

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

BUSINESS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

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Summer 2009

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2009

Registration for summer is going on now! Classes begin June 22 unless you have a pre-session class. In that case, your class will begin June 15. Please pay close attention to the footnotes on the schedule. There is a lot of variety and creative scheduling in the summer term.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009

Registration for spring term begins Monday, May 18. Priority is given to students with higher student status (more credits). To find out when you are eligible to register, check out the registration time table at:

<http://www.sou.edu/enrollment/academic-services/regis-table-fall09.html>

You can view the class schedule on the web at:

www.sou.edu/cgi/schedule.cgi

If you don't use it already, check out the Advanced Search button on the class schedule. You can search for online classes only, Medford classes, classes that meet a specific upper division general education requirement, etc. Also pay attention to the footnotes in the far right column on your screen for important information related to a class. **HEC campus classes** are in **red font** and **online** classes are in **green**.

GRADUATION 2009

Congratulations to the twenty or so Degree Completion Students we have graduating this June 13. That number seems to hold steady every year. Finishing your degree with a work schedule and family is a very admirable accomplishment. I look forward to congratulating every one of you when you walk across that stage.

The website for commencement information is:

<http://www.sou.edu/commencement/>

NEW PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

New program proposals are on their way to the state for approval. By fall term, we should have the following programs approved and ready to offer:

- International Business Certificate
- Certificate in Sustainability Leadership
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Management (BAS)

Both of the certificate programs are considered "post-baccalaureate." However, you can complete them at the same time you're working on your bachelor's degree.

The BAS program is something new to Oregon. It is designed for people with an AAS degree, which tends to have a lot of Professional/Technical credits and not many general education credits. The advantage of the BAS degree is that it allows people to transfer more credits to the University. Currently, the limit on professional/technical credits is 24. The BAS allows around 50 credits of Professional/Technical credits to be transferred.

The BAS is great for people who started out learning a skill like fire-fighting, EMT, or construction technology. After years of being in the trade, they realize they need a bachelor's degree to get promoted to higher management positions. The BAS provides these professionals with the leadership training they need. If you'd like more information about any of these programs, please contact me at mcbeej@sou.edu

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself. "
--John Dewey

For more information about the Business Degree Completion Program, go to:
www.sou.edu/degreecompletion

ADVISOR REPORT

I've been serving as the Degree Completion Program advisor since 1997. I love teaching in the program and advising all of you students. In 2007, I became the Director of the HEC. My time got spread kind of thin at times, and I feel I wasn't able to serve you as I would have liked. My response to emails and phone calls got a little slower, and you were all very patient with me.

I'm happy to report that I'll be resigning from my Director position and going back to teaching and advising. I'm also happy to report that I'll be on sabbatical from June 15 – January 1, 2010. While I'm gone, Melanie Johnson, an advisor at the HEC, will be serving my advisees. She knows how to get in touch with me if needed. This is my first sabbatical, and I'm very excited to have some time off to do research.

I'll be here to help you with fall term preregistration. But once I'm gone, please contact Melanie if you need help:

Melanie Johnson, johnsomel@sou.edu, 552-8103

THE REWARDS OF A DEGREE

A Mail Tribune article dated April 19, 2009 quoted Newsweek as saying that Americans over the age of 25 with a college degree experience an unemployment rate of only 4.3 percent compared to Oregon's average of 12.1 percent and the nation's average of 9 percent.

The Oregon Employment Department Reports that 74 percent of the jobs paying at least \$45,000 per year require a bachelor's degree or higher.

For those of you wondering if getting a degree is really worth it, I hope those statistics convince you.

REINVENT YOURSELF!

With the slow economy and high unemployment rate, many people are looking at this as a great time to return to college. It's time to shed the old career, and think about how you can reinvent yourself. Please join us for a seminar sponsored by the School of Business about the changing business climate and how you can prepare yourself for the future.

When: May 27, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Higher Education Center, Room 132
101 S. Bartlett Street, Medford, OR 97501

INTERNSHIPS

If you are a business management student, you have the choice of taking BA428 Business Research or BA409 Practicum. I get a lot of questions about the practicum, so I thought an explanation in the newsletter was due.

BA409 Practicum is an internship program. You must work 30 hours for every one credit you earn. For your core business requirement, you would need 4 credits. That averages about 12 credits per week in a term.

To find out about internships that are available, you can search the School of Business database at:

<http://www.sou.edu/business/internships/index.html>

You can search for an internship by location, pay, area of study, etc. A lot of students ask if they can do an internship at their current place of business. The answer is possibly. If you do something above and beyond your normal work duties, like a special research project or additional training, you may. You must get your internship approved prior to starting it with Meredith Reynolds, mreynolds@sou.edu, 541-552-6677.

Remember, you can do the Practicum or Business Research. If you do research, you can still do practicum for Upper Division Business Management Credit as well.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

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Congratulations go to Dennis Kerr who is graduating this June. Dennis is self-employed in commercial property management in Bend, Oregon.

Certificate in Management of Human Resources

Congratulations to Pamela Armstrong for being nominated as the Human Resource Management Student of the Year. Pam graduates this June with a degree in Management as well.

If you have any questions or comments about anything in this newsletter or you do not want to be on the mailing list, please contact:

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