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Dear MBA Candidate,

If you are considering an MBA, I encourage you to look through our brochure. Northern Illinois University’s One-Year MBA offers a distinct learning environment with all of the characteristics you expect from an AACSB-International accredited business school, a rigorous curriculum and experienced faculty.

Other 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 the twelve-month program you will travel internationally to expand your international business perspective and experience other cultures, hone your written and oral communication skills through group projects and presentations, and collaborate with a ‘live’ company on a consulting project.

The program is intense and rigorous, yet manageable. Classes meet two nights per week which allows you to balance family and work while going to school. Be sure to read the quotes from our alumni to learn about the personal and professional benefits of NIU’s One-Year MBA, as well as what they took away from their MBA experience!

Contact the MBA Office with any questions you have about the NIU One-Year MBA. You can call us at 866-NIU-MBA1 (648-6221) or e-mail mba@niu.edu.

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

Sincerely,

Ann E. Carrel
Assistant Dean, MBA Programs
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ONE-YEAR MBA

Schedule
■ The One-Year MBA program admits students once a year.
■ Students attend classes every Monday and Thursday evening.
■ Classes begin in January and students complete the coursework in 12 months.

International Trip
■ Students participate in a nine-day international experience.
■ The cost of the trip is included in the program fee.

Cost
■ $30,000 for classes offered at NIU Hoffman Estates.
  Cost includes books, fees, academic materials, international trip, and refreshment breaks served on class meeting days.

Program Demographics
■ Class size: maximum of 40
■ International students: 3-5%
■ Men: 60-65%
■ Women: 35-40%
■ Average age: 33 (Range: 27-54)
■ Average years of work experience: 9 1/2

Application Deadline
■ December 10, 2014

Some Recent Sponsors of One-Year MBA Students
■ Bank of America
■ Career Education Corp.
■ Caterpillar
■ HAVI Global
■ Jewel-Osco
■ Navistar, Inc.
■ OfficeMax
■ Panasonic
■ Sears Holdings
■ Target Corporation
■ Walgreen Co.

“NIU’s One-Year MBA is the ideal program if you are looking for an effective and efficient way to earn your MBA. The program was a great experience for me personally. From the professors to my classmates and everything in between, the One-Year MBA program exceeded my expectations. I was looking for a program that provided a combination of classroom experience mixed with real world business learnings and applications, and that is exactly what I received. Even with the condensed nature of this program, every professor invested the time required to make sure all class material was covered and understood.

One of the greatest by-products of the One-Year MBA is the cohesiveness among classmates that this program creates. The entire class moves through this program together, which allows for the students to network and allows the opportunity to get to know one another on a personal level. These pseudo work/personal relationships helped form a bond between classmates and made everyone more supportive of one another as the year went on. I cannot say enough about this program and the experiences I had. From the first week to the international trip to the capstone, I couldn’t imagine a better MBA experience. “

STEVE TALLON
W.W. GRAINGER
CLASS OF 2013
First row, from left:
Chris Vanderford (Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy), Eric Haag (CompuCom Systems, Inc.), Chris Kaiser (NIU), Steve Tallon (W W Grainger), De’Andre Hardy (Self-employed), Kyle Schauer (Sears Holdings), Roland Wright (Aon Hewitt), Andrew Johnson (Sears Holdings), Robert Hogan (Sears Holdings).

Second row, from left:
Gene Meliksetyan (AstraZeneca), Joann Thede (Morgan Stanley & Co.), Lauren Diehl (Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce), Caitlin Barrow (Sears Holdings), Lisa Happ (Village of Schaumburg), Shannon Kroner (Edward Don & Company), Johanna Smith (CPR Cell Phone Repair), Claudine Kourkoumelis (Sears Holdings), Rakhee Bhakta (Words of Wisdom), Reginald Tiglao (Discover Financial Services).

