

# NEWSLETTER

## School of Business Administration

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### UHV To Offer BBA at Sugar Land Campus

Beginning this August, the University of Houston-Victoria will offer the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree face-to-face at the University of Houston System at Sugar Land.

UHV has offered the BBA face-to-face in Victoria since the university was founded in 1973, and has also delivered the BBA online since 2001. SoBA faculty and staff are excited about this opportunity to deliver face-to-face BBA students at Sugar Land the same high-quality programs and services that we have successfully delivered to MBA students at Sugar Land and at the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch for many years.

Several BBA courses are scheduled for this fall semester, including introductory courses in management, marketing, accounting, and statistics. New BBA students will be able to complete their degrees face-to-face at the UH System Sugar Land campus by selecting a concentration in management, marketing, general business, or accounting. Pending approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, we will be adding concentrations in finance and international business in Spring 2008.

The UHV School of Business Administration strives to provide students with a high-quality education, affordable tuition and fees, and convenient scheduling opportunities. By expanding our BBA program to the UH System Sugar Land campus, we will provide students with another option for degree completion. Students may now choose to complete their BBA or MBA degree online, face-to-face, or by selecting a combination of courses that best fits their needs.

In an effort to make the transition to UHV's BBA program as simple as possible, additional open house dates have been scheduled throughout the summer. SoBA advising staff will be available to answer questions about the BBA, MBA, and EDE programs at the UH System Sugar Land campus from 10am to 7pm on the following dates: July 17, July 24, July 31, August 8, and August 14. Those interested in attending an open house can RSVP at <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/openhouse.asp>.

In addition to the BBA, the School of Business Administration offers several graduate programs. The Strategic MBA is offered face-to-face at UH System Sugar Land and UH System Cinco Ranch, as well as completely online. In addition, the Global MBA and the Master of Science in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship are both offered completely online, allowing students to "attend" class when it is most convenient for them.

UH System Sugar Land, which is managed by the University of Houston-Victoria, offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs through the combined resources of the UH System: University of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, UH-Downtown, and UH-Victoria. Additional information about the Sugar Land campus is available here: <http://www.sugarland.uh.edu/>.

For more information regarding the UHV School of Business Administration, please visit <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/> or call 1-800-687-4293.

## PEOPLESOFT STUDENT SERVICES

Beginning with the fall 2007 semester, UH-Victoria is converting to a new records administration system called "PeopleSoft". Students will use this system for financial aid, registration, grades, and name/address changes.

The course offerings screen within PeopleSoft will look different for students. Here are some important terms to keep in mind when searching/registering for courses:

**Institution**: This field will be UH-Victoria, regardless of where you are taking courses.

**Campus**: This field will be UH-Victoria, regardless of where you are taking courses.

**Location**: This field will denote where the course is being held (Victoria, Sugar Land, Cinco Ranch).

**Mode of Instruction**: This field will denote whether the course is face-to-face or online.

Because UHV offers programs and courses in Victoria, Sugar Land, and Cinco Ranch, pay close attention to the location of each course you select.

Before you will be able to access PeopleSoft, you will need to retrieve your PeopleSoft ID, which will replace your current UHV Student ID. You can visit [https://www.stu.uh.edu/uoh/newmenusys/vic\\_intro.jsp](https://www.stu.uh.edu/uoh/newmenusys/vic_intro.jsp) to retrieve your new ID number.

To view a comprehensive demo of the functions available to students in PeopleSoft, visit <http://www.uhv.edu/peoplesoftuhv/people/tutorials.html> and select the "UHV Registration/Self Service Navigation Demo". This demo is highly recommended for all students. For questions regarding the new PeopleSoft system, please contact the Help Desk at (361) 570-4399.

## INVITATION TO TOUR IGLOO FACTORY

School of Business Administration students are invited to join a VIP tour of the state-of-the-art Igloo factory in Katy, Texas. This is the only production facility for all of the IGLOO products. The tour will be held on August 23 starting at 10:30am and ending in the cafeteria around 11:30am. To RSVP for the tour, please contact Rosie McCusker at [McCuskerR@uhv.edu](mailto:McCuskerR@uhv.edu).

## DECLARING AN MBA CONCENTRATION

Since fall 2006, students in the Strategic and Global MBA programs have been asked to select concentrations for their degrees as they sign their degree plans. Because the School of Business Administration uses this information to project demand for courses, selecting your concentration as early as possible increases the odds that the electives you are interested in taking will be offered.

If you have not yet chosen a concentration, or your interests have changed and you would like to select a new concentration, please use the Change of Concentration form available online at <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/resources>.

## CAREER SERVICES CONFERENCE

UHV Career Services is planning a Career Services Conference for September 8, 2007 at UH System Sugar Land. All UHV students (regardless of major or classification) are welcome to attend.

Sessions will include networking to building professional relationships into success, making the most of a career fair, reviewing your resume: is it a strong marketing tool?, and conquering the interview.

More details are available through the Career Services website at <http://www.uhv.edu/careerservices/>.

**Are you UHVConnected?**

<http://www.uhvconnect.org/>

## SOBA SPONSORS THE 2007 IEDC CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the 2007 International Economic Development Council's Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona September 16-19.

