

BRANDED CONTENT

MBA & MASTER'S 2026 GUIDE

HAVING AN MBA OR OTHER ADVANCED DEGREE HAS ALWAYS PROVIDED a number of advantages, both for the degree-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 is at an all-time high.

Diverse Ideas and Real-World Impact

THE MBA PROGRAM at CSUN's David Nazarian College of Business and Economics prepares working professionals to lead in today's fast-changing business environment. Students come from diverse industries across the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County and Ventura County, bringing real-world experience and broad perspectives into every classroom.

Students view their MBA — both the degree and the program experience — as a strategic investment in leadership, analytical insight and long-term growth.

FLEXIBLE. RELEVANT. DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS.

Designed for working professionals, the program offers evening and hybrid courses that fit busy schedules while



maintaining strong faculty and peer engagement. Most students take two courses per semester and complete the degree in about two years with the flexibility to adjust their course load as career and personal demands evolve.



RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Ranked and recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Princeton Review*, the college's MBA combines academic excellence with career-ready skills. Faculty bring both academic expertise and industry experience, ensuring that course content remains relevant and immediately applicable in the workplace.

APPLIED LEARNING: REAL BUSINESS IMPACT

Students move beyond theory through hands-on learning with the Nazarian College Small Business Consulting Pro-

gram. Working in teams, they consult with and address the specific needs of small businesses and nonprofits in the region. Students gain practical consulting experience, strengthen professional networks and deliver measurable value to the community.

A POWERFUL NETWORK: A STRATEGIC LOCATION

Located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, CSUN serves a vibrant and diverse region. With more than 400,000 alumni worldwide, students gain access to a powerful network of professionals and leaders across industries.



NAME OF INSTITUTION California State University, Northridge	TOTAL MBA ENROLLMENT 203	RANKINGS • Ranked No. 3 among CSUs MBA programs by <i>U.S. News & World Report</i> , 2025 • Tier One – <i>CEO Magazine</i> Global MBA Rankings, 2025 • <i>The Princeton Review's</i> Best Business Schools, 2025	UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS N/A
NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM The David Nazarian College of Business and Economics MBA Program	MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED Part-time evening MBA	TOTAL COST OF MBA PROGRAM \$33,000 - \$45,000	
BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN Chandra Subramaniam, Ph.D.	MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED Selected topics in a variety of relevant functional areas.	REQUIRED TESTING GMAT or GRE (waivers are also available)	APPLICATION DEADLINES • Fall 2026: May 31 • Spring 2027: Nov. 1
YEAR FOUNDED 1958	LENGTH OF PROGRAMS 2.5 years (average)	PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS • WASC • AACSB	PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION (818) 677 2467 mba@csun.edu
YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED 1958	PROGRAM CAMPUS LOCATIONS CSUN campus (some courses hy-flex)		



Diverse Ideas. Dynamic Environments.

CSUN's David Nazarian College of Business and Economics offers a part-time evening MBA program designed for working professionals. Faculty expertise and student experience coalesce to produce innovative leaders who:

- Apply knowledge and create strategies to manage dynamic environments
- Contribute sustainable value to their organization, industry, and community
- Integrate theory and experiential learning to benefit career networks and trajectories

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CSUN NAZARIAN

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Why an MBA is the Right Move for Your Career

CHOOSING AN MBA is a massive investment of your time and energy, so it has to be about more than just the letters on your resume. California Lutheran University has built a program that actually respects your schedule while giving you the high-level connections you need to move up in the SoCal business world.

A LOCATION THAT OPENS DOORS

The main campus sits right in the heart of the North LA “Biotech Corridor” in Thousand Oaks. This isn’t just a scenic spot; it’s a strategic one. The school is surrounded by industry giants like Amgen, as well as a massive wave of startups in the Conejo Valley. This means your “classroom” extends into one of the most vibrant economic hubs in the country. Whether

you’re attending classes on-campus or virtually, you’re plugged into a network that matters.