Third row, from left:
Andrew Fliss (CVS Caremark), Erin Sturm (Thermo Fisher Scientific), Esther Nwabuego (Fromm International), Hilary Villa (Aon Hewitt), Hari Narayanan (Underwriter Laboratories), Lisa Rubendall (Ipsen Inc.), Kelli Svymbersky (American Express), Mike Wesa (MKD Electric).
PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Classroom Activities
Instructors employ various teaching methods, including lecture and discussion, case analyses, individual and group projects, presentations, guest speakers, and business related projects. These methods have proved to be both stimulating and challenging classroom experiences for executive learning.

Lock Step
All individuals begin the program together, sharing the same educational experience and taking the same courses in the same sequence throughout the year. This lock-step approach allows students to develop effective teams with other class members that will often grow into long-term friendships.

Study Groups
The program relies on study groups to enhance the individual capability of each student. Study groups are formed by the program administrators, who seek to blend professional and academic skills and geographic proximity to maximize the talent of the study group. 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 or her performance, discussing the concern with fellow study group members often provides a more objective perspective that facilitates accomplishment of the task. The study groups help individuals to learn more than if they only studied alone. They also ease the stress of returning to school after years in the workforce and promote a strong sense of cohesiveness among the students. Study groups stay together throughout the entire program, which allows lasting friendships to develop.

“As a College of Business alum, I was confident the professors selected for our One-Year MBA classes would meet my expectations. In fact, throughout the program, I found the professors engaging, respectful and knowledgeable within their particular field of expertise.

Without hesitation, I can recommend the NIU One-Year MBA Program. The program is challenging and requires a full commitment of its participants; the journey and the rewards are well worth it. As a result of my time spent at NIU, I am now prepared and well positioned for a successful career in business.”

Andrew Johnson
Sears Holdings
Class of 2013
Because of the rigorous and intense nature of the program, the One-Year MBA staff offers a broad range of services to minimize distraction and to ensure academic success. Student services include registration for classes, delivery of all books and academic materials (which are included in the fees). On class days students are given a refreshment break, with beverages and snacks provided. We understand that family, work, and school create a busy schedule, which is why the program staff handles most all of the administrative necessities. We don’t make school easy—but we do make going to school easy.

Electronic mail services are widely used in the program. Participants are required to have regular access to a PC, printer, and modem. A laptop or notebook computer is strongly recommended. Microsoft Word and Excel are the software packages most commonly used.

**Administrative Support**

While the experience was fast paced and rigorous, it was achievable. I highly recommend the NIU MBA. It was an enriching experience that has empowered me to think differently and I now have an outstanding set of new business tools and new friends.”

Kelli Svymbersky
American Express
Class of 2013

**Typical Week in the One-Year MBA Program**

NIU Hoffman Estates

**Monday Evening**
- 6:15 – 8 p.m. Class
- 8 – 8:15 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 8:15 – 10 p.m. Class (continuation of class)

**Thursday Evening**
- 6:15 – 8 p.m. Class (different course topic from Monday)
- 8 – 8:15 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 8:15 – 10 p.m. Class (continuation of class)

Each group is expected to meet at least once outside of the regularly scheduled classes. The time and place of this meeting is determined by members of each study group.

**Students are regular graduate students.**

Participants in the One-Year MBA program are admitted to the Graduate School and accordingly are considered regular graduate students and subject to the general policies of the Graduate School regarding grading standards and graduation. All students are required to maintain at least a 3.00 (B) grade point average.
Team-Building Program

The One-Year MBA program conducts a one-day team-building program at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. In this experiential program, students engage in exercises that strengthen team-building skills, including trust, group support, leadership values, and communication. The major objectives are to provide the individual study groups with the opportunity to identify and utilize the strengths and assets of each group member. Also, the program provides each student with an experience that has the potential to increase motivation, promote individual risk-taking, and enhance group problem solving.

Capstone Project

The One-Year MBA Capstone Project is a live case competition that uses a real company, a real business situation, and real people. Unlike other case studies that give students a hypothetical situation to evaluate; the NIU Capstone Project involves real-life applications.

Students are challenged to develop a business plan that will grow the company significantly over a specified timeframe. They must present and defend their plan to the company’s management team as well as to business professionals and entrepreneurs.

