Having an MBA degree has always provided a number of advantages, both for the MBA-carrying professionals as well as the organizations that hire them. As advancements in technology continue to reshape the world, the demand for leaders capable of leveraging these technologies is at an all-time high. Executive MBA programs give students the tools they need to position themselves as invaluable leaders in the market. These programs provide students with the opportunity to explore new professions, seek out new industries and experience outside-the-box thinking that can benefit an organization and a career simultaneously. As a result, the need for up-to-date MBA programs is continuing to rise. This section spotlights and profiles some of the best programs in the region today.
California Lutheran University - School of Management

People who want to give themselves an edge in the business world have a variety of programs to choose from at California Lutheran University. The Executive MBA, launched in 2016, is an accelerated weekend-based program designed for busy managers and leaders of corporate and nonprofit organizations who want to enhance their ability to drive globally sustainable business transformations.

The curriculum is interdisciplinary, experience-driven, and organized around five key areas: Leading Operations; Managing Processes; Creating and Leading Business Strategy, as well as Developing People/Talent. Classes are offered online and over weekends in Thousand Oaks. The program can be completed in 18 months.

The university also offers a traditional MBA for students who require additional scheduling flexibility or those with limited work experience as well as an online MBA and an MBA in financial planning. With evening and weekend classes offered online and in Thousand Oaks as well as at the centers in Woodland Hills, Westlake Village and Oxnard, programs offer flexibility for students to create schedules and pursue goals that work best for them. Students can pursue a general MBA or follow specialization tracks in corporate finance, human capital management, international business, information technology management, marketing and entrepreneurship.

Launched in August, 2017, the One Year MBA provides a way for those who earned bachelor’s degrees in non-business areas to gain fundamental business management skills to advance their careers. Graduate programs in Cal Lutheran's School of Management frequently offer executive-level tours to countries such as China, France, Austria, or the United Kingdom. The university’s renowned Center for Entrepreneurship provides service and programming, including the Hub101 incubator, Start-Up Weekends, and the ongoing Entrepreneur Speaker Series, to students and community members. The School also houses the Wall Street Journal-recognized Center for Economics and Forecasting (CERF) as well as the Center for Economics of Social Issues (CESI). In addition, the School of Management offers 10 certificates in topics ranging from Supply Chain Management to Financial Planning and Data Analytics. Students in the School of Management benefit from small class sizes and opportunities to work closely with faculty, engage in experiential learning, and to connect with other professionals from among their peers or our high-level advisory councils and industry partners. Graduates of the Cal Lutheran MBA program work with some of the leading employers in the region.

MBA Program:

- Executive MBA
- Post Graduate Certificates:
  - Marketing
  - Information Technology
  - International Business
  - Human Capital Management
  - Finance
- Financial Planning (online only)
- Entrepreneurship
- General Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Other awards for Finance, Entrepreneurship and Human Capital Management
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- **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**
- **Executive MBA**

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MBA GUIDE

California State University, Northridge - David Nazarian College of Business and Economics

Mid-career professionals improve management and leadership skills, enjoy professional advancement and have more fulfilling careers when they earn an MBA in the part-time evening program at California State University, Northridge’s AACSB-accredited David Nazarian College of Business and Economics.

Students develop business acumen in finance, strategy, marketing, operations, economics, human resources and entrepreneurship. Better decision-making results from training in data literacy, analytical reasoning and critical thinking. The program cultivates communication and teamwork skills, along with a commitment to ethical, legal and social responsibility— all within the context of global and multicultural awareness.

Graduates describe their highly qualified professors as a highlight of the program, noting their ability to combine academics with real-life applications. Faculty, who are handpicked for excellent teaching, research and business credentials, facilitate active learning by integrating and applying rigorous academic and theoretical training to practical situations. Professors leverage students’ business experience, lead their analysis of data and situations in the business world, run business simulations, and engage them in client-based projects. Small class sizes allow each student to engage fully in this process.

A cornerstone of the active-learning approach in the students’ last semester is a feasibility study or business plan for a local organization. Students’ knowledge, skills and hard work, combined with a commitment of college resources, generate high-quality outcomes in this integrative learning experience that also builds economic prosperity and societal well-being in the community. Each team has its own faculty advisor. Workshops guide their progress and a dedicated business librarian supports them.

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Part-time, flexible MBA. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m., and occasional Saturdays. Students typically take two courses per semester. Those with an undergraduate degree in business, or who have earned our one-year Graduate Certificate in Business Administration (GCBA), usually complete 33 units of core and elective MBA courses in two years, including summer. Students without an undergraduate degree in business or GCBA typically complete 15 units of foundation-level classes in the prior year. However, completion times range from one to five years, as students reduce or accelerate their academic load commensurate with career and family demands.

