UVU’s MBA PROGRAM
A Part-Time Masters Degree Built for the Busy Student

UVU’s part-time MBA encourages students to learn through real-world experiences.

Since advancing to a university, UVU has begun to establish masters programs to help support the goals of its students. A Masters of Business degree is a great option for students who are working full time and have demanding schedules. The degree allows students the opportunity to participate in a part-time, non-traditional program where learning is discovered through a combination of in class experiences, projects and interaction with those currently in the field.

An MBA at UVU is a total of 36 credit hours with classes running year round. Six credit hours are taken each semester and classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from six to nine o’clock. Upon graduation students will have experience in all aspects of business from economics and marketing to ethical values and management.

The next application deadline for Fall of 2013 is on Monday, April 1st. Interested students should begin the application process as soon as possible. Applications are completed online at www.uvu.edu/admissions ($45 fee). Prospective students will also need to submit their transcripts, a resume, letters of recommendation and complete two essay questions. GMAT scores are required in most instances, but GRE and TOFEL scores can be submitted under certain situations. To apply or get more information visit www.uvu.edu/mba or call 801.863.5504. Steve Hamberger can be contacted for information regarding financial aid at hamberst@uvu.edu.

Information taken from www.uvu.edu/mba/.
Taking a Break?
Learn the Benefits of Filing a Leave of Absence or Deferred Enrollment

Throughout your student’s college career, a break may need to be taken for a variety of different reasons. Students can become involved in military service, have medical needs arise, decide to participate in humanitarian or church service, and the list goes on. Whatever the circumstance, filling out a Leave of Absence or Deferred Enrollment can carry a number of benefits.

Leave of Absence
Leave of Absence is for students who have been attending UVU, but need to take time away from their studies. Students can receive help in holding scholarships and get assistance with assessing financial aid, veteran’s benefits, or the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE). Students will also be encouraged to meet with an advisor who can help them understand what classes will be required of them when they return.

Depending on a student’s situation, it may be helpful to have another individual register them for classes when they are ready to return to school. In order for a parent to register their student, a Student Information Release Authorization form needs to be signed by the student. Registration dates can be found at www.uvu.edu/schedule.

Deferred Enrollment
Students who have been admitted to UVU, but decide to wait until a later date to attend, can receive the same assistance and benefits by filling out a Deferred Enrollment form. Students in this situation will also receive the benefit of having priority registration upon their return.

The Leave of Absence and Deferred Enrollment processes are quick to complete and provide students with security about their return. To get more information on how to get started, students will want to visit www.uvu.edu/registration/leaveofabsence/ or call 801.863.8404.

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Noelle Pikus-Pace was a graduate of UVU, was inducted into the UVU Hall of Fame on January 28th. Noelle ran track and field for UVU and graduated in 2005 with a degree in Community Health. She became the first women to win the overall World Cup in the skeleton in 2005 and took fourth place in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Reflecting on the experience Noelle said, “I truly believe that I would not have been able to compete in the Olympics if it weren’t for UVU. The professors and coaches at UVU were amazing. They worked with my schedule and understood my goals and dreams. I wanted to do it all and the only way that could work is if all the pieces could come together. UVU brought the puzzle together.”

We are excited to have Noelle Pikus-Pace as the newest member of our Hall of Fame and appreciate the example she has set for UVU students.

New Wee Care Center
Child Care Offered to UVU Students

The new Wee Care Center is currently under construction and will be completed in time for fall semester. With donations and support from a variety of sources, the new center will have a total of 8,500 more square feet than previously available. The advancement will help support the large population of parents needing quality child care while attending school.

The Wee Care Center is licensed through the state and dedicated to providing early education along with child care. Tuition is based on a sliding scale with priority registration going towards single parents and low income families. The Wee Care Center is partially funded through a federal grant which requires parents to give back eight hours of in-kind service each semester.

For more information visit www.uvu.edu/weecare or call 801.863.7266.

Major: Undecided
Helping Your Student Decide on a Major

Committing to a major is often a difficult step for students. While it is normal to experience hesitancy, a decision ultimately needs to be made. Darin Adams, of KSL News, has some good advice for parents who find their students in this situation.

“I remember heading off to college and stewing and fretting over the big decision: “What was I going to be when I grew up?” I worried about tests. I worried about scores. I worried about classes. But a strange thing happened to me early on. I discovered what I really loved. It happened when some friends invited me to help out with a local TV newscast and within a couple minutes, I had discovered that I absolutely loved everything associated with TV news. I had found my passion.

The other day, I was chatting with my 18-year old son as he was getting ready to head off to college. It was then that I told him not to follow what he thought he had to follow. Don’t pick a major and follow it to some pre-determined outcome. Instead, follow your heart. Follow what you really love to do.

Guess what? College isn’t just about picking a career. It’s not about getting a diploma. It’s not about getting credit hours and filling requirements and switching your tassel from one side to the other. It’s about finding what you truly love. It’s about discovering what you are passionate about and how you can use that passion to make the world a better place.

Following your passion will not just make you happy. It will make you powerful. It will make you successful. It will make you influential.”

Make a difficult process a positive one by helping your student understand their potential in fields that surround their interests and talents. For the full article visit www.uvucareerpassport.blogspot.com/
Uncovering the Secrets of Beit Lehi
UVU Students help to uncover hidden ruins near Jerusalem

Students at UVU are encouraged to become involved in every aspect of their education, with the end goal of graduating with a diploma and a resume. We want our students to have both the education and experience needed to be confident in entering the workforce. Students and faculty in the Engineering Graphics and Design Technology program and the Graphic Design program have taken advantage of the opportunity to engage in their education by participating in the Beit Lehi archeological dig project.

Beit Lehi contains ancient caves and caverns that were discovered on a military base approximately 22 miles south of Jerusalem. UVU first became involved in the project when Alan Rudd, an attorney from Salt Lake City, had visited the site and came back to the U.S. looking for a strong team to help with the project. Prior to UVU’s involvement, the process had been slow and tedious due to lack of equipment and skills.

Students have helped with surveying the land by taking satellite and surface coordinates. The coordinates are used by archeologists to determine where additional caverns may be located and uncovered. With the technology, education and skills the students are bringing, they are able to drastically increase the speed of the project. Professor Darin Taylor described Beit Lehi as a project which allows students to do much more than what is possible in the classroom and one that students are excited to add to their resumes.

The hope is to eventually create a visitors center on the site, which will be an encouraging factor to the area’s economic growth. Students and faculty from the Graphic Design program have been making trips to Beit Lehi, taking pictures and documenting the project. If a visitors center is developed, the students’ documentation will be a beneficial resource for the center.

By becoming involved in projects such as Beit Lehi, students are becoming more aware of where their education can take them and creating a positive path to help them accomplish their career and life goals. Along with the experience, students are able to network and connect with individuals around the world.

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