ACCELERATED MBA PROGRAM TO START IN PADUCAH IN SPRING 2016

The AACSB-Accredited Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business at Murray State University started a weekender MBA Program in Paducah on Friday, August 21, 2015. In Spring 2016, we will accept up to 10 additional students to join this Accelerated MBA Program in Paducah. While the first group will complete the MBA in May 2017, the second group will complete theirs in Summer 2017. Except for BUS 695—the MBA Foundation Courses to be taught in Spring 2016—each of the other 10 MBA courses has a 5-weekend duration. Of the five weekends, only 3 will require students to travel to the MSU Paducah Campus for live lectures. The other two weekends will involve 100% online instruction.

The Paducah MBA Program is targeted at two groups, namely: (a) Students who already possess an undergraduate degree in business, and (b) Students with no business background. The MBA Foundation Courses will be taught under BUS 695 to give non-business majors the necessary foundations to succeed at the graduate level. Students with undergraduate degrees in business are also required to register for BUS 695.

Classes on Weekends: Friday from 6:00PM—10:00PM, and Saturday from 9:00AM to 4:PM

(1) Location of Program: MSU Paducah Regional Campus, 4430 Sunset Avenue Paducah, KY 42001
The contact person at the Paducah Regional Campus is Ms. Jennifer Dickey:
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(2) Investment Amount: The Paducah MBA will cost $25,000 from start to finish (or $2,272 per course, because there are 11 courses involved). This will include all your books (worth some $2,500) and lunches on Saturdays when classes meet from 9AM to 4PM.

(3) Financing the MBA Program: In addition to corporate sponsorship possibilities, financial aid is available. The following links are helpful: www.fafsa.ed.gov or go to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov and download a PDF version of FAFSA, or go to www.studentloans.gov or contact MSU’s Financial Aid Office at (270) 809 2546 or at the following website: http://www.murraystate.edu/fas.aspx.

(4) Application Process: Go to the MSU web-link (http://www.murraystate.edu), Prospective Students, Graduate Program—or go straight to the Application form which is found at: http://murraystate.edu/Libraries/GraduateStudents/GraduateApplication_201405.pdf.

Then do the following things:

♦ Complete the application form (type the relevant details).
♦ Put Spring 2016 as your start date
♦ Print the completed Graduate Application.
♦ On top of the printed application write, in all-caps: Paducah MBA Spring 2016.
♦ Snail-mail the application to: Dr. Gerry N. Muuka: Interim Dean, Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business, 109 Business Building; Murray; KY 42071. Include the $40 application fee, made out to Murray State University.
♦ Have all official undergraduate transcripts sent by all your previous schools directly to Murray State University, using this address: Office of Graduate Admissions, Murray State University, B2 Sparks Hall, Murray, KY 42071-3312. Note: Transcripts can now be sent electronically to MSU (kgarrison@murraystate.edu) if a student requests them from the National Student Clearinghouse Transcript Ordering Service. Their e-mail address is: transcripts@studentclearinghouse.org.
**Key MBA Admission Requirements**

(a) Undergraduate overall GPA of at least 2.75 (or at least 3.0 from the last 60 hours). If you meet these GPA thresholds, then you will be conditionally admitted to sign up for Spring 2016 classes. You can take the GRE or GMAT by March 15, 2016, after you have already started taking MBA courses in Paducah.

(b) Either the GMAT or the GRE: Students with an overall GPA of 3.0 need a GMAT score of not less than 400 (out of 800), or a GRE score of not less than 286 (out of 340). Those with overall GPAs that are less than 3.0 will need higher GMAT or GRE scores. Dr. Muuka will let you know what score you need once your official application is received.

**Paducah MBA: Schedule of Classes for the Spring 2016 Cohort—Spring 2016 to Summer 2017.**

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<th>Semester</th>
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<td>Spring 2016</td>
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<td>♦ ACC 604 Core Course</td>
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<td>♦ ECO 625 Core Course</td>
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<td>Summer 2017</td>
<td>♦ MGT 651: You will take this core course online in Summer I of 2017. You will pay the lower web tuition for it, instead of the $2,272. Books for MGT 651 will not be provided. Students will buy the book for MGT 651 on their own</td>
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**Key Questions Answered**

♦ **Foundation Courses:** Is it true that non-business majors can get into the Paducah MBA because the necessary Business Foundation Courses will be taught in Paducah? Absolutely true, yes. In Spring 2016, the BUS 695 Course in the table above will cover the following key Business foundation courses: CIS 490: Survey of Calculus and Statistics; FIN 330: Principles of Finance; ACC 490: Survey of Financial and Managerial Accounting; and ECO 490: Survey of Macro and Micro Economics.

♦ **GMAT/GRE:** Which one should students take? The GRE, because it’s $100 cheaper and, in Dr. Muuka’s opinion, 10% easier than the GMAT. You will need a GRE Handbook (2015 or 2016 Editions) to review for 2 months. Only the Quantitative and Verbal Sections of the GRE are important. We do not count the Analytical Section.

♦ **Life Circumstances:** If I start the Spring 2016 Paducah MBA but have to move out of the area before I complete it, what are my options? You will be able to transition, seamlessly, to our 100% Online MBA. Yes, this option has already been utilized before.

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