Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, Green Belt and Project Management (PMP) FAQ

The following information addresses frequently asked questions regarding the Lean Six Sigma and Project Management courses offered in the Full-Time and Flex MBA Programs at William & Mary.

Lean Six Sigma Certification:

What courses do I need to take for Lean Six Sigma Certification?

Students who successfully complete the Lean Toolkit (BUAD 6641), and Six Sigma Toolkit (BUAD 6651) courses will receive a Yellow Belt Certificate.

Students who successfully complete the Lean Toolkit (BUAD 6641), Six Sigma Toolkit (BUAD 6651) and Lean Six Sigma Project (BUAD 6671) courses will receive a Green Belt Certificate.

What if I already have a Yellow/Green Belt?

Lean Toolkit and Six Sigma Toolkit are prerequisites for the LSS Project course. However, students who have previously received a Yellow Belt Certification may petition the faculty to take the LSS Project course without the prerequisites. Due to the variability in certificate programs, the faculty will determine if the student has met the eligibility requirements. For this same reason, students who have previously received Yellow or Green Belt Certification from an organization outside of William & Mary are not prohibited from taking the certification courses in the MBA Program.

Will my certification be recognized outside of William & Mary?

There are many organizations that offer Lean and Six Sigma Certification, however, there is not a single certification body that oversees the certification process. Certain organizations like ASQ, Motorola and GE are highly respected in the industry for providing this certification. Likewise, certification from a respected University such as William & Mary will add value to your resume. As with any certification, employers will be looking for your mastery of the subject.

As is the case with many certification programs, the United States Military has an equivalent certification program for the various branches of service. Military students who receive the Green Belt Certification from William and Mary will be required to take an additional course/test with their respective branch to receive certification that is recognized by that organization.

Do you offer Black Belt Certification?

Black Belt Certification is not offered by William & Mary. Many companies and organizations offer Black Belt certification should you wish to continue the certification process post-graduation.

What is the difference between Lean Six Sigma Project and Project Management?

The Project Management course (BUAD 6621) is separate from the Lean Six Sigma Project Course (BUAD 6671). Lean Six Sigma Project is required for Green Belt Certification. The Project management course is designed to prepare students to take the Project Management Professional Certification (PMP) exam which is offered by a company outside of William & Mary. Taking the course does not automatically qualify you for PMP certification.