FAQS - MBA FOR GLOBAL INNOVATORS

How do I apply and what are the requirements?
Please see our “How to Apply” MBA Application Guide for step-by-step details
- Must have over 5 years of professional working experience
- Personal Interview with program director(s)
- Submit an online application for CSU East Bay’s MBA for Global Innovators program at www.csumentor.edu
- Send all original transcripts to the MBA Special Session department office
- TOEFL/IELTS English Proficiency test for international students
- Must have a 4-year degree or the equivalent

To express your interest and determine your eligibility, please complete our pre-admission form at the following webpage:
http://www.csueastbay.edu/cbe/one-year-mba/pre-admission-survey.html Your answers will be reviewed in Winter.

When is the application deadline?
The application deadline every year is May 1st. However, because students are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis, and only 35 students are admitted to the Global Innovators program each year, the program will be full before May. It is important to follow the application steps early to ensure that seats are still available in the program.

Is a GMAT score required?
No; GMAT is optional. However, all students are required to have 5+ years of professional working experience instead.

When does the program start?
The MBA for Global Innovators program begins only once each year in August (Fall semester)

What is the cost of tuition for the MBA for Global Innovators?
Tuition is $36,000 (+$1,000 for the optional international travel component). This is not subject to change during the course of the year. This does not include textbook costs or application fees.

Are there any required prerequisite courses for students who did not earn their bachelor’s in business?
No. MBA for Global Innovators is open to students with any bachelor’s degree. We encourage a 3.0+ undergrad GPA.

Can I transfer-in credits for courses I have taken in other programs or at other schools?
No. In order to earn the MBA degree, members of the MBA for Global Innovators program are required to complete and pass all courses offered in the MBA curriculum, at CSU East Bay, regardless of past coursework.

What is the course schedule?
Courses are offered on Saturdays and a few Sundays. All class-meeting dates and a detailed course calendar are distributed at the beginning of the program in order to accommodate for professionals with busy work schedules. All courses take place at the CSU “San Ramon campus.”

Where are classes located?
Classes meet at the San Ramon Valley Conference Center, 3301 Crow Canyon Rd., in San Ramon, California. Classes are only held at this location; there are no classes offered online or at the CSU Hayward campus.

Why doesn’t the MBA for Global Innovators meet at the Hayward campus?
The MBA for Global Innovators program is offered at a different campus, with a different schedule, in order to allow full-time working professionals to complete the program in 18 months. By offering courses on the weekends (Saturdays and some Sundays), students are able to satisfy the requirements necessary to earn an MBA degree from California State University, East Bay in the set 18-month time frame, while working a full-time job.

How long is the program and when will I graduate?
The program is five semesters, 18 months, and runs from Fall semester 2020 to Spring 2022. You will “officially” graduate at the end of Spring semester 2022.

What degree do I earn with completion of the MBA for Global Innovators program?
Students who complete all components of the MBA for Global Innovators program while maintaining an average GPA of 3.0+ will earn a Master’s degree in Business from California State University, East Bay’s AACSB accredited College of Business and Economics. This is the same degree earned by students in the MBA with Options program at the Hayward campus, but with an option in “MBA for Global Innovators”.

Is financial aid available?
Domestic students may be eligible for financial aid. To determine your eligibility, please contact the Financial Aid office at fnaid@csueastbay.edu, or visit the Financial Aid website at www.csueastbay.edu/financialaid.

How can I get more information?
Information Sessions are held in the November through April months. Topics of discussion include admissions requirements and processes, course schedule and curriculum, and also provide a chance to meet the program directors. For upcoming Information Sessions, or to ask us any questions, please email us at fulltimeMBA@csueastbay.edu