LEARNING FROM THE PEOPLE WHO DO THE WORK

One of the biggest perks at the university is its faculty. It doesn’t just rely on career academics. The adjunct professors are active or former leaders at companies like Patagonia, Toyota, The Cheesecake Factory, and various other global financial firms. They bring current, real-world problems into the discussions. You aren’t just reading case studies from ten years ago; you’re talking about what’s happening in the market this morning.

OPPORTUNITIES BUILT AROUND YOU

You’re likely balancing a full-time job

and a life outside of work.


That’s why the university has made the program as flexible as possible. You can choose either a general MBA or from three different specializations:

- **Finance** or **Marketing** for those eyeing executive roles.
- **Information Technology** for the bridge between tech and management.

Beyond the classes, you get access to personalized career coaching and a capstone project that lets you consult for real organizations. It’s about building a portfolio, not just passing a test.

This university does things differently.

Visit callutheran.edu/mba to see upcoming start dates.

<p>NAME OF INSTITUTION California Lutheran University</p> <p>NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM School of Management</p> <p>BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN Dr. Gerhard Apfelthaler</p> <p>YEAR FOUNDED 1959</p> <p>YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED 1971</p> <p>TOTAL ENROLLMENT • EMBA: 61 • MBA: 125 • MSM: 19</p> <p>MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED Executive (Cohort), Full Time, Part Time, Evening, Weekend, Online.</p> <p>MBA AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED Marketing; Finance; Information Technology</p>	<p>LENGTH OF PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMBA: 18 months • MBA: 18-24 months • MSM: 12 months <p>PROGRAM CAMPUS LOCATIONS Thousand Oaks Westlake Village</p> <p>PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASC • ACBSP <p>RANKINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Los Angeles Business Journal</i> 2025 ranked California Lutheran University’s MBA program #4 among MBA programs in the Los Angeles area in 2025 based on graduates and enrollment. • <i>Inside The Valley</i> 2024 (the San Fernando Valley / Ventura County area), the program has been ranked #1 for MBA programs by graduate output in regional business lists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #12 among Regional Universities West by U.S. <i>News & World Report</i> 2025 • #11 <i>LA Times</i> 2025’s Top MBA Programs in Southern California <p>TOTAL COST OF PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMBA: 48 credits, \$1,220 per credit; \$58,560 base cost • MBA: 39+ credits; \$920 per credit; \$35,880 - \$41,400 base cost • MSM: 30 credits; \$920 per credit; \$27,600 base cost <p>REQUIRED TESTING N/A</p> <p>UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS</p> <p>2026 MBA/MSM/EMBA Tuesday, 6/23 @12:00PM Tuesday, 8/25 @12:00PM Tuesday, 11/10 @12:00PM</p>		<p>2027 MBA/MSM/EMBA Tuesday, 2/2 @12:00PM Tuesday, 3/30 @12:00PM</p> <p>APPLICATION DEADLINES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMBA Term 2: October 5, 2026 • MBA and MSM Term 1: August 3, 2026, Term 2: October 5, 2026, Term 3: December 14, 2026, Term 4: March 1, 2027, Term 5: May 3, 2027 <p>PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION Vlad Vaiman, PhD (program director) callutheran.edu/management/programs (805) 493-3325 clugrad@CalLutheran.edu</p>
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Ready for the next step in your career? *Yes, and Cal Lutheran helped get me there!*

Our School of Management
develops leaders for the global
world of today and tomorrow.

Undergraduate Programs

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Sports Management

Graduate Programs

- MBA (online, on campus, or hybrid)
- Executive MBA (hybrid)
- MS in Information Technology
(online, on campus, or hybrid)
- MS in Management
(online, on campus, or hybrid)
- MS in Sport Management (online)
- Master of Public Policy and
Administration (online,
on campus, or hybrid)

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Andrea Teodorescu, MBA '21
Marketing Finance Manager
Dole Packaged Foods



Advance Your Career with a Graduate Degree

EARNING A GRADUATE DEGREE is one of the most transformative investments you can make in your future — and Woodbury University is uniquely positioned to help you get there. Nestled in Burbank, at the heart of one of the world's most dynamic creative and business ecosystems, Woodbury offers graduate programs designed to accelerate your professional growth and deepen your expertise through business, design, and innovation.

