Polymath MBA Concentration (45 credits)

Defiance College and Polymath Institute (a 501c-3 non-profit) seek to partner to deliver a 20-month debt free degree offered to working professionals with 5-10 years' work experience who desire an MBA for a career change. Taking Defiance College's 27 credit hour degree and adding a 15-credit concentration and a 3-credit apprenticeship, the 45-credit hour MBA offers breadth and application for students. The program is expected to launch in January 2027 with 20 enrollees.

Polymath Institute was founded in 2023 (as Polymath University) with a vision of providing interdisciplinary, apprenticeship based, debt-free education modeled after military ROTC programs. The Pivot MBA is Polymath Institute's first partnered graduate degree. The design of the program supports a career transition with a focus on project management, the inclusion of real-world projects with employer partners, and a six-month paid apprenticeship that makes possible a debt-free degree. Polymath sees promise for military veterans and K12 teachers transitioning into industries like healthcare administration and cybersecurity. Polymath Institute has been philanthropically funded to date and is partnered with Stanford University for the design and development of some of their programs.

January 2027 Cohort:

Course rotation is as follows: 20-month completion

Note: Full Course Descriptions for the DC MBA core courses and the Polymath concentration courses can be found in the Defiance College Graduate and Undergraduate Catalog (staring AY 2026-27).

DC denotes DC course and PM denotes PM concentration course. Credit hours are in ( ).

January 2027- 1st 8-week term BUS 502-DC (3) BUS 556 PM (3)	March 2027- 2nd 8-week term BUS 503 (3) PM 555 (3) -exam in Project Man	May 2027- Summer 8-week term PM 557 (3)- with project BUS 512 (3)	Total hours Jan-August 2027=18
August 2027- 1st 8-week term BUS 530- with project (3) BUS 520 (3)	October 2027 – 2nd 8-week term PM 558 (3) PM (559)		Total hours Fall Term 2027 = 12
January 2028- 1st 8-week term BUS 540- with project (3) BUS 550 (3)	March 2028- 2nd 8-week term BUS 594 (1) Apprenticeship BUS 560 (3)	May 2028- Summer 8-week term BUS 594 (2) Apprenticeship BUS 580 (3)	Total hours Jan-August 2028= 15 GRADUATE AUGUST 2028
			TOTAL= 45 credits

Fall 2027 Cohort:

Course rotation is as follows: 20-month completion

DC denotes DC course and PM denotes PM concentration course. Credit hours are in ( ).

Fall 2027- 1st 8-week term BUS 502-DC (3) BUS 556 PM (3)	Fall - 2nd 8-week term BUS 503 (3) PM 555 (3) -exam in Project Man	January 2028- 1st 8-week term PM 557 (3)- with project BUS 512 (3)	
January 2028- 2nd 8-week term BUS 530- with project (3) BUS 520 (3)	Summer 2028 8-week term PM 558 (3) PM (559)	Fall 2028- 1st 8 Week term BUS 540- with project (3) BUS 550 (3)	
Fall 2028- 2nd 8-week term BUS 594 (1) Apprenticeship BUS 560 (3)	January 2029- 1st 8-week term BUS 594 (2) Apprenticeship BUS 580 (3)		GRADUATE May 2029
			TOTAL= 45 credits