Professional MBA
ILLINOIS

College of Business
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
The Professional MBA offers a well-organized course structure that prepares students for a successful career in management. Over the course of two-and-a-half years, students learn the core business competencies needed to contribute to the bottom-line success of their companies.

The strategic curriculum is set so that classmates will complete each class as a cohort over the two-and-a-half years. This fosters a strong support system, as group members will work together to balance the demands of their personal and professional lives as they form lifelong friendships.

With a consistent weekly class schedule, our students often remark that they adapt quickly to their new schedules, and that they enjoy the time they spend with their professors and classmates from week to week. The Professional MBA becomes an enriching part of our students’ lives that leads to a fulfilling career in business.

**A Partnership for Your Success**

**World-class Institution**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has earned an exceptional reputation in the United States and throughout the world due to its commitment to excellence in research, teaching, and public engagement. By joining the Professional MBA, students become members of one of the world’s leading educational institutions. Illinois graduates have a reputation for being intelligent, innovative, hard-working, and for being prepared to handle the challenges that exist in the modern world.

**For what industries do Professional MBA students work?**

- General Business – 30%
- Engineering – 21%
- Education – 14%
- Healthcare/Pharmaceutical – 6%
- Computer Software & Data Processing – 10%
- Other Services & Research – 10%
- Public Services & Military – 9%

*Data taken from the Classes of 2009, 2010 & 2011

“Be prepared to work hard, push your limits, and sacrifice a significant amount of free time. However, also be prepared to achieve victory over challenges, enhance the quality of your decision making, develop sound business practices, and create meaningful personal relationships.”

- Jonathan Myers, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley
International Exposure

The Professional MBA places a premium on international collaboration and providing a global view of business issues. Professional MBA students are invited to spend a week studying business in a foreign country. The Illinois MBA has, in recent years, partnered with business schools in Mexico City, Mexico; São Paulo, Brazil; Warsaw, Poland; and Berlin, Germany, to provide global business perspectives for full-time and Professional MBA students. These annual week-long trips are worth course credit and can shorten the length of time it takes to complete the Professional MBA requirements.

“The trip to Germany was wonderful! It gave me the opportunity to learn about the differences between business in Germany and the U.S. It was also a great way to spend more time with my classmates in a different environment and get to know them on a more personal level.”

- Amie Barber, Grants & Contract Specialist, ILLINOIS

By attending two study abroad trips, Professional MBA students are able to opt out of the elective class in their last module.

Outstanding Resources

The University of Illinois offers students an endless array of resources from a library system that has the largest public university collection in the United States to having one of the most wired campuses in the world. Professional MBA students enjoy state-of-the-art classroom technology. All class lectures and discussions are recorded and posted online for students to review as they complete team assignments and prepare for examinations. In addition, when you join the Professional MBA you are joining an alumni network of more than 6,000 successful business leaders.

Some companies our students represent:
Caterpillar, Amdocs, ADM, National City Bank, Health Alliance, Horizon Hobby, Country Companies, Rockwell Automation, Wolfram Research, Yahoo, SURS, Kraft, HTC Global Services, Christie Clinic, CARLE, Champaign County Humane Society, State Farm, First Midwest Bank

The Business Instructional Facility cost more than $60 million, and was funded through borrowing and gifts from alumni, corporate partners and other donors. No state money was used for the construction of this “green” building.
Strategic Curriculum


*Sample Curriculum

“The benefits of an Illinois MBA are multi-faceted. The concepts covered throughout the program have diversified my business knowledge and introduced me to a variety of concepts that I had not been exposed to in my undergraduate studies, making me a more well-rounded business professional.”

- Stephanie Whooley, Senior Sales Professional, Sanofi-Aventis

Our cohort class structure means each class starts the program and moves along together. Total credit hours required = 72

World-renowned Faculty

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is famous for its eminent faculty, counting ten Nobel Laureates and two Pulitzer Prize winners among its ranks. The College of Business and Illinois MBA have built on this legacy with our faculty being recognized among the very best in the United States and the world (ranked #20 in the world by the Financial Times, with 97% of professors holding PhDs).

When you join the Illinois Professional MBA, you will learn business from some of the most experienced and accomplished instructors and researchers today, many of whom have extensive corporate or entrepreneurial experience. Our students inherit business knowledge that rivals that offered by any other business program, qualifying our graduates to thrive as business leaders not only in Central Illinois, but throughout the world of business.