote the preservation of natural ecosystems. The preservation of biological diversity is dependent on the integration of conservation objectives into the framework of regional economic development, which will require a blending of our scientific and economic understanding about these issues. This course focuses on the scientific and economic issues related to the conservation and preservation of natural ecosystems via an in situ learning experience.

COMM 388 - (3) (IR)  
Environmental Choices in the 21st Century  
This interdisciplinary course will explore the complex choices in environmental policy and management by examining and integrating three relevant perspectives: environmental science, ethics and economics. Environmental science provides a basic understanding of the impacts of human activities on the environment. Economic analysis focuses on the relevant benefits and costs. Ethics addresses the conflicts of values involved in decisions about the environment. The balancing of environmental and economic costs and benefits, coupled with human beliefs about what is “right” or “wrong,” is at the heart of the environmental decision-making process. The process is complex because it involves a diverse set of stakeholders with differing perspectives and objectives. A case study approach will be used to examine the wide range of scientific, historical, cultural, ethical and legal dimensions of environmental issues.

COMM 530 - (3) (IR)  
Selected Topics in Commerce  
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce or graduate standing, or instructor permission. Seminar on current issues in commerce.

Independent Study  
COMM 499 - (1-3) (S)  
Independent Study in Commerce  
Prerequisite: Fourth-year Commerce and graduate standing, or instructor permission. Independent study under the supervision of a Commerce instructor. A project directly related to business must be submitted to, and approved by, the supervising instructor prior to the Commerce School add date. Students may take COMM 499 only once.

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