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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
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Dear MBA Candidate,

As you consider your MBA, I encourage you to take a close look at Northern Illinois University’s cohort programs; the Chicago MBA, the Executive MBA and the One-Year MBA. Each program leads to the same end goal, an MBA from an AACSB-International accredited business program. NIU’s College of Business is among the top 4% of business schools worldwide to hold AACSB accreditation at all levels.

Benefits you can expect from an MBA include new career opportunities, an expanded business network, acquiring new skills and knowledge, and a deeper understanding of the global business environment. During your MBA program, you will travel internationally which will expand your business perspectives and lead to better understanding about cultural differences. You will gain confidence in your ideas, learn new ways to lead teams and develop a strategic approach to solving business issues.

Regardless if you attend classes during the evenings or the weekends, the cohort programs are intense and rigorous, yet manageable. Time management is key, which is why the NIU MBA staff handles all course registration and book deliveries, allowing you to concentrate on family, work and school.

This brochure is your guide to learning about NIU’s Chicago, Executive and One-Year MBA programs. Contact the MBA Office with questions – if you prefer to meet one-on-one to discuss any of the programs call us at 866-NIU-MBA1 (648-6221) or email mba@niu.edu.

I look forward to welcoming you to the NIU MBA Alumni Network!

Sincerely,

Ann E. Carrel
Assistant Dean, MBA Programs

Northern Illinois University
College of Business
Where the Classroom Meets the Business World
Cohort-style learning is one group of students (your peers with a similar level of work experience) moving through an MBA program at the same pace, covering the same academic material in a pre-determined sequence of courses. The benefits to a student in a cohort MBA program include:

- **In-depth Shared Learning** – Classroom discussion is often much richer in a cohort program due to the diverse range of industries, backgrounds and functional roles of the students. Each topical issue and case study is critically analyzed from multiple perspectives, with the end goal to reach the best possible solution or response.

- **Integrated Curriculum** – Faculty have the opportunity to design integrated coursework that relates to the industries and backgrounds of the individuals in the class. A major business topic or issue can be addressed in multiple courses to offer a more holistic view. Integrating the curriculum offers applied learning with immediate on-the-job benefits to the students and their employers.

- **Personal and Professional Relationships** – Students who work in teams and share a common experience over a period of time form close bonds. These bonds are strengthened through class projects and international travel. In many instances, students find new career opportunities through a fellow classmate in their cohort. Certainly, new friendships are formed and continue after graduation.

- **Support System** – Perhaps most important is the ongoing support students receive from their study groups and classmates while going through a cohort program. At times, students may feel overwhelmed balancing family, work and school, but they are working together, supporting one another to reach the end goal...achieving their MBA.

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“Joining the NIU EMBA Program was one of the best decisions of my life for several reasons. The cohort structure allowed me to build meaningful relationships with my classmates that will last long past graduation. Many of the instructors spent several years in industry before joining the classroom, and bring real-world experiences to the subjects they teach. And the diversity of the student body, both culturally and in terms of work experience, added value to the discussions in the classroom and opened my eyes to broader world view. I will remember my time at NIU fondly for years to come.”

**Scott Doty**  
**Class of 2016**
Formats designed for today’s leader
- Cohort programs attract highly motivated participants.
- You will learn new concepts and skills that can be put to use immediately.
- As you learn, you will gain confidence that helps you move forward in your career.
- Accelerated formats provide quicker ROI to you and your employer.

Curriculums designed for business professionals
- Group projects provide real-world application.
- International experience enhances your global perspective.
- Opportunity to engage with C-suite speakers.
- Business knowledge that can be applied to all kinds of situations.

The payback to your employer
- Bring best practices and new ideas to your organization.
- You will learn to work more effectively throughout the organization.
- Assess business issues strategically and how they impact the organization as a whole.
- Grooms talent to assume greater responsibility in less time.

MBA Cohorts By The Numbers

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“I loved working in a team. Most learning happens in teams. It felt great to have others on your side; to be encouraged, motivated, understood and challenged by your classmates. I met wonderful people who have the gift of always wanting to learn, always asking questions, trying new things, doing new things. And now... let our learning lead to action! It was a great unforgettable year!”

Natalia Yancey
Class of 2016
INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

A variety of instructional methods are used in order to best achieve the optimal blend of theory and real-world application. The cohort MBA follows many of the same procedures and instructional methods of the traditional MBA program. However, modification of these procedures has been made to take advantage of the broad and varied experience of the students.

