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AACSB International Accreditation a *SUCCESS!*

The School of Business Administration at the University of Houston-Victoria has achieved accreditation of its bachelor's and master's degree programs in business administration from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

The nation's most prestigious business school accrediting organization, AACSB International awards accreditation to less than 15 percent of the world's business schools ~ a group that includes Rice University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Houston.

The official announcement was made on April 21, 2005 at the AACSB International Conference in San Francisco.

"AACSB International accreditation is considered the hallmark of excellence in management education and represents the highest standard of achievement for schools worldwide," said Charles Bullock, dean of the School of Business Administration.

Loc Phan, a spring 2004 BBA graduate and current MBA student, was not surprised by the accreditation decision. "AACSB accreditation is simply a reaffirmation of the high-quality education that I knew I had received from the School of Business Administration at UHV. Now everyone knows what I always knew."

In their report on UHV's readiness for accreditation, the AACSB Peer Review Team praised the School of Business Administration for the quality of the MBA curriculum, excellent student service, and close-knit culture. UHV President Tim Hudson echoed their sentiments: "This achievement is a testimony to the quality of the faculty and staff members at UHV and their commitment to preparing students for competitive careers in business."

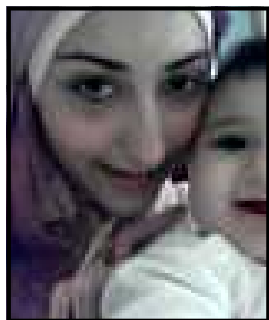
David Rodgers, a fall 2004 MBA graduate, attested, "I found that my experience with the UHV MBA revealed a very solid and well-rounded program that consisted of challenging study materials, an attentive and approachable faculty, along with an enthusiastic and helpful administrative support staff. These advantages were further enhanced by the convenience of access to the program whether it was face-to-face or online."

Because of this dual accessibility, the visiting team also encouraged the school to establish a national conference on distance education, stating that the MBA and BBA online programs could establish the school as "a national leader in distance education."

"Many employers actively seek and prefer graduates of AACSB accredited programs," said Jane Mims, director of MBA programs. "In addition, an AACSB-accredited bachelor's or master's degree makes students more attractive to AACSB-accredited institutions offering advanced business degrees."



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—*NOUR A BOZO*



“After my first year in college, I got married and had my first child. Soon after, my husband’s job was transferred to Saudi Arabia and we had to go live there. In 2000, that made two milestones blocking my educational path. When we moved back to the USA, I had my second child and was pregnant with my third—but I still persevered to keep studying. Without the University of Houston–Victoria’s distance education program via Internet, I would not have my Bachelor’s in Business Administration degree that I *do* have today. UHV provided me with the convenience of achieving a quality higher education at a time when no other university could have (believe me, I checked). Thank you UHV for helping in making it possible!”

If you would like to share your story of how UHV is helping you to reach your educational goals, please send your submission to your advisor or email Busadvisor@uhv.edu. Students whose testimonials are selected for publication will receive gift certificates.

SUMMER 2005 REGISTRATION

Summer courses for the School of Business Administration are traditionally 10-week courses (denoted as Summer 3). The summer semester will officially begin on May 31st and will officially end on August 4th. Please verify that you have fulfilled all prerequisites prior to registering for your courses.

Registration for the summer semester will begin on Monday, April 25th at 8:00 a.m. For full course listings, visit www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/courseschedule.asp.

For syllabi and textbook information, visit www.uhv.edu/bus/new/students/courseschedule.asp.

CAREER SERVICES AT UHV

The career services office at UHV provides a variety of support options for current students. The staff in this office will help students fine-tune their resumes, assist them with job searches and offer informational seminars about job searches, resume writing, and networking. Additional information about the Career Planning and Placement Office in Victoria is available through their website: www.uhv.edu/cpp/index.htm. To learn more about career services options, students in Victoria may also contact Rachel Trevino-Garcia at garcia@uhv.edu; Sugar Land/Cinco Ranch students may contact Chamal Reyes at reyesc@uhv.edu. Career Planning and Placement is planning a career fair in Sugar Land. The Sugar Land Career Fair is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2005. Additional information about this career fair will be available this summer.

UHV students also have access to the UH main campus job search database. To access this database, go to: www.career.uh.edu, and enter your username and password. Student username/password are both your last name (surname) followed by the last five digits of your Social Security number (or Student ID).

The School of Business Administration plans to start offering additional career services programs during the Summer and Fall semesters. Please take a moment to let us know which services you would be interested in by completing this short survey: www.uhv.edu/bus/new/other/career_services_survey.asp. We are working on the development of a resume database which will allow students to enter their information online, and as the School of Business Administration receives job postings, we will search the database for qualified students and notify them of available positions. Check for additional information on the School of Business Administration website (www.uhv.edu/bus) in the near future.

“Doing Business with Europe”

This summer, Dr Jim Walton will teach both the graduate and undergraduate level courses in International Marketing (MKT 6377-04071 and MKT 4325-04068). The focus for each of these courses will be “Doing Business with Europe”. To further internationalize these courses and to make the material covered more relevant, following the online portion of the course he will accompany the students in these courses to Europe for ten days. This trip is a course requirement for the graduate course (MKT 6377) and optional for any undergraduate (MKT 4325) student who would like to go.

The trip is from July 24th until August 4th. The group will depart from and return to Houston’s Intercontinental airport. Students will have the opportunity to meet and visit with several multi-national business executives during the trip.

Watch our website this summer for reports from Dr. Walton and his students about their adventures in Europe.

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Summer 2005 MBA Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm.

Summer 2005 GMAT Sessions

A SoBA GMAT Session is held each month at one of the three University of Houston-Victoria campus locations: University of Houston-Victoria, UH System at Sugar Land, UH System at Cinco Ranch.

Graduation Notice

Graduation is *not* automatic!
You must apply to graduate.



Application Deadlines
Summer 2005—June 10, 2005
Fall 2005—September 23, 2005

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