and twelve graduate credit hours in agriculture courses. To earn the concentration in agri-business, the four (4) graduate electives in the MBA program must be used to take courses from the group of AGR 536, AGR 560, AGR 583, AGR 586, and AGR 598. With approval from the graduate coordinators of the MBA program and agri-business program, a maximum of two 400-level agriculture courses may be used in lieu of two of the 500-level agriculture courses. A description of the graduate agriculture courses and a list of acceptable 400-level agriculture courses can be found in the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences section of this catalog. Consult with the graduate coordinator for any changes to the list of 400- and 500-level agriculture courses.

The MBA and Five-Year Accounting Program

The College of Business Administration offers an MBA program that allows graduate students to obtain an MBA with an accounting concentration while qualifying to take the CPA exam. This program is designed to prepare students for entrance into the public accounting profession while obtaining a generalized graduate business management education. The coursework in this program is a combination of graduate accounting, finance, economics, management, marketing, business communications, and statistics. The program requires students to complete their BBA degree in accounting at SHSU and then begin, no later than in the next long semester following graduation, a one-year, thirty-hour MBA program. To gain admission into this program the student must (1) possess an undergraduate SHSU GPA of at least 3.0, (2) possess a GPA of at least 3.0 on all 300- and 400-level undergraduate accounting coursework, (3) take ACC 436 and ACC 484 in their BBA program, and (4) meet all other requirements for admission as a graduate student to the MBA program. The course requirements of this program are:

MBA Five-Year Accounting Program

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* May not be ACC 564: visit with the graduate coordinator for a list of acceptable electives.
** MGT 567 is a capstone course that satisfies the comprehensive exam requirement. A grade of "B" or better is required for graduation.

Executive MBA in Banking and Financial Institutions

The Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) in Banking and Financial Institutions program at Sam Houston State University is designed to develop and enhance a candidate’s skills that are necessary for a position of leadership in a financial institution or regulatory agency. The program emphasizes the integration and synthesis of various disciplines to develop a student’s ability to function and make sound admin-