Executive Guest Speakers
Executives from the Chicago area are frequently invited to meet with the cohort MBA classes to share their business knowledge and experience. The perspectives and ideas that these business leaders present bring a real-world practical experience and add an important dimension to the classroom. Past speakers have included Richard Morrow (Amoco), Don Clark (Household International), Robert Galvin (Motorola), John Richman (Kraft, Inc.), Cornelis Boonstra (Sara Lee), Ramon Alvarez (MICRO SWITCH/Honeywell), Bob Waller (Dry Storage Corporation), Arthur Martinez (Sears Merchandise Group), Michael Corrao (Gingiss Formalwear, Inc.), James Pinckney (William James and Associates), Robert Growney (Motorola), Michael Duffield (Wallace Computer Services), Michael Leatherman (Wallace Computer Services), Don Dempsey (Caribou Coffee), and Steven Levitt (author of Freakonomics).

Classroom Activities
Instructors employ the teaching methods of lecture and discussion, case analyses, individual and group research, report writing, presentations, guest speakers, and business related projects. These methods have proved to be highly effective in providing education to executives.

Study Groups
One of the ways in which the cohort MBA differs from the traditional MBA is that the cohort MBA allows one to learn from fellow students as well as professors. When a student feels weak in a particular area, chances are one or two members of the study group will have a great deal of knowledge in that subject. The study group acts as a tutor. It also acts as a confidence builder for the participant encountering a difficult subject. If a student feels insecure about his/her performance, discussing the concern with fellow study group members often provides a more objective perspective that facilitates accomplishment of the task. Study groups stay together throughout the entire program, which allows lasting friendships to develop.

Ralph de la Vega,
President and CEO
of AT&T Mobility
and Consumer Markets,
Class of 1989.
A rigorous curriculum is only as good as the faculty who teach in the program; faculty members in the cohort MBA programs are selected from the excellent College of Business faculty for their teaching ability, consulting experience and commitment to educating professionals.

**Tim Aurand**, Ed.D., Northern Illinois University; professor; frequent seminar speaker on various marketing topics; presenter at Marketing Management Association conferences, conducted in-house marketing research and workshops for various corporations; winner of Golden Apple Award; teaches marketing management.

**Brian Bender**, MBA, Northern Illinois University; expertise in the areas of strategic planning, tactical implementation and business process management; business experience in creating complete IT departments, LAN/WAN infrastructures; teaches information systems technology.

**Terrence R. Bishop**, Ph.D., University of Iowa; associate professor of management; consultant to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; presented seminars on goal-setting and total quality management; author of numerous articles relating to human resource management and business ethics; teaches introductory management module.

**Jon Briscoe**, D.B.A., Boston University; consultant to Manus Associates and Orbis Learning Corporation; presented at conferences nationally and internationally; author of numerous articles on organizational behavior; research in organizational leadership, careers and ethical behavior; winner of Golden Apple Award; teaches organizational behavior.

**Edward J. Buckley**, M.B.A., Northern Illinois University; C-level executive specializes in business development, new product introductions and strategic alliances; owner and president of Information Providers, Inc.; more than 25 years in industry, including management roles at Fortune 500 companies; published trade publication articles, public speaking engagements and TV spots; co-teaches capstone case study.

**James P. Burton**, Ph.D., University of Washington; served as consultant to organizations including Boeing and Verizon; recognized on several occasions for excellence in teaching and research; published in numerous journals and recently interviewed for feature in *SmartBusiness – Chicago*; teaches negotiation and conflict management.

**Ann E. Carrel**, Ed.D., Northern Illinois University; assistant dean, MBA Program; involved in forming partnerships between College of Business and international universities; presenter at conferences; planned and organized short-term study abroad opportunities; teaches international component.

**Angela Crossin**, Psy.D., California Southern University, in progress, May 2018; J.D., Valparaiso University School of Law; certified fraud specialists, certified estate advisor; solo practitioner, Crossin Law Offices; taught law courses at Valparaiso University, Purdue University; textbook review for McGraw-Hill; nominated as most influential female attorney in Indiana; teaches business law.

**Timothy P. Dimond**, M.B.A., DePaul University; CPA; professional experience includes audit with Ernst and Young; director of financial reporting for Marmon Group; 10 years with a publicly-traded information technology services firm, including two years as vice president for Latin America operations and six years as CFO/CAO; teaches financial statement analysis.