The students benefit greatly from the Capstone Project. Given a real-time business issue, students must apply a wide range of the knowledge and skills that they have developed in their MBA Program. Students have to make a good decision and defend it. The project teaches students to think strategically, to communicate their idea, and to work with a team – skills that are important for the student to excel in school and in the workplace!

“The NIU One-Year MBA was an ideal fit for my schedule. I could successfully continue fulfilling my professional and personal ambitions while advancing my education. Plus, the exceptional value proposition supplied by the program set it apart from the other Chicago business schools and, in hindsight, made this an excellent investment decision.

The NIU MBA experience was both challenging and rewarding. The curriculum was rigorous; it provided the framework for evaluating business problems and opportunities through the lens of theory and practice. Because the program attracts people from diverse industries the team-based approach that is at the heart of the learning experience broadened my perspective and enhanced my capacity to collaborate with people with different points of view. The international study trip afforded me with a unique opportunity to travel abroad and engage with business leaders in Spain and France. Imagine learning at Alcatel-Lucent headquarters in Paris about the complex interconnected issues of global business and on the same day touring the Eiffel tower!

The NIU One-Year MBA experience will broaden your business horizons, expand your networking opportunities around the globe, and you will learn to perform at the highest levels of management effectiveness.”

ALEX MBUTHIA
Bank of America
Class of 2012
**Why Choose the One-Year MBA**

**Program Costs**
The fee for the One-Year MBA program includes all textbooks and instructional materials, a one-day team building workshop and the international trip.

**Payment Schedule**
**NIU Hoffman Estates**

- Non-Refundable Deposit  $2,500
  Due upon acceptance into program
- First Payment  $9,500
  Due January 31, 2015
- Second Payment  $9,000
  Due July 31, 2015
- Third Payment  $9,000
  Due September 30, 2015

**Checklist**
- √ Request Program Information
- √ Attend an Information Session (optional but recommended)
- √ Submit Application
- √ Schedule GMAT (if required)
- √ Submit Supporting Application Documents
- √ Admissions Interview

A format designed for today’s manager
- Earn your MBA in 12 months of course work.
- Work in teams for collaborative learning.
- Enhance personal skills in communications, leadership, and teaming.

A curriculum planned for business professionals
- Group projects provide a forum for learning from other experienced professionals.
- An international trip provides a global perspective.
- A final business consulting project requires the students to integrate the functional areas of business.

The payback to your employer
- Quick return provides immediate on-the-job benefits.
- You learn from other experienced managers and professionals in the program.
- Quality of company’s educational investment assured through reputation of NIU and strict national accreditation of programs offered by the College of Business by AACSB International.

State-of-the-art facilities
- An executive education conference center with high-tech seminar rooms.
- Convenient location, along I-90 Golden Corridor.

*In March students participate in an international trip.*
The academically challenging curriculum, a common core of all AACSB-accredited MBA programs, includes managerial accounting, financial and operations analysis, organizational behavior, management of information systems technology, strategic policy, and marketing management. Beyond the core curriculum, students complete three elective courses specifically selected for working professionals—negotiation and conflict management course, a global integration course with an international experience, and a capstone experience that incorporates a real-world consulting project.

Because the One-Year MBA program’s curriculum is continuously reviewed to reflect the ever-changing needs of the business environment, the College of Business reserves the right to alter the curriculum at any time, through appropriate procedures, for the purpose of providing the best educational experience.

Marketing Management. [MKTG 654, (3)]. In-depth analysis of the marketing plan of an organization. Requires several case analyses and group presentations.

Operations Analysis. [OMIS 627, (3)]. Analysis of the concepts, problems and approaches to the solution of significant operations problems. Case analysis and quantitative solutions within a global competitive environment are presented.

Management of Information Systems Technology. [OMIS 640, (3)]. Emphasis on systems technology and marketing applications of information systems and strategic decision-making as an organizational resource.