Woodbury University offers graduate programs at the intersection of business, architecture, and design, preparing leaders to navigate an increasingly interdisciplinary and complex world. Whether you're looking to sharpen your design sensibility, elevate your business acumen, or lead with greater purpose, there's a program tailored to your ambitions.

What truly sets Woodbury apart is its commitment to personal attention. With

small class sizes and a faculty composed of accomplished professionals and experts in their respective fields, students receive personalized mentorship throughout their graduate studies. You won't get lost in a lecture hall here — you'll build real relationships with instructors who are actively shaping their industries.

The programs are designed to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, enabling students to make significant contributions to their chosen fields. This isn't passive learning. Woodbury emphasizes experiential education, meaning you'll engage in real-world projects from day one.

Industry access is another major advantage. The university maintains strong partnerships with industry leaders, connecting students to internships, research projects, and professional networking events — giving you a powerful



head start before you even cross the graduation stage.

Soon to merge with the University of Redlands, a graduate degree from Woodbury isn't just a credential. It's a launchpad to limitless possibilities.

NAME OF INSTITUTION

Woodbury University

NAME OF BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM

Our graduate programs are across School of Business (SOB), School of Architecture (SOA), and School of Media : Culture : Design (MCD)

BUSINESS SCHOOL DEAN

Dean School of Business — Joan Marques, PhD, EdD, MBA
Dean, School of Architecture
Interim Dean, School of Media : Culture : Design — Heather Flood, MArch

YEAR FOUNDED

1884

YEAR BUSINESS SCHOOL OR PROGRAM WAS STARTED

1884

MBA PLATFORMS OFFERED SOB:

- BBA-MBA Accelerated Program
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

SOA

- Master of Architecture (MArch)
- Master of Science in Architecture (MSArch)
- Master of Interior Design (MID)

MCD

- Master's in Interdisciplinary Design (MS/MDes)

MBA

- Evenings, one night a week, Online
- Others: Full-Time Traditional

AREAS OF EMPHASIS OFFERED

MBA

- Accounting-Finance
- Global Strategy-Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Sustainability

Architecture & Design:

- Design & Spatial Innovation
- Sustainability & Environmental Performance
- Advanced Technologies in Design
- Human-Centered & Interdisciplinary Design

LENGTH OF PROGRAMS

MBA Core: 12 months, Online, Evening
Architecture: 24 and 36 months, Full-time, Traditional

Interior Design: 24 and 36 months, Full-time, Traditional

Interdisciplinary Design: 12 and 24 months, Full-time, Traditional

PROGRAM CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Burbank, CA

PROGRAM ACCREDITATIONS

All Woodbury programs are WASC-accredited and STEM-designated.
• MBA: AACSB International & ACBSP
• MArch: NAAB
• MID: NASAD

TOTAL COST OF MBA PROGRAM

\$1,528 per unit
Many scholarships are available. Every incoming MBA student is currently eligible for our \$22,000 RISE Scholarship.

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REQUIRED TESTING

Some Graduate Degrees Require a Portfolio

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

N/A

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Apply Any Time

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHY I CHOSE A

WOODBURY MASTER'S DEGREE



I knew that Woodbury University's MBA program would give me the real-world tools I needed to be successful in business. And I was right. The intimate class sizes, hands-on curriculum, and incredibly supportive faculty made all the difference in my ability to lead with strength and confidence."

MARIYA PALANJIAN
Founder / CEO, Create Why
BBA 2002 / MBA 2004

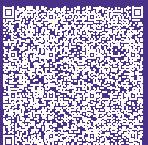
Woodbury University's graduate programs offer academic excellence and real-world preparation. The MBA is accredited by both AACSB and ACBSP — a distinction held by fewer than 5% of business schools worldwide. All our graduate programs provide personalized faculty attention and one-on-one guidance in a flexible format designed for working professionals ready to lead.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT WOODBURY

Online, Hybrid, and In-Person

- **BBA-MBA Accelerated Program**
- **Master of Architecture**
- **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**
- **Master of Interior Design**
- **Master of Science in Architecture**
- **Master's in Interdisciplinary Design**

EXPLORE OTHER GRAD PROGRAMS AT OUR PEER CAMPUSES



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