**Amanda Ferguson**, Ph.D., London Business School; assistant professor in Department of Management; research focuses on effectiveness of small groups; published in numerous management journals; professional career as senior sales representative for Eli Lilly; teaches team building workshops.

**Joseph Granneman**, M.B.A., Northern Illinois University; certified HIPAA security specialist and numerous other IT certifications; over 20 years of technology experience with project management, technical team management and regulatory compliance in both health care and financial services environments; CEO and Principal Consultant at Illumination.io; teaches information systems technology.

**Mark Hogan**, M.B.A., Northwestern University; CPA; worked in public accounting, directed accounting, financial analysis and internal audit departments at several Fortune 500 companies; served as controller and treasurer at Nicor National; teaches financial and managerial accounting courses.

**James M. Johnson**, Ph.D., Ohio State University; Distinguished Teaching Professor; consultant to business and industry specializing in corporate finance, financial analysis and lease finance; conducted numerous workshops for industry organizations and private firms; published over 50 articles and books; advised numerous firms, including AT&T, Amoco, Coca-Cola Financial, GE Capital, IBM Credit and U.S. Department of Defense; winner of several Golden Apple Awards; teaches financial analysis and capstone case study.

**Sarah J. Marsh**, Ph.D., University of North Carolina; chair of the Department of Management; presenter at the Academy of Management annual meetings and Strategic Management international conferences; consultant in the area of international development; teaches strategic management and policy.
Kevin Woerner
Class of 2016

“My experience through the NIU EMBA program exceeded my expectations. The knowledge I gained from the curriculum and faculty has given me the confidence to speak up and take charge in my work place. The connections I made with fellow students and businesses challenged me to be a professional with an executive mindset. After finishing the program, I now have a motivational drive to never settle for ordinary, always push the limits and explore my true capabilities in the business world.”

Kevin Woerner
Class of 2016

Jens Mueller, J.D.; 20-plus years chairman, CEO, co-founder in global firms; extensive refereed publications; ongoing global research projects in entrepreneurship, action learning, sustainable entrepreneurship and corporate governance; editor, Journal of Asia Entrepreneurship and Sustainability; teaches international management.

Gina Nicolosi, Ph.D., University of Cincinnati; chair of the Department of Finance; author of refereed articles in finance journals; presenter at regional and national finance conferences and professional meetings; research interest in investments, behavioral finance, market efficiency; teaches financial management.

Vijaykumar Krishnan Palghat, Ph.D., University of Cincinnati; associate professor of marketing; industrial experience with Tata Steel, Shaw Wallace, J. Walter Thompson and Bennett & Coleman Company; publishers of the leading daily, The Times of India; primary research is sonic branding and multi-sensory information processing; presenter at national conferences including AMA, the Haring Conference and the Society for Consumer Psychology; teaches marketing management.

Charles G. Petersen II, Ph.D., Indiana University; professor; author of publications in the area of production management; presented papers before the Decision Sciences Institute; taught quantitative and logistics management seminars in Finland and Egypt; professional experience with McDonnell Douglas Corporation; teaches operations analysis.

Denise Schoenbachler, Ph.D., University of Kentucky; professor; former dean of College of Business and Chair of Department of Marketing; numerous journal publications and conference presentations; received Ideal Industries Excellence in Business Teaching award, Delta Sigma Pi Outstanding Teacher of the Year award, College of Business nominee for University Excellence in Teaching award; teaches marketing management.

Bart Sharp, Ph.D., Purdue University; associate professor in Department of Management; academic background in aerospace engineering with related research interest in innovation, organizational learning and entrepreneurship; teaches strategic management.

Mahesh Subramony, Ph.D., Central Michigan University; worked for two Fortune 500 companies in human resources functions; research interests in emerging fields of strategic HRM; published in Human Resource Management and Journal of Applied Psychology; teaches HR course.

Ursula Sullivan, Ph.D., Northwestern University; associate professor of marketing; research focuses on managing marketing channels, distribution alliances and channel strategy; presented at conferences including AMA and Academy of International Business Conference; consultant in packaged goods, grocery wholesaling and foodservice industries; teaches graduate survey of marketing.

William Tallon, Ph.D. University of Iowa; former dean of College of Business and Chair of Department of Operations Management and Information Systems; numerous publications and conference presentations; member of several professional organizations related to supply chain management and operations management; teaches operations management courses.

