Welcome to the first edition of the Global MBA (GMBA) Online Newsletter. We hope you find this newsletter useful. You will be sent a new issue at the start of each semester. Please let us know if you have any questions about the online program and provide us feedback about the newsletter.

UTD first offered GMBA courses in Fall 1999, and the program has grown tremendously over the last 3 years. We have steadily increased the number of course offerings, and anticipate the online MBA degree plan to be fully developed by the end of the Fall 2001. We currently have over 150 students enrolled in the online MBA, and expect to have our first graduates this Fall!

On a personal note... It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Dr. Stephen Guisinger (7/3/2001), colleague in international management studies, partner in the development of the School of Management's Distance Education effort, and close personal friend. Dr. Guisinger's courses Global Economy (IMS 5200) and Multinational Firm (IMS 6200) will be offered during Fall 2001 with Visiting Professor Deepak Sethi as Course Manager.

What's New?

Course Access: The Fall 2001 semester starts on **Aug. 24th**. The 2nd. 8 week session starts **Oct. 18th**. Course access will be available on or shortly before these dates.

- You'll still access the WebCT Courses (section 0G1) at: [http://webct.utdallas.edu](http://webct.utdallas.edu). Make sure you have your UTD Net ID and Password ready.
- For those who need to initialize the account, please go to: [https://warp.utdallas.edu](https://warp.utdallas.edu) shortly before or at the start of the semester.
- If your account has already been set up but you've forgotten your account info, please contact UTD student help desk, [guru@utdallas.edu](mailto:guru@utdallas.edu) or call 973-883-4878.
- For the UT System TeleCampus courses (section 0T1), you can visit TeleCampus website for more info: [http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/](http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/).

Online Library Access: Did you know that you can remotely access UTD online library resource? Logon through UTD iPlanet website at: [https://portal.utdallas.edu](https://portal.utdallas.edu). For more information, please visit: [http://www.utdallas.edu/library](http://www.utdallas.edu/library).

Foreign Study Tour: The trip and its written assignment will provide 2 credit hours which can substitute for one organized class in the area of International Management electives. Prerequisites are Global Economy (IMS 5200) or its equivalent, plus one additional international business course at the Graduate level or consent of instructor. Watch the GMBA website's "What's New" for information prior to the next newsletter.
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Course Offerings: For information (course list, dates, links to syllabus, etc.) about the online courses for the current and upcoming semesters, please visit: http://som.utdallas.edu/globalmba/course.htm You can order course material at: http://direct.mbsbooks.com/utd.htm.

Graduation and Commencement

In December, 2001, we expect to have our first graduates from the online MBA program. The deadline for graduation candidates to file is August 29th for Fall 2001. Students are required to fill out a graduation application and submit it to the Office of Student records by this deadline. If you plan to graduate in the Fall 2001 semester, and you are currently residing outside of Texas or the U.S., please contact Camille Smith in the School of Management Advising office, 972-883-2750. The Commencement ceremony will be held on December 22nd, in Richardson, TX.

We Want You!

If you received this Newsletter, then you have taken online courses at UTD. Are you designated as an MBG student? The MBG classification means that you are enrolled in the MBA program and will be pursuing your MBA primarily online. Your diploma will state only that you earned an MBA from UTD.

If you would like to change your status to MBG, please send an email to Camille Smith stating “I would like to change my status from MBA to MBG” and we can process the change for you. If you are currently a non-degree seeking or international student, please select Global MBA online ("Master of Business Administration - Global" on the Texas Common Application) when you submit a new graduate application.

Top 5 - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. How do I transfer courses for credit from other institutions?

You can request to transfer up to 15 graduate level credit hours into the MBA degree program. You will need to submit the Transfer Request form to process your request.

2. I am required to take the pre-requisite course MATH 5404 (MATH 1325 and/or MATH 1326). Is this course offered online?

UTD currently does not offer the MATH pre-requisite courses online. You may take this course at another 4-year institution (online or on-campus) that offers the equivalent. You will need to submit the Pre-approval Request form prior to enrolling in the course.

3. What is the difference between the Global MBA Online & TeleCampus MBA Online?

UTD participates in the UT-System TeleCampus MBA Online. UTD students must take a minimum of 30 credit hours from UTD, and may request to transfer up to 18 credit hours from other UT-System schools in the TeleCampus program.

4. What UTD courses are equivalent to TeleCampus MBA courses at other UT-TeleCampus schools?

There are currently ten TeleCampus courses that have been evaluated for UTD equivalency. Please click on the link above for more information. The courses that have not been evaluated for UTD equivalency will be considered for elective credit.
5. What TeleCampus MBA courses are available and how do I register for the courses?

For a list of TeleCampus MBA online courses offered at other UT-System schools, please visit the website: [http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/programs/MBA/mba.html](http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/programs/MBA/mba.html) You will need to submit an IDEAR form to request registration.

For more FAQ's, please visit FAQ's page on GMBA Online Web Site at: [http://somweb.utdallas.edu/somResources/eLearning/eLearningCurrent/faq.php](http://somweb.utdallas.edu/somResources/eLearning/eLearningCurrent/faq.php)