California State University, East Bay, named by the Princeton Review a Best in the West College and a Best Business School, is a distinguished institution celebrated for its academic excellence, personal learning environment, acclaimed faculty, and cultural diversity.

The San Francisco Bay Area
Cal State East Bay is in the heart of the cultural, technological, and educational center of California. The Bay Area offers all the amenities of a major metropolitan setting and an inspiring platform for career development. The campus is just 30 to 40 minutes away from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, and Silicon Valley. Cal State East Bay enjoys a great view of the San Francisco Bay from our hilltop campus and MBA graduates are perfectly placed to do practical training throughout the Bay Area.

Program Overview
Offered in collaboration with the College of Business and Economics, the Pre-MBA is an intensive, integrated curriculum of business courses, GMAT preparation, and critical academic skills for international students preparing to enter graduate business school.

Ideal Student(s)
• Students who do not possess an undergraduate degree in business, and intend to pursue an MBA degree or any Master’s in business degree at Cal State East Bay or other American university
• Undergraduate business majors who need to master the English and/or academic skills needed to pass required TOEFL or IELTS exams, plus GMAT exam foundation course work to assist in acceptance to the university MBA Program
• Non-business professionals who seek an accelerated foundation in business administration without the degree

Admission Requirements for Pre-MBA
• A degree satisfying the undergraduate requirements of the MBA, including no less than a GPA of 2.5 in the final two years of study. This requirement can be met through screening of the transcript by the International Admissions Office, following guidelines set by the College of Business.
• IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 71
• An online application through www.csumentor.edu. A GMAT score is a requirement for continuing from first to second quarter in the program.

Admission Requirements for MBA
• After completion of the Pre-MBA program, students have usually satisfied all of the international student requirements to enter the CSU East Bay MBA program, namely:
• GMAT + (last two year’s undergraduate GPA x 200)= 1050 or higher
• Both GMAT Verbal and GMAT Quant scores over 20th percentile
• IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 79

Note: Admission into Pre-MBA does not guarantee admission to the MBA Program at Cal State East Bay

“The pre-MBA program helped me consolidate my knowledge and enhance essential skills that I believe will be the key to get high score on the GMAT test. Furthermore, elective courses which are designed in the program provided me necessary academic preparation when I studied in MBA classes”

Sean Trung Phan
Pre-MBA Program
Vietnam

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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Program Completion Requirements

Students are admitted to the Pre-MBA program when preparing for admission to the AACSB accredited Master's in Business Administration at Cal State East Bay. The length of program depends on their needs - one to three quarters of study are possible (three to nine months).

A typical three-month program consists of:
- One graduate level MBA Fundamental course for credit (4 quarter credits) in Accounting, Information Technology or Management
- Graduate Writing and IELTS Preparation Workshops (8 hours per week)
- GMAT Preparation Workshops (4 to 8 hours per week)

GMAT Preparation - 2 Courses
40-hour, 10-week courses focus on the verbal and quantitative sections, with tutoring available for other sections; courses offer access to state-of-the-art multimedia software in the American Language Program Learning Center

IELTS Preparation
An intensive overview of advanced vocabulary, reading, grammar, listening, and essay writing. Focus is placed on improving IELTS test scores for admission to an MBA program at Cal State East Bay or other institutions.

Course Curriculum

Three MBA Fundamental courses are taught as part of the Pre-MBA:

Fall - MGMT 6015 Data Analysis and Decision Modeling for Managers (4) Quantitative modeling and data analysis as they are applied for making managerial decisions in organizations. Topics include regression, correlation, forecasting models, optimization, decision analysis, project management, and simulation. Emphasis on usage of spreadsheet modeling and appropriate software technology.

Winter - ACCT 6015 Financial Accounting (4) Focus on financial reporting, analysis, interpretation, and decision-making for managers. Topics include constructing, analyzing and interpreting financial statements; analyzing transactions, reporting and analyzing operating income, operating assets, debt financing, owner financing, and off-balance-sheet financing.

Spring - ITM 6015 Information Systems Development and Management (4) Development of business information technology strategies and solutions for enterprise and global information management systems. Topics include the structure, analysis, design, and implementation of information technology.

Summer
No MBA fundamental courses offered.

Program Outcomes

- Full transfer of credit into the MBA of one to three foundation courses (4-12 units)
- Prospective admission to MBA after meeting the requirements set by CSUEB College of Business and Economics

Program Benefits

- Strengthen business communication skills
- Develop necessary study skills for success in graduate business school
- Basic orientation to U.S. business practices
- Intensive GMAT test taking preparation

Housing
Students can live at the Cal State East Bay on-campus residence facilities in apartments or suites. University Village is just a short walk from classes and provides spacious, fully-furnished apartments that feature a kitchenette with refrigerator and microwave. It is a true living-learning community designed to help you thrive academically, personally, and socially as it is equipped with a computer lab and study, exercise, laundry, and recreation rooms. High-speed Internet access is provided and phone and cable service are available. Free shuttle buses run from campus to nearby BART train stations which offer access to the entire Bay Area.

APPLY NOW!

- Complete MBA application online at: www.csumentor.edu AND
- Complete Pre-MBA application at: www.csueastbay.edu/ALP/prospective-students/apply-now.html

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Submit online application and required attachments:
- Official academic records verifying completion of four-year bachelor's degree
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score
- Verification of financial declarations (bank statements, letter or seal)
- Copy of passport name page
- Non-refundable $100 application fee (may be paid by credit card online)
- Copy of confirmation page from your CSU Mentor MBA application

TUITION AND FEES PER QUARTER
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