



SBA Maintains Prestigious AACSB International Accreditation

The UHV School of Business Administration has completed its fifth-year review and maintained its business accreditation by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Less than 6 percent of business schools worldwide have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education from the organization, the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools offering undergraduate and graduate degrees.

To maintain accreditation, a business program undergoes a rigorous review every five years during which the school must demonstrate its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management and assurance of learning.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

UHV President Tim Hudson said he was pleased with the re-accreditation.

“AACSB is considered one of higher education’s most rigorous and prestigious accrediting bodies,” he said. “This achievement is a testimony to the quality of the leadership, faculty and staff of the School of Business Administration and their commitment to preparing students for competitive careers.”

Farhang Niroomand, who joined UHV as dean of the School of Business Administration just last summer, echoed these sentiments.

“The dedication and excellence of our faculty and staff made initial accreditation possible five years ago, and has garnered for us this continued recognition which assures students of our quality and enhances the market value of their education,” he said.

The school received its initial accreditation by AACSB International in 2005. Since then, it has received numerous other recognitions. The Princeton Review rated the school No. 10 on its 2009 Most Family Friendly list and No. 1 on its 2010 Greatest Opportunity for Minority Students list. GetEducated.com has rated the school’s Bachelor of Business Administration as the No. 6 Online Bachelor’s Degree in Business Best Buy and its Global MBA as the No. 2 AACSB-accredited Distance MBA Best Buy. In addition, Fortune Small Business Magazine rated the school one of the top-five Best Online Entrepreneurial Schools in 2007.

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▶ IMPORTANT DATES:

- **June 21**
Fall registration opens
- **June 30**
Last day to apply for summer graduation
- **July 5**
Independence Day Holiday
- **August 12**
Grades available through PeopleSoft
- **August 19**
Payment deadline at midnight for fall semester
- **August 23**
First class day of fall semester
- **September 6**
Labor Day Holiday



SBA Program Capstone Courses

- **BBA Capstone:** MGT 4340 is the required capstone course for the BBA program, and should be taken once all core courses have been completed (one core course may be taken concurrently). This course requires face-to-face participation in the BBA Conference and the completion of the ETS exam for course credit. For more information about the BBA Case Conference, visit www.uhv.edu/bus/bbaconference/schedule.asp.
- **Strategic MBA Capstone:** MGT 6359 is the required capstone course for the Strategic MBA program, and should be taken once all core courses have been completed (MGT 6354 may be taken concurrently). This course requires face-to-face participation in the MBA Case Conference for course credit. For more information about the MBA Case Conference, visit www.uhv.edu/bus/conference/default.asp.
- **Global MBA Capstone:** MGT 6369 is the required capstone course for the Global MBA program, and should be taken once all core courses have been completed. This course may require face-to-face participation in the MBA Case Conference.
- **MS-EDE Capstone:** EDE 6359 is the required capstone course for the MS-EDE program, and should be taken once you are within 9 hours of graduation. Enrollment in this course requires prior approval of the capstone project proposal. For more information about the project requirements in EDE 6359, visit www.uhv.edu/bus/msede/project.asp.

Capstone courses for all programs are offered in the fall and spring only and must be completed at UHV; transfer credit for capstones is not allowed. If you anticipate graduating in December 2010, you must meet prerequisites for and enroll in your capstone course during the fall 2010 term.

BBA Program Offered at UH System Cinco Ranch

Starting this fall, the UHV School of Business Administration will expand its business degree offerings to include the Bachelors of Business Administration program at the UH System Cinco Ranch (UHSCR) location.

“We are very pleased to be able to offer this program to Katy-area residents,” said Farhang Niroomand, dean of the SBA. “UHV provides our students with an internationally accredited education that prepares them for success in today’s global economy. Offering the BBA program at a convenient location like UHSCR is just another way we’re striving to help our students achieve their educational goals.”

The BBA program at UHSCR will offer six areas of concentration: Accounting, Finance, General Business, Healthcare Administration, Management, and Marketing. This program is intended for upper level undergraduate students transferring from other institutions with at least 54 semester hours.

“It’s a popular major because it creates opportunities in so many different sectors,” said Rosie McCusker, manager of student recruitment and marketing for the School of Business. “BBA majors can establish careers in sectors as varied as human resources management, healthcare and accounting.”

In 2007, UHV began offering a BBA program at UH System Sugar Land. Today, the program has more than 400 students enrolled. McCusker anticipates the same rate of expansion for the BBA program at UHSCR.

“To help students transfer into the program we have partnered with Houston Community College, Lone Star College, and Wharton County Junior College,” she said. “In addition to taking classes in Katy, students can take classes at the Sugar Land campus, online, or through a combination of formats. The courses will also be offered in the evenings to accommodate our part-time students who work during the day. Because the program gives students such a broad range of choices, we’re expecting it to grow quickly.”

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Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony

The UHV School of Business Administration held an induction ceremony to recognize eligible undergraduate and graduate business students. The new members were inducted on June 10, 2010 into Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students enrolled in programs accredited by AACSB International.

