University of Wisconsin Internet Business Consortium

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MBA Degree

A presentation to the UW System Board of Regents

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Consortium Members

- UW-Eau Claire
- UW-La Crosse
- UW-Oshkosh
- UW-Parkside
- UW-Extension (Learning Innovations)

Consortium members have a history of serving students with online courses
  - Foundation courses
  - Electives
  - Core courses

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Why a Consortium Degree?

- It leverages the academic resources of the UW System.
- It provides greater capacity than any single institution possesses.
- It leverages the University of Wisconsin System brand.
- Each school of business offers a MBA degree accredited by AACSB International.
- It leverages the technology and expertise of Learning Innovations.

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Program Characteristics

- A 30-credit degree.
- 16 required credits and 14 elective credits.
- Curriculum focuses on integration across functions.
- Extensive set of electives.
- Integration of diversity topics within the curriculum.

Required Modules
- **Module 1**: Strategies for Managing Ongoing Operations
- **Module 2**: Developing New Products and Services
- **Module 3**: Managing Strategically in a Global Environment
- **Module 4**: Focusing on the Future

Sample Electives
- Business and Ethics
- Employee Training and Development
- Enterprise Resource Planning Systems
- Managing Technology in Turbulent Times
- Marketing Agreements and Emerging Markets
- Organizational Leadership and Change
- Project Management

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Total Enrollments in Consortium Online Courses

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Assessment

- The program and modules have identified learning objectives which are assessed through direct and indirect measures.
- Students complete online surveys regarding content, medium, and instruction at least once during each course. Results are reviewed and acted on by the consortium’s Academic Standards & Assessment Committee.
- Students complete an online survey and participate in a telephone survey about the program upon completion of the final module.
Who Are Our Students: Their Employers

- 3M
- Best Buy
- Coca-Cola North America
- Del Monte Foods
- Deere and Co.
- FedEx Ground
- Gundersen Lutheran
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Kohl’s Department Stores
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Marshfield Clinic
- Mayo Health Systems
- Rockwell Automation
- Sentry Insurance
- Trane Company
- University of Wisconsin Hospitals & Clinics
- US Bank
- Wells Fargo

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Questions?
Students in Each Online MBA Cohort
Who Are Our Students: Demographics

- Online program meets needs of individuals who are time and place bound due to job, family, location, or physical handicaps.
- More than 50% of current students are from Wisconsin; growth opportunities exist within Wisconsin as well as nationally and internationally.

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60% of our students come from Wisconsin while 40% come from out-of-state.
Out-of-state students reside in 12 other states and three foreign countries.
Who Are Our Students: Gender

The online program is equally popular with men and women. The statistics at the right indicate that for the 2005-06 academic year, males outnumber females. However, in past years the number of women in the program has surpassed the number of men.
Who Are Our Students: Undergraduate Majors

50% of our students have an undergraduate degree in business while 50% have an undergraduate degree in a non-business area such as engineering, nursing, communications, psychology, and computer science.

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Who Are Our Faculty?

- 100% of our faculty have doctoral degrees.
- 73% of our faculty are male, 27% are female.
- About 20% of the faculty were born outside the United States.
- 100% of the faculty also teach in on-campus MBA programs.

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