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, and unexpected challenges to the global economy have arisen, the demand for leaders capable of leveraging these technologies and working on solutions to the challenges 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.
If you’re ready to challenge the status quo, think Saybrook University.

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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, Developing People/Talent, as well as Professional Advancement. Classes are offered online and over weekends on the main campus in Thousand Oaks. The program can be completed in 18 months in a cohort of peers from different organizations across a variety of industries.

The one-year Master of Science in Management (MSM) provides a way for those who earned bachelor’s degrees in non-business areas to gain fundamental business skills to advance their careers and enter the world of management.

The University also offers a traditional MBA for students who require additional scheduling flexibility or those with limited work experience. With evening and weekend classes offered online, in Thousand Oaks as well as at the centers in Woodland Hills, Westlake Village and Oxnard, programs offer opportunities for students to create their own 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 Master of Science in Management (MSM) provides a way for those who earned bachelor’s degrees in non-business areas to gain fundamental business skills to advance their careers and enter the world of management. 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 Economic Research 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.

For more information, go to Callutheran.edu/mba.

NAME OF INSTITUTION
California Lutheran University

NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM
School of Management

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN
Dr. Gerhard Apfelthaler

YEAR INSTITUTION WAS FOUNDED
1959

YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED
1986

TOTAL MBA ENROLLMENT (ALL PLATFORMS OFFERED)
549

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED
Full Time MBA
Part Time MBA
Executive MBA (cohort)
Weekend, Evening and Online Courses

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED
• Executive MBA
• Entrepreneurship
• Finance
• Financial Planning (online only)
• General Management
• Human Capital Management
• Information Technology
• International Business
• Marketing

Post Graduate Certificates:
Entrepreneurship, Finance,
Financial Planning, Human Capital
Management, Information Technology,
International Business, Marketing,
Supply Chain Management

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS
MBA – varies between 12 to 24 months
Executive MBA – 18 month cohort

PROGRAM CAPMUS OPTIONS
Woodland Hills, Thousand Oaks,
Oxnard, Online

PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS
WASC and Candidate for ACBSP

RANKINGS
College Choice Top 10 – 2018
Online MBA Top Colleges – 2018
Best Colleges.com – 2018
LA Business Journal (#5) – 2018
Other awards for Finance,
Entrepreneurship and
Human Capital Management

TOTAL COST OF MBA
• EMBA – $53,040 (includes books and fees)
• MBA – $18,475

REQUIRED TESTING
GMAT (waiver available)
TOEFL or IELTS for International applicants

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS
Online and on campus information sessions are offered quarterly.
For upcoming information sessions and events, visit callutheran.edu/info.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Priority Application Deadlines
Summer: April 15
Fall: July 15
Winter: October 1
Spring: January 15
Executive MBA: August 1

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Mark Garcia ’18
CEO, Freska Produce International, LLC
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 well-being in the community. Each team has also builds economic prosperity and societal.

CSUN is a place where students rise and take 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 must 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.

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED

- Finance
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- International Business
- Human Resources
- Information Systems
- Management
- 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.

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 Yone 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 in 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)

102

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED

Part-time evening MBA

MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED

11 Specializations:

- Accounting
- Entertainment Industry
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Sustainability
- Systems and Operations Management

TOTAL COST OF MBA

Total tuition for the MBA program may vary if Foundation courses are needed.

- In-state tuition is approximately $26,000-$35,000
- Out of state/international: $42,000-$60,000

REQUIRED TESTING

GMAT or GRE; see program website for waiver policy.

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions held bi-monthly. Fall dates to be determined.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall semesters – May 1st deadline

Spring semesters – October 1st deadline

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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The part-time, evening MBA program at CSUN's David Nazarian College of Business and Economics enhances management and leadership skills so that mid-career professionals can advance in their careers, switch careers or become entrepreneurs.

The Nazarian College offers a high-quality MBA program with an excellent reputation at an outstanding value.

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University of La Verne

College of Business and Public Management

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.

NAME OF INSTITUTION
University of La Verne

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

PROGRAM CAMPUSES OPTIONS
La Verne, Victorville, Ontario, Bakersfield, Irvine, Burbank, 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
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