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded as a national organization on February 19, 1913. The first national honor society in business was a merger of three separate societies established to honor academic achievement in business at the University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois, and the University of California. With chapters in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom, Beta Gamma Sigma is now an international society dedicated to recognizing the most outstanding students of business and management. The Society serves business schools accredited by AACSB International, knowing that its membership of more than 500,000 comprises the brightest and best of the world's business leaders. This lifelong commitment to its members' academic and professional success is defined in the Society's mission: to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Beta Gamma Sigma membership provides recognition for a lifetime. Students ranking in the top 7 percent of the junior class, top 10 percent of the senior class, and top 20 percent of master's program at schools accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business are eligible for this invitation.

Congratulations to SBA's new Beta Gamma Sigma members: Joseph R. Armour, Lisa Barr, Susan Chapman, Adrian Hinestroza, Abiodun S. Isiaka, Mary B. Karpati, Shiva Mamidisetty, Soma C. Meela, John Olivas, Eboni R. Pettus, Xiang Qu, and Beverly Wortham.



Beta Gamma Sigma Inductees

From Left: Adrian Hinestroza, Eboni R. Pettus, Farhang Niroomand-SBA Dean, Soma C. Meela, and Shiva Mamidisetty

Fall Registration Information

Fall registration is currently underway. Students are encouraged to register as early as possible to ensure best course selection. Fall courses begin August 23, 2010. Verify that you meet course prerequisites before you register for the course(s). PeopleSoft does not currently block registration for missing prerequisites, therefore, just because PeopleSoft allows you to register for the course does not mean you have met prerequisites. You will be dropped by your advisor when prerequisites are manually checked. Prerequisite drops may occur after the start of classes.

If you need to get into a full class during the normal registration period, you should use the full-class waiting list available online at www.uhv.edu/bus/registration/waiting.asp. Adding yourself to the waiting list does not guarantee that you will be added into the course. Waiting list requests are processed in the order received, as class capacity allows the addition of students. Do not contact the instructor about getting into a full course, as they will simply ask you to complete the waiting list form.

As a reminder, payment is due by midnight on Thursday, August 19, 2010. Students will be dropped for non-payment, and with the enrollment growth in the School of Business Administration, getting back into the preferred course(s) may be difficult.

Summer Graduation

The deadline for summer graduation is June 30, 2010. After this date, the Office of Admissions and Records will not accept appeals for late applications, and you will have to graduate in a future semester. If you are planning to graduate in August...apply today!

Spring 2010 BBA and MBA Conference Winners

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration is pleased to announce the winning teams from the Spring 2010 BBA and MBA Case Competitions.



Winning MBA Conference Team

From Left: Nehal Desai, Hadi Elbanna, Daniel Edwards, Ashraf Sherif, and Asif Memon



Winning MBA Simulation Team

From Left: Anna Kallenberg, Temitayo Ogundele, Brandon Firor, Chinedu Ezenwukwa, and Abiodun Isiaka

The BBA Conference was held at the University of Houston-Victoria on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Students participating in the competition this semester prepared original business case analyses on Southwest Airlines. The top ranking BBA student for the Spring 2010 BBA Conference was Dallas Higgs.

BBA and MBA Conference winners received individual certificates recognizing their accomplishment, and their names will appear on perpetual plaques in the UHV School of Business Administration offices. All winning students will be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

MBA Breakfast Celebration

The UHV School of Business Administration held a celebration breakfast at UH System Sugar Land on June 17, 2010 for the winners of the Spring 2010 MBA Case Conference. During the event, the winners were recognized by Farhang Niroomand, dean of SBA, for their achievements. Dr. Salazar and Dr. Selvarajan, MGT 6359 professors, were also present to recognize the students' success in the conference. Several other key UHV SBA members, such as Dr. Sardesai and Dr. Hayes, were also present to honor the winners.

After networking, the students received framed individual certificates. In addition, case conference winners were given information regarding UHV Connect, career services, and were reminded that all winning teams will be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **June 30** *Business Open House*
UH System Cinco Ranch - 4-7pm
- **July 14** *Business Open House*
UH System Sugar Land - 5-7pm
- **July 28** *Business Open House*
UH System Cinco Ranch - 5-7pm
- **August 11** *Business Open House*
UH System Sugar Land - 5-7pm
- **August 25** *Business Open House*
UH System Cinco Ranch - 5-7pm
- **September 8** *Business Open House*
UH System Sugar Land - 5-7pm
- **September 29** *Business Open House*
UH System Cinco Ranch - 5-7pm

The MBA Conference was held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at UH System Sugar Land. Central to the MBA Conference is the case competition, which provides MBA students with the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the MBA program to real-world business situations. Teams participating in the competition this spring prepared original business case analyses on Cisco. The winning MBA Conference team included Nehal Desai, Daniel Edwards, Hadi Elbanna, Asif Memon, and Ashraf Sherif.

This semester, the School of Business Administration tested a new method of assessment via a MBA Simulation, whereby students competed in an online industry analysis project simulation. The simulation spans a growth industry over an "8 year period" and students had to coordinate strategy and tactics across several areas of their company. The winning team for the MBA Simulation included Chinedu Ezenwukwa, Brandon Firor, Abiodun Isiaka, Anna Kallenberg, and Temitayo Ogundele.



Spring 2010 MBA Conference Winners