Managerial Accounting Concepts. [ACCY 630, (3)]. The course focuses on the firm’s internal accounting reports and controls with an emphasis on budgeting and controlling operations.

Managing Behavior in Organizations. [MGMT 635, (3)]. The course examines motivation, teamwork, conflict, leadership, and other behavioral concepts that influence individual, group, and organizational effectiveness.

Financial Analysis. [FINA 607, (3)]. A case-oriented course that builds upon the principles of finance. Requires several class presentations and written case analyses.

Strategic Management and Policy. [MGMT 672, (3)]. Capstone course focusing on issues of overall organizational goals, policies, and ethics.

Negotiation and Conflict Management. [MGMT 619, (3)]. Examination and application of negotiation techniques and strategies relevant to managerial positions with specific applications to resolving professional conflicts.

“[I] found the One-Year MBA Program to be engaging and enriching. I have joked often with my co-workers that the Program “set my mind on fire”. Many of our classes provided me with knowledge and ideas that were immediately applicable to my career. The experience has altered the perception of me to my coworkers as well as to myself. I would highly recommend this program to anyone with the desire to move forward to the next step.”

Carrie Culler
Dura-Bar
Class of 2012
A rigorous curriculum is only as good as the faculty who teach in the program; faculty members in the One-Year MBA program are selected from our excellent College of Business faculty for their teaching ability, consulting experience, and commitment to educating professionals. Their knowledge of business management principles and current business practices combine to create a stimulating and challenging classroom experience. The size of the class allows students to interact and build significant relationships with faculty, thus allowing a mutual exchange of ideas and solutions that students may readily apply to their workplace.

The faculty includes, but is not limited to:

**Tim Aurand**, Ed.D., Northern Illinois University, associate 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.

**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 several Golden Apple Awards*; teaches organizational behavior.

**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.

**James M. Johnson**, Ph.D., Ohio State University; consultant to business and industry specializing in corporate finance, financial analysis, planning, and equipment lease financing; conducts workshops for the American Association of Equipment Lessors and numerous private firms and business associations; author of books and numerous articles on finance; winner of several Golden Apple Awards*; teaches financial analysis and co-teaches capstone consulting project.

**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.

**Tim West**, C.P.A., Ph.D., University of Tennessee; associate professor of accountancy; research focus on cost prediction and performance measurement in health care and manufacturing; works with U.S. Army Medical Command to assess the operations efficiency of Army medicine; won numerous teaching awards; work featured in the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Business Week*; teaches managerial accounting.

**John Wonak**, C.P.A., MBA, Northern Illinois University; CEO and Founder of Sea Level Advisory Group, LLC, a diversified consulting firm; co-founder and COO of the national telecommunications firm, OPEX Communications; serves as mentor to student entrepreneurs; co-teaches consulting project.

*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.

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“If I can sum up the program in one word it would be–intense. The fact that the program is only one year makes it challenging at times. However, I still believe that getting my MBA from NIU was one of the best decisions that I have made. The faculty is top notch and very supportive. They really are there to help students succeed. I would highly recommend the program to anyone who is looking to receive a great education in a one year period.”

**Nola Mucllari**

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Class of 2012
## Class of 2015 Program Calendar

Prior to the first class session, students are required to attend an orientation meeting, and a day-long team building program. Dates for these events are given in the Class Schedule Summary.

### 2015 Class Schedule Summary

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Graduation, December 12, 2015

Dates in red indicate class meetings.

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**Bob Hogan**

**Sears Holdings**

**Class of 2013**

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Sponsoring Firms and Graduates 2005-2013

