MBA Quantitative Skills Readiness Course FAQs

Course Content

Who should take this course?
MBA applicants who have limited experience using quantitative skills in their academic or professional background and would like to provide more evidence of academic readiness to support their MBA candidacy. It also benefits anyone who would like to brush up on and/or acquire quantitative skills in preparation for starting their MBA.

Note: If you are taking UCB Extension Math for Management, you do not need to take this course.

Is this course required?
No, this course is not required. If you do not have significant evidence of quantitative skills in either your academic or professional background, you may want to consider taking this course to support your candidacy.

What topics are covered in this course?
The course is divided into 7 modules:

- Algebra
- Linear Equations
- Calculus
- Finance
- Probability Parts 1 and 2
- Introduction to Statistics

How long does it take to complete the course?
The class has 7 modules. Each module is intended to take you about 5 days; however, you may go slower or more quickly depending on your experience with the topics and how much time you invest each week.

Does this course have a fee associated with it?
The course videos and instructor access are offered free of charge. You may complete the course or portions of the course by watching the videos at your own pace with online support from the professor.

However, if your goal is to provide evidence of proficiency to bolster your application, we recommend purchasing MyMathLab (a fee of approximately $75 for 18 weeks or $125 for 24 months; either option gives you access to the Instructor until July 15, 2023), which gives you access to the online textbook, testing, practice problems, and allows you to complete the course for a grade (it will not appear on your academic record).
Is there a textbook required?
The textbook is not required to watch the videos and participate in discussions. It is highly suggested that you enroll in MyMathLab, where you will find the eText, which is a terrific resource, and additional problems to supplement your learning with practice. If you decide to take the tests, all testing is administered through MyMathLab.

Is this course for credit and graded?
This is not a credit-bearing course. You can receive a grade (it will not appear on your academic record) if you buy the textbook and finish all the exams (requires MyMathLab). Those who complete the modules and course for a grade (MyMathLab problems and quizzes with each module) may add their results to their application portal using the material uploader. Once uploaded to your application portal, it will be considered as part of the application review.

I've already taken an MBA math preparation course. Do I need to take this course?
Each MBA preparation class is different. If you are taking UCB Extension Math for Management, you do not need to take this course.

Access and Support

How do I access this course? Do I need a log in?
After starting an application and logging in, click here to enroll. You will receive an email sent to your personal email address (the one you put in your application) from Canvas with your login and temporary password. You will need to create a Canvas account with the email address that the invitation was sent to. After you create your Canvas account you will have access to the course. Please check this guide to Accessing Canvas.

What if I'm having trouble accessing the course?
If you're still having trouble, email Haas Support: helpdesk@haas.berkeley.edu
Please include: “CANVAS - MBA Quantitative Skills Readiness Course” in the subject of the email.

What if I need help with some of the class material?
Answers to academic questions should be directed to the instructor through the Canvas site until July 15th, 2023. The course offers message boards and the ability to connect to the instructor.