Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Overview

The MBA Program provides students with a broad knowledge base in major areas of business and management. It offers a challenging and practical orientation to the complexities of modern business management and to the tools necessary for business decision-making. Each class typically meets once a week on the evening of weekdays or during the daytime of Saturdays for 15 weeks. All classes are held at the NEIU main campus.

Credit hours required: 33-60

Program of Study

The curriculum consists of courses at two levels: Phase-I and Phase-II. Phase-I courses may be waived, depending only on students' educational background. No Phase-II courses can be waived.

Phase I - Foundation Courses

Required for all MBA students unless specific waivers have been granted based upon prior equivalent course work. (18-27 cr.)

- ACTG-400 Fundamentals of Accounting..................4 cr.
  (or ACTG 201 and ACTG 202........ 6 cr.)
- BLAW-400 Legal Environment of Business..............2 cr.
  (or BLAW 285.....................................3 cr)
- FINA-400 Fundamentals of Financial Management.... 2 cr.
  (or FINA 360.....................................3 cr)
- ECON-401 Fundamentals of Business Economics..... 4 cr.
  (or ECON 215 and ECON 217............. 6 cr.)
- MKTG-400 Fundamentals of Marketing.................2 cr.
  (or MKTG 350..................................3 cr)
- MNGT-400 Managing Organizations....................2 cr.
  (or MNGT 370..................................3 cr)
- MNGT-401 Business Statistics......................... 2 cr.
  (or MNGT 368..................................3 cr)

Phase II - Advanced Graduate Business Courses

Required for all MBA students. (33 cr.)

- ACTG-402 Managerial Accounting......................3 cr.
- ACTG-403 Management of Information Systems and Technology..........................................................3 cr.
- FINA-402 Issues in Corporate Finance................ 3 cr.
- MKTG-402 Marketing Management.......................3 cr.
- MNGT-402 Applied Business Research..................3 cr.
- MNGT-403 Leadership and Organizational Behavior. 3 cr.
- MNGT-404 Production/Operations Management......3 cr.
- MNGT-502 Business Policy.............................. 3 cr.
- Three elective courses....................................9 cr.

Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information.

Careers

The program aims to prepare students for mid- and upper-level positions in both the private and public sectors, such as in the fields of manufacturing, service, financial, institutional, and government. Potential career options may include, but are not limited to,

- Financial managers, investment bankers, and financial analyst;
- Marketing manager, market research analyst, brand manager, new product manager, marketing communications manager, and sales manager;
- Director, branch manager, human resource manager, chief operating officers, and computer systems analyst.

Admissions

The Admissions Committee evaluates applications on the basis of (1) transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework; (2) performance on GMAT or GRE; (3) a one-page typewritten statement of Career Goals and Objectives; (4) two letters of recommendation; and (5) any other evidence, such as work experience, etc. To be considered for full admission to graduate business programs, you should have a GMAT score of at least 450 (or a minimum GRE score of 146 each on Verbal and Quantitative) and an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). International students must score 550 or higher (213 computer-based, 79 internet based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), supply an evaluation of transcript materials by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. or World Education Services, and satisfy visa requirements.

Attending Northeastern

- Classes are offered conveniently to accommodate professionals working full-time;
- Students may attend either part-time or full-time;
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees);
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education.

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