Abbott Laboratories  
Ravi Rajagopalan, 2005  
Accountant, CPA  
Trisha Tuntland, 2005  
Ace Metal Craft Co.  
Gary Rihani, 2008  
ADP Benefit Services  
Dan Dahl, 2007  
Advance Transformer Co.  
Robert Cicone, 2005  
Agility Logistics  
Vishal Parekh, 2011  
AFT Worldwide Logistics  
Joe Van Der Bosch, 2009  
Alliant Credit Union  
Kris Meyer, 2008  
Allstate Insurance Company  
Sree Setahi, 2009  
Allstate Investments  
Heather McKittrick, 2005  
American Director/Fidelity  
Cory Marlow, 2007  
American Express  
Kelli Svymbersky, 2013  
American Pharmaceutical Partners  
Dorothy Odukale, 2007  
AmeriMark Bank  
Michael Vassar, 2005  
Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C.  
Janice Burdette, 2011  
Aon Hewitt  
Hilary Villa, 2013  
Roland Wright, 2013  
Applied Systems, Inc.  
Joe Izral, 2012  
Aramark Uniform Services  
Chris Dueringer, 2006  
Arvin Meritor OE  
Jean Ruthe, 2006  
Associated Material Handling  
Shari Sellers, 2009  
Association Forum of Chicagoland  
Dean Comber, 2009  
AstraZeneca  
Gene Meliksetyan, 2013  
ATMI Precast  
Rhonda McCormick, 2012  
AT&T  
Jarrod Folsom, 2006  
AWTP, LLC  
Jon Leegard, 2007  
Bank of America  
Teresa Guiterrez, 2009  
Alex Mubahia, 2012  
Baxter Healthcare  
Dominique Winnieke, 2005  
Esperanza Pena, 2006  
Matt Westbrook, 2007  
Dan Nowak, 2011  
Bergstrom Inc.  
Keith Franke, 2006  
Berlin Packaging  
Brian Butler, 2010  
Bishop Technologies  
Brad Engledahl, 2009  
Blackhawk Bank  
Drazen Savic, 2008  
Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Chris Newsom, 2006  
Business Benefits, Inc.  
Patrick Wiesner, 2012  
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Loren Brockhouse, 2010  
Buay Corporation  
David Malecek, 2011  
Calamos Investments  
Emily Weeks, 2008  
Ben Ernst, 2011  
Cardinal Health  
Angella Suthiwani, 2006  
Care Communications, Inc.  
Hal Walsh, 2009  
CareFusion  
Nichole Doleck, 2012  
Career Education Corporation  
Greg Kirk, 2008  
Jason Shamoon, 2009  
Castle Bank  
Landon Faire, 2006  
Manuel Melior, 2007  
Caterpillar  
Eric Jakubiak, 2010  
CenterPoint Properties  
Apryl Lagasca, 2005  
Bridget Karnick, 2008  
Century Home  
April Maye-Brosett, 2009  
Child Link, Inc.  
Pam Sansone, 2012  
Citigroup Diners Club  
Anthony Silvia, 2005  
City of Crystal Lake  
Rachel Simmons, 2005  
Chicago Prime  
Ermal Shehu, 2005  
CompaCom Systems, Inc.  
Eric Haag, 2013  
Conference Plus, Inc.  
Tim Diehl, 2011  
Consilient  
Jim Cleave, 2007  
Tricia Risty, 2007  
Mark Schierer, 2008  
Mike DeArmond, 2009  
Steve Galloway, 2009  
Anthony Lucin, 2009  
De’Andre Hardy, 2013  
Country Financial  
Jared Dean, 2009  
Coventry Health Care  
Richard Chung, 2007  
CPR Cell Phone Repair  
Johanna Smith, 2013  
CSI Technologies  
Kelly O’Brien, 2011  
CTU Online – CEC  
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CVS Caremark  
Andrew Fliss, 2013  
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Josh Leffler, 2007  
Discover Financial Services  
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Reginald Tiglao, 2013  
Dura-Ber/Wells Manufacturing  
Carrie Culler, 2012  
Eaton Corp.  
Sasti Sathiyayani, 2007  
Edward Don & Company  
Shannon Kroner, 2013  
Elgin Sweeper Company  
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Fromm International  
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GE Capital America  
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Greenlee Textron, Inc.  