GCBA. In the Graduate Certificate of Business Administration program, students who do not have an undergraduate in business master essential business skills in a one-year, part-time evening and Saturday cohort program. The GMAT is not required for the GCBA program. About 50% of GCBA students enter the Nazarian MBA program, while the other 50% meet their business-skill goals with the certificate program. As a pre-MBA program, the GCBA may be particularly attractive for those who have been away from academia for a while and want to rev their math skills back up, or for international students who benefit from a year to acclimate.

CSUN. Housed on a beautiful 365-acre campus, CSUN is the fourth-largest university in California. Its 340,000 alumni include prominent business leaders, such as the man for whom the business college was recently named, David Nazarian. The university is home to the award-winning Yoyes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts and the LEED Gold-certified Student Recreation Center. CSUN is a place where students rise and take their region with them.

NAME OF INSTITUTION
California State University, Northridge

NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM
David Nazarian College of Business and Economics

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN
Chandra Subramaniam, Ph.D.

YEAR INSTITUTION WAS FOUNDED
1958

YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED
1972

TOTAL MBA ENROLLMENT (ALL PLATFORMS OFFERED)
1972

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED
Part-time evening MBA

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED
11 Specializations:
• Accounting
• Entrepreneurship
• Finance
• Human Resources
• Information Systems
• International Business
• Management
• Marketing
• Sustainability
• Systems and Operations Management

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS
Flexible program. Completion time may vary from 18 months to 2.5 years depending on course load.

PROGRAM CAMPUS OPTIONS
On-campus at CSUN only.
The part-time, evening MBA program at CSUN’s David Nazarian College of Business and Economics improves management and leadership skills so that mid-career professionals can advance in their careers, switch careers or become entrepreneurs.

CSUN’s Nazarian College offers a high-quality MBA program with an excellent reputation at an outstanding value.
Loyola Marymount University -
College of Business Administration

The College of Business Administration at Loyola Marymount University advances knowledge and develops business leaders with moral courage and creative confidence to be a force for good in the global community. Our nationally ranked and accredited graduate business programs have a lot to offer: academically challenging coursework, flexible schedules for working professionals, intimate classroom setting, personalized attention, customized career services, global study opportunities and an active alumni network.

MBA PROGRAM

The LMU MBA Program is designed for individuals with at least two years of professional or internship experience who are ready to take the next step in their careers. Classes are held in the evenings to accommodate working professionals. Students are able to complete their MBA degree in as little as 21 months or up to 36 months. The first year is structured as a cohort to complete the core coursework; the second year offers more flexibility to focus on a selected area of emphasis and electives. Students begin the program with an orientation residential that prepares MBA candidates for successful completion of the program, including team building, a self-assessment, a case analysis, and an introduction to the core curriculum. Students choose between two unique international programs as their required global study component. One takes place in the heart of the European Union in Bonn, Germany while the other tours a specific region of the world to conduct research on a chosen business topic.

Professional development workshops, exclusive employer roundtables, career advice and alumni mentors are just some of the offerings provided by the Office of Graduate Career Management. The experienced staff help MBA students strengthen their career paths, transition into new industries or functions, and assess where skills can be improved to achieve career goals. The MBA Student Association and MBA Alumni Association provide a variety of valuable professional development and networking opportunities. Our focus is on providing students not just with an MBA degree, but with a complete learning experience that will elevate their careers, personal growth and increase their marketability in the workforce.

EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM

The LMU Executive MBA Program is one of Southern California’s premier, most respected EMBA programs. Designed for mid-career executives with a bachelor’s degree and at least eight years of professional, managerial or entrepreneurial experience, our 20-month program provides students with the skills, talents and confidence to develop and lead high-performance teams. The LMU Executive MBA addresses management and leadership within a broad spectrum of organizations and teaches students how to understand core business principles, develop leadership intelligence, apply knowledge and learn to execute. Many graduates of the LMU Executive MBA Program advance to C-level positions within their companies. Saturday-only classes, small class sizes, a collaborative learning environment, personalized attention, an active alumni network, a focus on ethics and leadership, and an international study component set LMU apart from other programs. Our unique OnBoarding Program helps students prepare for a return to academia so they will be ready to start classes with confidence. The Executive MBA program includes an initial Executive Leadership Retreat, a one-week domestic trip to Sacramento and Silicon Valley to study innovation and entrepreneurship, and a two-week journey overseas to one or more major business centers to meet with business executives and gather findings for final research projects.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND ACCREDITED

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Loyola Marymount University

NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM
College of Business Administration

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN
Dayle M. Smith, Ph.D.