*Golden Apple Award – An annual award presented in the One-Year MBA to the faculty member whom the graduating class considers to be the outstanding professor.
The academically challenging curriculum consists of the common core courses found in all AACSB International accredited MBA programs. These courses include accounting, finance, marketing, management and operations. Beyond the core curriculum, students complete courses specifically selected to provide professionals a well-rounded master business degree. Special topic seminars, workshops and short courses on hot topics are also common elements of the cohort programs.

Because the cohort MBA program's curriculum is continuously reviewed to reflect the ever-changing business environment, the College of Business and MBA Program reserves the right to alter the curriculum, through appropriate procedures, for the purpose of providing the best educational experience for the students.

The following courses are taught in one or more of the cohort MBA programs:

**Financial Accounting Concepts** [ACCY 505]. Introduction to the nature, uses and limitations of financial accounting information.

**Managerial Accounting Concepts** [ACCY 630]. Uses of accounting information in interpreting, coordinating and implementing management’s policies.

**Financial Statement Analysis** [ACCY 640]. Analysis and interpretation of financial reports.

**Survey of Business Economics** [FINA 500]. Business economic concepts.

**Fundamentals of Financial Management** [FINA 505]. Financial theory and activities connected with the organization.

**Financial Analysis** [FINA 607]. Analysis of current and future financial position that serves as the foundation for decision making.

**Principles of Management** [MGMT 505]. Introduction to the role of manager in business setting.

**Legal Aspects of Business** [MGMT 511]. Introduction of legal problems affecting business.

**International Study in Management** [MGMT 601]. Study abroad experience to study cultural differences, problems, issues and practices in business.

**Managerial Leadership** [MGMT 615]. Examination of classic and emerging leadership theory.

**Negotiation and Conflict Management** [MGMT 619]. Examination of negotiation techniques and strategies relevant to managerial positions.

**Managing Individuals, Teams and Organizations** [MGMT 635]. Identifying, understanding and managing individual and group behavior in organizational settings.

**Entrepreneurship and Venture Management** [MGMT 637]. Each study group explores topics through the evaluation of a real-world business case. This course allows students to look at decisions in a broad context and with consideration to all functional areas of business.

**International Management** [MGMT 647]. The course provides students with a multi-disciplinary framework to analyze and assess international business environments that companies face when conducting business across borders.

**Strategic Management and Policy** [MGMT 672]. Course focuses on developing strategic thinking skills.

**Graduate Survey of Marketing** [MKTG 505]. Comprehensive survey of marketing functions, policies and problems.

**Marketing Management** [MKTG 654]. Analysis of the strategic marketing problems confronting managers.

**Marketing Seminar** [MKTG 660]. Topics focus on current issues in managing marketing functions.

**Principles of Operations Management** [OMIS 505]. Examination of the issues, problems and possible solutions for operations managers.

**Operations Analysis** [OMIS 627]. Analysis of the conceptual and analytical approaches to the solution of operations problems.

**Management of Information Systems Technology** [OMIS 640]. Applications of information systems in strategic decision making.

**Business Consulting Project** [UBUS 585]. Students consult with a real company and a real-time issue. The course is designed to provide students with the ability to apply their first-year EMBA education in a consulting framework.

**Topics in Business** [UBUS 590]. Selected topics from current business issues; with C-suite guest speakers.

*Complete course descriptions available online, catalog.niu.edu/content.php?catoid=42&navoid=1966*
**Class Schedule**

**Typical Week for Chicago MBA**

Tuesday  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Class  
7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Refreshment Break  
7:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., Class (continuation of class)

Thursday  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Class (different course topic from Tuesday)  
7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Refreshment Break  
7:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., Class (continuation of class)

**Typical for Executive MBA**

Saturday  
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., Students arrive, coffee provided  
8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Morning Class  
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Refreshment Break  
10:30 a.m. – Noon, Class (continuation of morning class)  
Noon – 1:00 p.m., Buffet Lunch  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Afternoon Class (different course topic from Morning Class)  
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Refreshment Break  
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Class (continuation of afternoon class)

**Typical Week for One-Year MBA**

Monday  
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Class  
7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., Refreshment Break  
7:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Class (continuation of class)

Thursday  
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Class (different course topic from Monday)  
7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., Refreshment Break  
7:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Class (continuation of class)

Refreshment breaks and buffet lunch, in all cohorts, are included in program cost.

