II. THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

A. GENERAL STATEMENT

Darden is a professional school of business at the graduate level with a two-year “terminal” MBA Program designed for the practitioner. The MBA Program is offered in two forms. The first is a two-year Full-Time Format Program that begins only in the fall semester and is designed to be completed in May of the following academic year. The other form is an episodic Executive Format Program that allows students through a combination of residence periods and off-site learning opportunities to earn the MBA degree over a 22-month period. The programs differ in format and require the completion of the same number of credit hours, and students graduate with the same degree: Master of Business Administration. All statements that reference the MBA Program apply to both the Full-Time Format Program and the Executive Format Program unless specified otherwise.

Students must complete 60 credit hours to meet the requirements of the Master of Business Administration Degree. The program requirements for both the Full-Time Format Program and the Executive Format Program are outlined in Section II-A. Each program includes a common set of core courses and an additional set of course requirements. The Core Courses Curriculum for the Full-Time Format and Executive Format Programs will be designed and delivered based on the same course descriptions (Section II-I-1-h).

1. Full-Time Format Program Credit Hours and General Requirements

The first year of the Full-Time Format Program core requires 30 credit hours of coursework. A total of 25.5 credit hours are core courses, and 4.5 credit hours are First-Year Program electives. The Second-Year Elective Curriculum requires 30 credit hours of coursework.

The first year of the Full-Time Format Program is an integrated program rather than a set of distinct and separate courses. First-year courses include core courses required of all students and First-Year Program elective courses, available for students to extend their mastery of selected core-course content areas. First-year students may elect to take GBUS 8000, Global Business Experience, during the spring break as a second-year elective course.

Elective courses offered in the second year of the Full-Time Format Program are distinguished from core courses and First-Year Program elective courses in that considerably more latitude is exercised by the individual instructor in the conduct of these second-year courses; for example, examinations are prescribed by some instructors and not prescribed by others. (Administratively, these courses are more like the usual graduate courses offered elsewhere in the University than the required courses at Darden.)