YEAR INSTITUTION WAS FOUNDED
1911

YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED
1926

MBA: 1974
Executive MBA: 2000

TOTAL MBA ENROLLMENT (ALL PLATFORMS OFFERED)
103

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED
MBA
Executive MBA
JD/MBA
MS/MBA

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Marketing

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS
MBA: 21-36 months
Executive MBA: 20 months

PROGRAM CAMPUS OPTIONS
All programs take place on the LMU campus located near Playa Vista and Silicon Beach

PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS
AACSB, WASC

RANKINGS
U.S. News & World Report

• Entrepreneurship: #11
• Marketing: #14
• Accounting: #20
• Executive MBA: #26

CEO Magazine Global MBA rankings:

• MBA: Tier One
• Executive MBA: Tier One and #25

TOTAL COST OF MBA
MBA: $85,200
Executive MBA: $98,500

REQUIRED TESTING
MBA: GMAT or GRE required
Executive MBA: GMAT not required for applicants who are able to demonstrate – either through past academic performance or work experience – sufficient strength in the areas of quantitative and analytical reasoning

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS
MBA: Wednesday, May 22; Wednesday, June 5. For additional dates, visit: mba.lmu.edu/infosessions
Executive MBA: Saturday, May 18; Saturday, June 8; Wednesday, June 19. For additional dates, visit: emba.lmu.edu/infosessions

APPLICATION DEADLINES
MBA: July 12, 2019
Executive MBA: July 12, 2019

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION
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Executive MBA: Joe O’Hannigan, Associate Dean and Director, ohanneji@lmu.edu, 877.569.8585, emba.lmu.edu
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- Executive MBA
- MBA
- MS in Accounting
- MS in Management
- MS in Business Analytics
- Certificate Programs

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University of La Verne

Educating Business Leaders Across the Globe

They work for municipalities and major corporations such as Aerojet, American Express, Los Angeles County, and MTV. University of La Verne alumni with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree have found success in industries worldwide. That's just one of the reasons college rankings place the university's MBA program high on their lists.

College Choice ranked the University in its "10 Best Online MBA Programs for California in 2017." The university placed in the top 10 west coast colleges and universities in Online MBA Report’s "Online MBA Rankings" for 2015-2016. Washington Monthly, in its inaugural list of "America's Best Colleges for Adult Learners," ranked La Verne third among private 4-year colleges in the state in 2016.

“We strive to be the college of choice in the region,” said Abe Helou, dean of the College of Business and Public Management. “The academic quality of our programs, the convenience of our schedules, and, more importantly, the commitment of our faculty and staff make our programs the most popular in Southern California.”

About 41 percent of graduate students at the University of La Verne pursued an MBA at one of the university’s 10 California campuses or online last academic year, making it one of the university’s most popular programs.

The program equips students to advance their careers by becoming better problem solvers, gaining decision-making skills, and learning teamwork, ethics, and corporate responsibility.

The program offers concentrations in accounting, finance, information technology, international business, management and leadership, marketing, supply chain management, and health services management. Alumni have gone on to leadership positions at organizations such as the U.S. Department of Commerce, Verizon, and Xerox.

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NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM
College of Business and Public Management

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN
Abe Helou, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor of Finance

YEAR INSTITUTION WAS FOUNDED
1891

YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED
1992

TOTAL MBA ENROLLMENT (ALL PLATFORMS OFFERED)
669

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED
Full-Time, Part-Time, Evenings and Weekends, Online and Off-Campus

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED
• Accounting
• Finance
• Information Technology
• International Business
• Management and Leadership
• Marketing
• Supply Chain Management
• Health Services Management

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS
18 – 36 months

PROGRAM CAMPUS OPTIONS
La Verne, Victorville, Ontario, Bakersfield, Irvine, Barabank, College of the Canyons, Oxnard, Vandenberg AFB, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), and Online.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS
WASC

RANKINGS
4th Ranked MBA Program in Los Angeles Region by Los Angeles Business Journal.
College Choice ranked the University in its “10 Best Online MBA Programs for CA in 2017.”

TOTAL COST OF MBA
Full-Time: $34,200
Part-Time and Online: $31,450

REQUIRED TESTING
GMAT and GRE are recommended

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS
Information sessions offered monthly at all campuses—contact infosession@laverne.edu for details

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Application acceptance commensurate with 4 accelerated 10-week terms (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION
877-GO-TO-ULV; laverne.edu/mba

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For more information, go to laverne.edu/advance