This year's annual conference will stress the need for communities of all types to adjust their economic models and leadership to meet the challenges posed by globalization and technology. For more information and to register, visit the IEDC Conference website at <http://www.iedconline.org/AnnualConference/index.html>. If you plan to attend this event please stop by our booth and say "Hello"!

## FALL 2007 SCHEDULE ADDITIONS

Two new face-to-face sections have been added to the fall schedule at the UH System Cinco Ranch campus in Katy.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

QMS 3321-15275—Wednesday 7-9:45pm

Quantitative Decision Making

Instructor: Stading (UHD)

Please note this is a UH-Downtown course which will be listed as MGT 3332. UHV has 5 seats reserved for business students.

Prerequisites: QMS 3311, ISC 3325

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

FIN 6352-15761—Tuesday 7-9:45pm

Financial Management

Instructor: Tai

This is a required course for the Strategic and Global MBA programs.

Prerequisites: ECO 6351, QMS 6351, ACC 6351

## SPRING 2007 MBA CASE COMPETITION WINNERS

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration is pleased to announce the winning teams from the spring 2007 MBA Case Competition held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the University of Houston System Cinco Ranch campus in Katy, Texas.

The first place team included Brad Baynes, Brian Sharp, Chad Torrence, and Joel Hare. The second place team included Yi Luo, Oke Uguro-Shanomi, Farah Ullah, and Christopher Wasson, and the third place team included Devendra Agrawal, Michael Landry, and James McCoy.

This semester's winning groups were recognized at a reception following commencement on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the University of Houston-Victoria. Members of all three teams will be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

The fall 2007 MBA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2007 at UH System Cinco Ranch. For additional information about the upcoming conference, please visit the SoBA website at <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/conference/>

## MGT 4340 OFFERED FALL AND SPRING

Beginning fall 2007, the BBA capstone course, **MGT 4340 Strategic Management**, will only be offered during the fall and spring semesters. It will be offered face-to-face in Victoria during the fall semester, and online during the spring semester, with face-to-face availability in Sugar Land coming soon.

The capstone course culminates in the BBA Conference, where students demonstrate that they can apply classroom learning to a real-world situation. Students develop a case analysis using the tools, theories, and ideas presented throughout the BBA program. At the BBA Case Conference, students present their individual analysis through a formal written document and an oral presentation to a panel of faculty and alumni.

To read more about the BBA Conference, please visit our website <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/bbaconference/schedule.asp>.

## TEMPORARY GRADUATE STATUS LIMIT

SoBA grants many graduate applicants temporary admission based on their completion of bachelor's degrees, with the understanding that they must fulfill remaining admissions requirements before being allowed to register beyond their fourth graduate course. In general, remaining admissions requirements include either satisfactory performance on the GMAT, or a successful appeal to have the GMAT waived.

If you have been admitted to SoBA as a temporary graduate student, please make arrangements to fulfill requirements for full admission as soon as possible after enrolling. If you believe you will qualify for a GMAT waiver, file your appeal immediately. If you will take the GMAT, schedule your test date well in advance—test centers fill during peak times.

Temporary graduate students who have completed, or are currently enrolled in, their fourth graduate class will not be allowed to register for fall 2007 or beyond until they have met admissions requirements. No extensions will be granted.

# NSHMBA CAREER CONFERENCE & EXPO

The 2007 NSHMBA Annual Career Conference and Expo is scheduled to be held in Houston, Texas at the George R. Brown Convention Center from October 4-6. There are several ways you can get involved in this conference:

## Full Conference Registration

Full conference registration rates range from \$175 to \$420. This includes access to all seminars and events, as well as the career expo on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Career Expo Only Registration

If you are only interested in having access to the Career Expo, registration rates range from \$95 to \$310. The Career Expo includes access to employers and recruiters at the career expo. Complete registration and pricing information is available here: [http://www.nshmba.org/conference/attendee\\_pricing.asp](http://www.nshmba.org/conference/attendee_pricing.asp).

## Volunteer Registration

Over 300 sponsors and approximately 6,800 MBA professionals and students attended the 2006 NSHMBA conference, and they are expecting an even bigger turn out this year in Houston. To coordinate an event of this size, NSHMBA is also looking for volunteers. Depending on the number of hours you can commit to volunteering, you can earn access to various conference events. To register as a volunteer, and to learn more about the benefits of volunteering, visit this website: <http://www.nshmba.org/conference/volunteer/>.

The NSHMBA Career Conference and Expo is an excellent opportunity to interact with recruiters from many top companies. The sponsor list ([http://www.nshmba.org/conference/attendee\\_sponsorlist.asp](http://www.nshmba.org/conference/attendee_sponsorlist.asp)) includes companies from a wide variety of industries that are all looking to hire MBA students. The UHV School of Business Administration will also have a table at the NSHMBA conference since we are participating as an academic sponsor. If you attend the conference or career expo, make sure to stop by our table!



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## Summer 2007 Business Open Houses

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## Fall 2007 Business Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7pm. Presentations begin at 5pm and 6pm. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/openhouse.asp>

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