Steve Wolff, 2005  
Hamilton Partners  
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Hamilton Sundstrand  
Brad Helstrom, 2006  
Tom Wilcox, 2007  
Harbour International  
Jamie Scott, 2012  
Harper College  
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HAVI Global Solutions  
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  Jeff Boswell, 2007
Megadyne Medical Products
  Thomas Wilson, Jr., 2006
Merck & Co., Inc.
  Jeremy Moeller, 2005
MetLife, Inc.
  Kristina Tableman, 2006
Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
  Mike Albion, 2006
Midwest Heart Specialists
  Tim Fields, 2005
MKD Electric
  Mike Wesa, 2013
Morgan Stanley & Co.
  Joann Thede, 2013
Motorola
  Karl Meyle, 2005
  Chris Trice, 2007
Multilane, Inc.
  Lisa Solamen, 2011
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
  Lauren Diehl, 2013
National Distribution Corporation-NTG, Inc.
  Matthew VanHoeven, 2010
Navistar, Inc.
  Air Bastarica, 2010
New Directions Search
  Jim Owens, 2006
Nissan Forklift
  Kimberly Grice, 2006
Northern Illinois Benefit Funds
  Matt Moran, 2007
Northern Illinois University
  Phoebe Hodges-Carter, 2007
Mike Orson, 2012
Chris Kaiser, 2013
Northrop Grumman
  Brandon Fiorella, 2007
Northwest Side Housing Center
  Grazia Cortes, 2011
OfficeMax
  Sherry Reynolds-Whitaker, 2009
One Hope United
  Jason Leber, 2012
Orbitz
  Michael Banko, 2005
PACCAR Parts
  Ryan Middlesworth, 2010
Panasonic
  Jerry Jednoroz, 2010
Patten Caterpillar
  James Kelly, 2005
PennierCove Management Co.
  John WOnak, 2008
Pepisco
  Charles Prabakar, 2006
Phoenix International Freight Services, Ltd.
  Doug Berry, 2010
Portola Packaging, Inc.
  Beth Cozza, 2007
Quatro FPO Solutions
  Jonathan Klausa, 2012
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
  Matt Boebel, 2009
Reilon
  Lisa Keller, 2010
Rockford Health System
  Cynthia Hoffman, 2005
Rock Valley College
  Cynthia Haggard, 2008
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
  Erum Yunus, 2010
Sara Lee
  Chris Simmons, 2008
Sciele Pharma, Inc.
  Sylvia Suszek, 2010
Sears Holdings
  Jeff Bergren, 2010
  Sukanya Ganesan, 2010
  Freeman Stransa, 2010
  Shawn Gill, 2012
  Caitlin Barrow, 2013
  Andrew Johnson, 2013
  Claudine Kourkoumelis, 2013
  Kyle Schauer, 2013
Siemens Medical Solutions
  Aneta Zbareza, 2005
  Chidi Asiegbu, 2013
  Peter Neuleib, 2009
Solo Cup Company
  Nichole Montgomery, 2009
State Farm Insurance
  Arthur Cotman, 2005
Strategic Realty Advisors
  Bob Krueger, 2006
SunGard Investment Systems
  Mikhail Davidyani, 2009
  Kevin O’Neill, 2011
Supervalu/Jewel-Osco
  Kevin O’Neill, 2011
  Mikhail Davidyan, 2009
SunGard Investment Systems
  Bob Krueger, 2006
  Jennifer Liszcz, 2011
  Mark Garberding, 2005
  Aneta Zbaraza, 2005
Siemens Medical Solutions
  Kyle Schauer, 2013
  Jennifer Meyer, 2013
  Jennifer Meier, 2006
  Susan Ross, 2006
  Erteza Abdullah, 2007
  Brodie Bertrand, 2007
  Scott Burkoth, 2008
  Aaron Peters, 2009
  Michele Thompson, 2011
Weber-Stephen Products Co.
  Mark Klinn, 2009
  Wheels, Inc.
  Mike Dailly, 2012
  Wilton Brands, Inc.
  Zoe Blackwell, 2013
  Sue Blackwell, 2011
  Wilton Industries
  Debbie Dodero, 2008
  Words of Wisdom
  Rakjee Bhakta, 2013
  W.W. Grainger
  Rakjee Bhakta, 2013
  Steve Tallon, 2013
  Wyeth
  Charlie Shiner, 2009
  Xerox Capital Services
  Mark Froliger, 2005
Zyistra Harley-Davidson
  Rebecca Lambe, 2005
Admission Requirements

