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Concurrent OEM/MBA Option

Background

Since the OEM program began in 1996, more than 10% of OEM students have chosen to continue on to complete an MBA degree at UF. Because of the strong business component in the OEM curriculum, OEM students are eligible to apply for a shortened 16 month MBA program, as compared to the 27 month options that are usually available to applicants who do not have an undergraduate degree in business. In 2003, because of the increasing popularity of the MBA among OEM students, administrators developed a concurrent degree option which allows OEM students to obtain an MBA degree with only 12 more months of courses.

Concurrent Degree Curriculum

Format		Course Title	Course Number	Instructor	Credits
Live Instruction (Classes Meet One Weekend per Month)	Term 1	Deterministic Methods in Operations Research	ESI 6314	Smith	4
	Fall	Organizational Behavior	MAN 5245	Tosi	3
	Term 2	Applied Probability Methods in Engineering	ESI 6321	Romeijn	3
	Spring	Financial & Managerial Accounting	ACG 5065	Asare	3
Distance Learning Format	Term 3	Models for Supply Chain Management	ESI 6323	Geunes	3
	Summer	Business Financial Management	FIN 5405	Tapley	3
	Term 4	Quality Management & Engineering	EIN 6227	Elzinga	3
	Fall	Marketing Management	MAR 5805	Sawyer	3
	Term 5	Managing Groups & Teams	MAN 5265	LePine	1
	Spring	Corporate Finance	FIN 6425	Nimalendran	3
		Professional Writing	GEB 5214	Barnes	2
	Term 6	The Legal Environment of Business	BUL 5810	Emerson	3
Summer	International Finance	FIN 6930	Naranjo	3	
	Professional Writing	GEB 5214	Barnes	1	
Term 7	Entrepreneurship & Venture Finance	GEB 5114	Heggestad	3	
Fall	Business to Business Marketing	MAR 6930	Sturdivant	3	
	Personal Financial Management	GEB 6928	Nye	1	
Term 8	Master's Project	EIN 6905	(varies)	4	
Spring	Advanced Marketing Management	MAR 6816	Lutz	3	
	Global Strategic Management	MAN 6637	Kraft	3	
Total Credits					55

Overview:

The OEM program is an excellent preparation for a management career in the technical realm, since it combines important technical skills with a solid preparation in business fundamentals. Many OEM graduates have seen the advantage of getting an MBA degree in addition to the degree awarded through the OEM program. Through a recently instituted program, students are able to probe deeper into the core business subjects and develop new business expertise by building on the OEM coursework to earn concurrently both the OEM and MBA degrees. The MBA curriculum provides advanced skills in finance, marketing and strategy, as well as business law, international business, ecommerce, and entrepreneurship. In the MBA portion of the concurrent program, following a year of OEM coursework, you will team with business professionals from a variety of backgrounds, including those with experience in accounting, finance, marketing and operations. This additional exposure and training provides an excellent foundation for those aspiring to senior management.

OEM applicants do not have to decide whether or not they will apply for the concurrent degree option until they are in their fourth semester of the OEM program. Upon acceptance and admission into the MBA program, concurrent degree students take the MBA courses via the Internet MBA Program for the next three semesters (12 months). This portion of the MBA curriculum requires one campus visit per semester to take exams and interact with fellow students and MBA faculty. Concurrent degree students are exempted from attending the one-week Foundations Review course that is normally required of MBA students during Orientation. In the final (eighth) semester, students complete the remaining MBA courses via the Internet, but also work with faculty advisors from ISE in order to fulfill the requirements for the OEM Master's Project course. At the end of the eighth semester, both degrees are conferred simultaneously.

Students who choose to finish the OEM program and wait for some period of time before enrolling in the MBA program are still eligible to apply for a shortened MBA option, but the duration (16 months) and number of courses required in that case would be greater than what is available by participation in the concurrent degree option.

More details about the structure of this innovative new program, as well as the curriculum and application requirements, are included below.

Application Requirements:

OEM students who wish to enroll in the concurrent degree program must apply and be admitted to the Internet MBA Program. The admission requirements are unique to that program. Before applying, the applicant must have successfully completed the first year of the OEM Program. The application components are:

1. MBA Application (the OEM application file will also be sent to the MBA admissions office)
2. Essays and Short Answer Questions
3. Employment History
4. Updated Résumé
5. \$30 Application Fee
6. At the discretion of the admissions officers of the MBA program, the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) requirement may be waived for OEM students who have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past 5 years. In these cases, the GRE score will be evaluated and compared to the mean GMAT average of the IIMBA program.

Comparison Chart:

Degree	Format	Fees	Credit Hours	Duration in Months	Comparison with Concurrent Degree Program
OEM Only	weekend	\$27,520*	32	20	concurrent program adds: \$25,520*, 23 credit hours, 12 months
MBA Only 27 Month Internet Program (Applicants to the 16 month Internet MBA program must have an undergraduate business degree or be participating in the OEM program)	Internet	\$39,000*	48	27	concurrent program adds: \$14,040*, 7 credit hours, 5 months
OEM + MBA Taken Sequentially (16 Month Internet MBA Program)	weekend, then Internet	\$61,520*	64	36	concurrent program saves: \$8,480*, 9 credit hours, 4 months
OEM + MBA Taken Concurrently	weekend, then Internet	\$53,040*	55	32	

*These fees reflect costs for the OEM Class of 2008. Actual costs for future programs may be higher. This amount includes books, materials, administrative costs, and all required software and computer hardware for the MBA program, including a laptop computer. Concurrent degree students should budget for an additional \$100 per course for textbooks in the first four semesters of the OEM curriculum.