Major Field Test (MFT)
Questions & Answers

Q: When I enrolled at Davenport University I was not aware of taking a test in order to graduate. Why has this requirement been added?
A: Over the last couple of years, Davenport University and the Maine School of Business (MSB) have engaged in many quality initiatives. The MSB is now accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), which requires additional assessment of students. The Major Field Test is being implemented in order to help meet the requirements from IACBE and to ensure that Davenport University is offering students a high quality business education.

Q: If I don’t take the Major Field Test, will I still be able to graduate?
A: The Major Field Test is a requirement for graduation in the 2010-2011 year (December 2010-August 2011), and you will not be able to graduate if you have not taken the test.

Q: What if I took the Major Field Test last year in the pilot? Do I have to retake it to graduate?
A: No. You will be credited with having taken the Major Field Test.

Q: If I take the Major Field Test and do well, can this be an asset on my resume?
A: Yes, the Major Field Test is administered to students at universities across the nation. If you do well on this test, it is certainly a sign of achievement and something you can add to your resume.

Q: What happens if I do poorly on the exam?
A: At this time your score on the MFT does not have any bearing on whether you graduate. The requirement is for you to take the exam.

Q: Will my score on this test become a part of my academic record?
A: Not at this time. You are currently being required to take this test so that we can evaluate the effectiveness of the business curriculum. However, in the future the Maine School of Business may decide to make this test score a part of your academic record. The decision to make the test score a part of your academic record may come within the next four years.

Q: Who is eligible to take the Major Field Test?
A: Bachelor and Associate of Business majors in the last semester of their academic program are eligible. For students in Bachelor of Business programs taking Capstone classes, BUSN488T (BBA Major Field Test) is a co-requisite. Students in Associate of Business programs must have completed their Business Foundations courses and enroll in BUSN288T (ABA Major Field Test) in their final semester.
Q: How do I sign up to take the Major Field Test?
   A: You enroll in either the BUSN288T course (Associates students) or BUSN488T (Bachelors students) course. You can register for these courses via Daveportal, just as you would for any other course. Or, you can schedule an appointment with your advisor to enroll in the course.

Q: What if I am an online student living in Michigan?
   A: If you are an online student living in Michigan, you can register and complete the test at any campus close to your home regardless of where you have taken classes.

Q: What if I am an online student living out of state?
   A: If you are an online student living out of state or outside the United States, your advisor must register you for the test. Then, you will receive an email asking you to locate colleges in your area. You will need to contact these colleges and ask the following questions:
   1. Do they proctor online exams?
   2. If so, who will DU need to contact in order to arrange the testing (name, phone number and email address)?

Davenport will coordinate the testing arrangements with the college you select.

Q: Can I retake the exam?
   A: No. The test results will be used in aggregate form; we cannot allow students to take the exam more than once. However, if you are an ABA student continuing into a BBA program, you take both the ABA and BBA versions of the test when you have made adequate progress in each degree.

Q: How can I prepare for the exam?
   A: Currently no formal process exists at Davenport University to prepare for this test. However, if you are interested in seeing the test format and structure of questions they can be viewed on Davenport >> Academic Tools tab >> channel >> Major Field Test (MFT).

Q: What is the cost for the Major Field Test?
   A: The course fee for both BUSN288T ABA Major Field Test and BUSN488T BBA Major Field Test is $75. This fee will be added to the tuition bill.

Q: What if I have a scheduling conflict?
   A: If you have a legitimate and verifiable scheduling conflict, please contact your advisor to discuss your options.

Q: When can I register for or drop the MFT course (BUSN288T or BUSN488T)?
   A: The same add/drop requirements apply to both BUSN288T and BUSN488T as any other course. If you register for either of these courses and fail to show up to take the test during the scheduled day and time it is offered, you will receive a grade of “NC” (no credit) for the course, will have to retake it and will still be charged the test fee.

If you have further questions regarding the Major Field Test or the BUSN288T or BUSN488T courses, please contact your advisor.