School of Business

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Vision
The St. Bonaventure University School of Business seeks to be recognized as the premier Franciscan business school, one that excels in business education, applied scholarship, and impactful engagements with the regional, national, and global communities in which we live.

Mission
“The St. Bonaventure University School of Business Develops Responsible Leaders for the Greater Good and the Bottom Line.” Our School is inspired by educational excellence in the Catholic Franciscan tradition to develop, for the increasingly complex world of business, critical and ethical thinkers who value discovery, global community, belief in the goodness of life and the God-given worth of every individual.

Values
The following Franciscan Values are uniquely linked to our Franciscan mission and are incorporated into our curriculum and services learning initiatives.

Contemplation
To think deeply, to ponder, to meditate, to consider, to study, to plan, to ask “what does it all mean?” is to be a contemplative

Love
To learn ... not for the sake of accumulating knowledge alone, but so that knowledge can be applied to the betterment of others.

Respect
To be a “global village” in which people of all social classes, races, nations and beliefs live, accept, and attempt to understand and support one another.

Joy
To believe that the God who made the world is a good God, that the world and the people in it are good, and that whatever difficulties we face, it’s all going to work out for the best. To look at life through a positive lens.

Peace
To uncover the injustices which are the roots of hatred and violence.
To prepare ourselves with knowledge, skill and love to promote a better world; to truly be an “instrument” of God’s peace.

Compassionate Service
To volunteer, to help, to seek opportunities to be of assistance to others.
To give of our time with a sense of humility and a desire to make the world a better place. To see education as a means of being able to serve our fellow human beings.

School of Business Values & Principles
In fulfilling our mission, we are guided by our Catholic faith and ever mindful of our Franciscan values, such as individual worth, concern for and service to others, pursuing knowledge for the contemplation, love, respect, joy, peace, and compassionate service. Our community of learners offers opportunities for broad and deep reflection about how business should operate more responsibly in an increasingly complex and integrated world – and how to lead in that role.

As such, we challenge ourselves daily to integrate the following three principles:

1. Educate each student to meet the challenges of a dynamic global business environment.
2. Improve the education of our students by pursuing scholarship and fostering a culture of discovery.
3. Manifest our values through lives that include committed citizenship and impactful community service and engagement.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
All St. Bonaventure University academic policies are applicable to students enrolled in the School of Business. Additionally, the following academic policies are applicable specifically to students who intend to major in any area of business:

• Transfer students must complete one-half of the major requirements as well as a minimum of 45 credits at St. Bonaventure University.
• Students not enrolled in a School of Business major are limited to a maximum total of 30 credit hours of business courses.