“*The One-Year MBA experience met my expectations from a value standpoint. The curriculum was well-balanced and provided me knowledge in certain areas that I had little exposure to thus far in my career. The faculty are very experienced, engaging and shared many great anecdotes along the way. On top of that, I got to enjoy nine days in Europe visiting interesting companies and getting to know my classmates better. For the program’s ROI, it was well worth it.*”

**Zach Kendro**  
**Class of 2016**
Admission Information

Application Requirements and Forms for Chicago, Executive, One-Year MBA

1. Graduate Application and Fee: Application to the Graduate School is made via CollegeNet. You can track your status via CollegeNet. Application requires a credit card to pay the $60 application fee.

2. Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required. Letters of recommendation should be completed by a professional associate who can attest to your business acumen and skill set.

3. Official Transcript: An official college transcript from the college or university from which you graduated is required.

4. Statement of Purpose: A personal statement, two to three paragraphs, explaining why you want to pursue your MBA.

5. Supplemental Form: You should complete and mail the supplemental information form to the MBA Office.

6. Sponsorship Form: This form may be signed by your supervisor, manager or HR representative. The sponsorship form does not financially commit your employer to payment of program fees. The sponsorship form should be mailed to the MBA Office.

7. Interview: After your application is submitted, you will be notified and an interview will be scheduled.

Links to forms:
go.niu.edu/grad-apply
go.niu.edu/mba-supplemental
go.niu.edu/mba-recommendation
go.niu.edu/mba-sponsorship

Admission Requirements

The Chicago and One-Year MBA are designed for working professionals who have acquired a management understanding through an undergraduate business degree or equivalent of related courses. The following courses or equivalent course work must be completed prior to enrolling in the Chicago or One-Year MBA program. Courses can be completed through university classes or NIU online course offerings; contact the MBA Office to discuss options.

- Business Information Systems
- Business Statistics
- Financial Accounting
- Fundamentals of Financial Management
- Graduate Survey of Marketing
- Legal Aspects of Business
- Principles of Management
- Principles of Operations Management
- Survey of Business Economics

The MBA office staff will evaluate transcripts prior to submission of your application, checking for the prerequisite courses or their equivalents. Documents may be faxed to 815-753-3300 or sent electronically to mba@niu.edu.

The Executive MBA does not require any prerequisite course work. All majors are eligible to apply to the Executive MBA program.

Admissions Deadline

To apply for admission into the Chicago and Executive MBA, you must submit the graduate application form and supporting documents by July 15 of the year in which you intend to start the program. You must have a minimum of three years’ successful business experience for the Chicago MBA, and a minimum of five years’ successful business experience for the Executive MBA.

To apply for admission into the One-Year MBA, you must submit the graduate application form and supporting documents by December 10 of the year prior in which you intend to start the program. You must have a minimum of three years’ successful business experience.

The programs follow a “rolling admissions” process, whereby each application is considered separately. Academic ability, quality of work experience and professional business success are all important factors that are considered for admission. A baccalaureate degree with a GPA of at least 2.75 (on a 4.00 scale) is expected.

“Choosing NIU’s EMBA was one of the best choices I’ve made, both professionally and personally. I was stretched, challenged and developed alongside classmates I now consider lifelong friends. To have learned so much with so many great people over two demanding years was life changing. I can’t recommend and recruit to NIU’s EMBA enough!”

Russ Webster
Class of 2016
Facilities

NIU Hoffman Estates is conveniently located along the I-90 Golden Corridor in Hoffman Estates. The facility is specifically designed for training, seminars and meetings, and is conducive to executive learning. The Executive and One-Year programs meet at the NIU Hoffman Estates facility.

NIU Hoffman Estates
5555 Trillium Blvd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

“The best part of the NIU EMBA program is that it brings a true blend of education and experience from not only the staff but also from the students, together in class to have an active and engaging discussion that helps students walk away with real-world understanding of the concepts they learn and their practical implications on businesses. The cohort-style of the program helps students not only get comfortable quickly but also helps build long lasting relationships. It was a challenging program that has definitely helped me grow in my career and also as a person. It is one of those life-changing decisions that I am happy that I made.”

Prashanth Sankaran
Class of 2016

The Chicago MBA is conveniently located in the Chicago Loop. Classes meet at 105 W. Madison Street, a short walk from Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station.

“Being part of the EMBA program at NIU is one of the best experiences of my life. It helped me grow as a professional and as a person. Classroom sessions, real life cases, group projects - everything about the program added so much value. I can honestly say that from day one I was able to implement in real life what I learned in class. To top it all, I had the privilege of working with the best and the brightest professionals. I will cherish those friendships forever.”

Tejal Patel
Class of 2016
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