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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ask your questions in person at an upcoming UA Executive MBA event. Also, check out our blog at – **UAEMBA.COM**

For more information or to schedule a personal interview, contact Cheryl Altemara, Assistant Director, at 205.348.4501, caltemara@cba.ua.edu or go to <http://www.emba.ua.edu>.

WHAT IS AN EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM?

An Executive MBA Program is designed for mid- to senior-level professionals who are looking to broaden their knowledge base. The program is lock-step, in that students begin and attend all classes together. Taught in a boardroom-style approach, participation facilitates rich discussion. The University of Alabama offers the Executive MBA Program in two locations: Tuscaloosa and Huntsville.

| | Executive MBA Huntsville (HEMBA)* | Executive MBA Tuscaloosa (TEMBA) |
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| Program Begins | August 2014 | December 2014 |
| Orientation | August 5, 2014 | November 20, 2014 |
| Classes Start | August 6-9, 2014 | December 3-6, 2014 |
| Graduation Date | May 2016 | May 2016 |
| Classes Meet | Friday evening and Saturday, one weekend a month for 21 months. | Friday evenings and Saturday, every other week. Also one immersion week in each of the first three semesters |
| Program Length | 21 months, 5 semesters | 17 months, 4 semesters |
| Locations | University of Alabama-Huntsville (Huntsville, AL) Business Administration Building | Bryant Conference Center (Tuscaloosa, AL) |
| Max Class Size | 25 | 35 |
| Application deadlines | July 7, 2014 | November 3, 2014 |
| Professional work experience required | Minimum 5 years work experience (with some exceptions) | |
| Residencies | Orientation prior to beginning of program 8-9 day international study abroad tour in the final semester | |
| Cost | \$52,250 (\$1,800 NON-REFUNDABLE Reservation Payment Due Upon Acceptance and applied to first semester payment.) | |
| Cost includes | Tuition, fees, faculty, required books and materials, eLearning Portal access, refreshment breaks & lunch, orientation & international immersion session (international trip airfare and some meals are not included) | |

Lodging: The University of Alabama Executive MBA Program arranges a block of rooms for students in Tuscaloosa and Huntsville. Students requesting lodging will be responsible for payment directly to the hotel. Lodging is being offered at the following hotels:

Tuscaloosa: Hotel Capstone, located adjacent to the Bryant Conference Center

Huntsville: Hilton Garden Inn Huntsville near the US Space and Rocket Center

TENTATIVE START DATES & SCHEDULE - The Huntsville EMBA (HEMBA) Program is a University of Alabama degree offered in cooperation with The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

WHO ARE YOUR STUDENTS?

The program is designed for professionals with a record of achievement and demonstrated leadership ability. The program draws students with a range of cultural, personal and professional backgrounds. Student backgrounds include financial, health care, law, technology, manufacturing, defense, sales, marketing, and engineering. The average work experience is 15 years.

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

The Tuscaloosa-EMBA Program classes are held at the Bryant Conference Center at The University of Alabama. The Huntsville-EMBA Program classes are held at the College of Business Administration Building at UAHuntsville. All EMBA students have easy access to a wide array of student services including career services, library resources, technical support plus many other cultural and academic resources of the university.

WHAT DEGREE DOES THE STUDENT EARN?

The University of Alabama awards the same M.B.A. degree as the traditional fulltime program, with very similar rigorous curriculum, and taught by the same world-class faculty. The degree is a UA M.B.A. degree.

HOW IS THE EMBA DEGREE DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR MBA?

It is a general management degree designed for executives only. This lock-step program is taught in an accelerated pace. The fulltime M.B.A. degree offered by The University of Alabama is a two-year program that allows each student to specialize in one topic. The fulltime M.B.A. program does not include an international study trip at this time.

HOW DO I VISIT A CLASS?

Open Classroom Weekends are held various times throughout the year in Tuscaloosa, at the Bryant Conference Center or in Huntsville, at the Business Administration building at UAHuntsville. For Open Classroom dates, please ask for an EMBA Events Calendar at caltemara@cba.ua.edu.

IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE? DO YOU OFFER ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?

Financial aid is available through federal and private educational loans. For more information on financial aid, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 205/348-6756 or <http://financialaid.ua.edu>. For assistance with military service benefits, call 205.348.0983. The EMBA office offers some scholarships. For the Mitchell Scholarship, you must score either a 600 on the GMAT or 309 on the GRE and show financial need. For more information on the Mitchell or other scholarships, contact the EMBA office, 205.348.4501.

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION SESSION?

This session integrates many of the concepts participants have studied across a wide range of disciplines; providing a comprehensive understanding of economic, political and cultural issues in a particular country. Each course consists of a weeklong trip abroad. The seminar includes company visits and meetings with local business leaders and government officials. Destination for EMBA Class of 2014 will be Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru.

DO YOU ACCEPT TRANSFER CREDITS?

Manderson EMBA Program generally does not accept transfer credits.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Your application items for the EMBA Program can be submitted primarily online and electronically. To apply, please visit <http://www.emba.ua.edu>, or contact Cheryl Altemara, Assistant Director, at 205.348.4501 or caltemara@cba.ua.edu.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE THE GMAT OR GRE BEFORE I APPLY?

Most applicants must take either the GMAT or GRE exam by the application deadline date. If you take the GMAT/GRE more than once, we will consider the highest score, as long as that score falls within current test date requirements. We require a minimum score of 500 on the GMAT or 300 on the GRE.

ARE WAIVERS AVAILABLE FOR THE GMAT OR GRE?

The Manderson Graduate School of Business grants waivers for the GMAT or GRE for applicants who meet specific criteria. Applicants meeting the criteria are not guaranteed a waiver, but rather qualify for consideration for waiver. To be considered, candidates must have substantial management responsibility and an undergraduate or a graduate degree, with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Contact our office for more information, caltemara@cba.ua.edu or 205.348.4501.