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Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer
MGMS 7000 (3)	MGMS 7300 (3)	MGMS 7240 (3)	MGMS 7401 (3)	MGMS 7402 (3)	MATH 6161 (3)
MGMS 7200 (3)	MATH 5180 (3)	MATH 5190 (3)	MGMS 7100 (3)	MGMS 7650 (3)	MGMS 7400 (3)
6 credit hours					

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## POSSIBLE COURSE SEQUENCE PLAN - MED MGMS

All of the courses required for your program of study are listed below.

Courses are listed by Semester offered. Courses in **RED** are offered ONLY one semester each year. MGMS 7650 should be taken in the final semester(s) of your program.

SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
MGMS 7240	MGMS 7200	MGMS 7300
MGMS 7400	MGMS 7401	MGMS 7402
MATH 5190	MGMS 7100	MATH 5180
MGMS 6161	MGMS 7000	MGMS 7100
	MGMS 7650	MGMS 7000
		MGMS 7650

## Course load — How many courses should I take in a semester?

### Myth: Online courses are easier than face-to-face courses.

Online courses are very similar in content and expectations for performance as those offered on campus. Most classes expect some kind of applied practice or project in the classroom.

Our recommendation is that students take no more than two courses per semester, although a few are able to balance three courses in a term. Some may want to take extra courses in the summer. Academic success and the value of the information learned in a program are the most important factors, so carefully weigh commitments before registering for classes. Please also consider the students you teach and your obligation to give them your best each day.

To prevent frustration and failure due to overextending yourself, consider the following before deciding how many courses to take each semester:

- Financial Aid: Do you need financial aid? **To be aid-eligible you must take at least two courses (6 hours) each semester.**
- Commitments to family and friends: What family activities and commitments do you have scheduled in the months ahead?
- Teaching Status: Are you new to teaching?
- Community Involvement: Are you actively involved in activities in the community, church, social?
- Professional Demands: Do you have long commutes, serve on committees at school, sponsor extracurricular activities, or coach?

**A rule of thumb for time commitment for college level graduate classes** is to expect to spend 3 hours of class time plus 6-9 additional hours per week, for a total of 9-12 hours per week for each class.