

MBA

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Dear Potential Candidate,

Thanks for your interest in the Southern University JD-MBA dual degree program. As a follow up of our conversation this morning, I am pleased to give you the following brief information and the general admission requirements that candidates must meet to join the SU MBA Program.

Our 79 years old College of Business is **accredited by AACSB - International** and so is our MBA Program. It is one of the quality programs that compete with any other MBA programs in the state and the nation and the only HBCU MBA in the state of Louisiana. The SU MBA Program is specially designed for working professionals who aspire to become national as well as global business leaders. Thus it is a part-time MBA. The main goals of the program are (i) to prepare effective business leaders who can either (i) run their own business or (ii) work for major corporations and grow to medium and upper level managerial positions.

An MBA is the most recognized and prestigious professional degree in the world. An MBA from the Southern University Baton Rouge College of Business balances foundational business education with real-world application. You will learn from outstanding faculty members, case studies, practical business projects, simulation programs and our Global Leadership Speaker Forum executive guest speakers.

MBA Degree Requirements and Curriculum:

The Master of Business Administration degree program at Southern University, Baton Rouge College of Business is a full-time program designed to be completed in four to six terms. The curriculum consists of 36 credit hours of which 30 credits of required core coursework, and a minimum of 6 credits of elective courses for a focus area. JD-MBA candidates who do not have B.S degree in business are required to take foundation courses of at least 12 credit hours. A failed core course and electives must be repeated. Beside the MBA Capstone Course, one of the core courses, a comprehensive exam or thesis is not required to complete the MBA degree. Since our MBA program is designed for working professionals, classes are offered in the evening from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Monday through Thursday

MBA Focus Areas/Concentrations:

In addition to the MBA Program 10 Core Courses, at least one focus area must be selected. Seven Focus Areas are available in a wide variety of different disciplines. A Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program focus area is composed of a sequence of two courses in one discipline, giving you in-depth knowledge in that subject matter. All JD-MBA students are required to complete at least one area.

The SU MBA Focus Areas include:

1. Accounting
2. Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
3. Finance
4. International Business Management
5. Human Resources Management
6. Marketing
7. Supply Chain Management

Study Abroad Program:

To prepare our JD-MBA candidates to do business in today's global economy, the SU JD-MBA program provides a first-hand look at business practices around the world. The two-week study abroad program provide JD-MBA students opportunities to meet with executives, visit multinational organizations, and enjoy cultural and social events while earning academic credit.

Admission Requirements to the MBA Program:

1. **Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution** (Official Transcript showing academic Performance and cumulative GPA)
2. **Admission Test Scores - GMAT- minimum 400 or GRE 300.**
3. Candidates that hold a graduate degree (M.S., JD, Ph.D., MD, or D.D.S.) and those who have an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 and above or LSAT of 150 are exempted from GMAT/GRE.
4. **Resume** showing education, work and leadership experience.
5. **Statement of purpose** (one page).
6. **For international student TOEFEL Score** (if candidate is not from a TOEFEL exempt English speaking country).
7. A **four- page double-spaced typed *Career Objectives Essay*** (on your educational background; why you want to join the SU MBA Program and what you want to be/do after you complete the MBA program).
8. **Completed Degree-seeking Application Form.**
9. **Three Letters of Recommendation** (the recommendation template is available with the Application Form)
10. **\$25.00 money order** for application fee (a late fee of \$10.00 is charged if application is submitted after the deadline).

Financial Aid:

Students can be considered for student loans to cover tuition and some living expenses while pursuing the SU MBA program. To be considered for Federal Direct Loans or Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loans, a student must complete the FAFSA. Federal student loans are only available to U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents. International students are not eligible for federal student loans.

Graduate Assistantship:

Graduate assistantship is provided to international students based on availability of funds, cumulative grade point average (GPA) and GMA/GRE score.

Admission Process:

Once you arrange the application package, you will submit to the Southern University Graduate School either in person or by mail. The Application Form is available by logging to the Southern University Baton Rouge Website at www.subr.edu and links (**Academics, College of Business, Masters in Business Administration**). After the Graduate School completes its review of your application and evaluation of your transcripts, the documents will be forwarded to the MBA Office. After the MBA Office reviews your application, you will be notified via e-mail on the date and time of your admission interview. New students are admitted in the fall or spring semesters. The spring semester starts in January and the fall semester begins in August.

Application package must be submitted to the Southern University Graduate School with a copy to the Southern University MBA Program at the following addresses:

The Southern University Graduate School Office

**1055 Harris Hall
P.O. Box 9860
Baton Rouge, LA 70813
TEL: (225) 771-5390**

The Southern University MBA Office

**Room # 201 T.T. Allain Hall
P.O. Box 9723
Baton Rouge, LA 70813
TEL: (225) 771-6249**

Therefore, if you think you meet the above captioned admission requirements and plan to join the program in Fall 2017, you are advised to submit your application package to the Southern University Graduate School and the MBA Office at the earliest possible.

If you want to learn more about the MBA Program in general or, the admission requirements, the degree requirements and application process, call us at **225-771-6248, 225-771-6249 or visit the SU MBA Website at www.southernuniversity.mba**. We are also available by in-person appointment, or you can email us your questions at ashagre_yigletu@subr.edu or Jennifer_caldero@subr.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Again, appreciate your interest to join the Southern University JD-MBA Program, accredited by American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, and I wish you the best success in your academic endeavor.

Sincerely,

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