The One-Year MBA is designed for working professionals who have acquired a management understanding through an undergraduate business degree or equivalent of related courses. The following courses or equivalents must be completed (grade of C or better at the undergraduate level, grade of B or better at the graduate level) prior to enrolling in the One-Year MBA program:

- 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 (Macro and Micro)

For candidates with a non-business undergraduate degree and those with a business degree who have not successfully completed all of the listed courses above, these prerequisites must be satisfied prior to starting the One-Year MBA.

In addition to reviewing transcripts during the admission process, the MBA office will evaluate transcripts prior to submission of the application, checking for the prerequisite courses or their equivalents. Documents may be faxed to 815-753-1668, or sent electronically to mba@niu.edu.

Admissions Deadline

Applicants for admission into the NIU One-Year MBA program must submit the graduate application form and supporting documents by **December 10, 2014**. However, applicants are encouraged to submit the application form and application fee of $40 as soon as possible. Applications received after the stated date will be considered on a space available basis.

The program follows 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 minimum of three to five years’ successful business experience is required. A baccalaureate degree with a grade point average of at least 2.75 (on a 4.00 scale) and a score of 450 or higher on the GMAT are expected.

Application Requirements and Forms

1. **Graduate Application and Fee:** Application to the Graduate School is made via the online application process. Application over our secure server requires a credit card to pay the $40 application fee. You will be prompted for the email addresses of your references. You will also be able to provide your goal statement electronically after completing the application.

2. **Supplemental Form:** Students should complete and mail the supplemental information form as early as possible. This form should be mailed directly to the MBA Office.

3. **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation are required. Letters of recommendation should be completed by a professional associate who has known the candidate at least one year.

4. **Official Transcript:** An official college transcript from the college or university from which the student graduated is required.

5. **Sponsorship Form:** This form may be signed by your supervisor, manager, an HR representative, or company official.

6. **Official GMAT Score:** The GMAT® exam is administered year-round and on demand at test centers located in the Chicago area. To schedule your test appointment by phone: Toll-free within the U.S. & Canada only: 1-800-717-GMAT (4628), 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Telephone: 1-952-681-3680, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time.

Additional information regarding the GMAT is available at www.mba.com/mba

7. **Interview:** After an application is submitted, the candidate will be notified and a personal interview will be scheduled.

Supporting Documents should be mailed to:

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College of Business
MBA Programs
1425 W. Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-9913
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Turn south (left) onto Trillium Boulevard
NIU Hoffman Estates is on the left, across from the Sears Merchandising Group Headquarters.

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The One-Year MBA was the most challenging, rewarding and amazing experience of my life. I was challenged to stretch my thinking, remain disciplined, adapt to and learn from my teammates, and apply what I was learning in real-time. I was rewarded with an incredible amount of knowledge that was immediately applicable to my career, memories from an international trip that is once-in-a-lifetime, and friendships with my team and classmates that I will have for the rest of my life.

The cohort approach made me nervous at first, to be quite candid; an entire year with the same team and the same classmates? I thought for certain that I would grow so tired of the same group of people by summer, but I found quite the opposite to be true. Those people became like family. They were experiencing the same trials and rewards as me, so we came to understand and respect each other like very few situations can bring about. The faculty in the One-Year MBA is phenomenal. They are not only your teachers and support system, but they, too, become like your friends and family. They want you to succeed like no other teacher or professor you’ve ever had. Their commitment to your success is incredible.

Looking back on my experience in the One-Year MBA program, it almost seems too good to be true that I earned a master’s degree from a fantastic institution of which I’m now a proud alumna, went on an unbelievable international trip, and built such a wonderful network of new friends and mentors. It is a truly unique program and a wholly rewarding experience.”

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