J.P. MORGAN CENTER FOR COMMODITIES

The J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities (JPMCC) is the first Academic Center of its kind focused on providing students with a cutting-edge education in Commodity markets, regulation, trading financial fundamentals, investing, and risk management. Established in 2012, the JPMCC provides the opportunity for hands-on experience with industry standard trading software, including Bloomberg, Morningstar, and CQG. In addition to traditional classroom instruction, students learn from case studies, guest lecturers, and field trips to Commodities operational sites such as, drilling and fracking sites, power plants, energy trading floors, flour mills, meat packing and feed operations, and gold mines. This applied learning focuses the experiential education objective of the Center.

COMMODITY-DRIVEN ECONOMY

Colorado is a Commodity-rich state with significant physical presence of oil, natural gas, minerals, metals, renewables, and agriculture. In addition to the generous support provided by J.P. Morgan, our board of advisors is comprised of top executives from over 20 Commodity-related companies located in Colorado and around the country. They provide direction and support to the Center by providing scholarships & guest speakers, hosting field trips and “shadow days,” and participating in networking events at the Business School. As the only Center of its kind in the world, we are committed to providing students the education needed to help them excel in a robust and competitive marketplace in the Commodities industry.

The Commodity industry adds 3.5 billion dollars to the Colorado economy.

First center of its kind in the world to provide comprehensive Commodities research and education.

CU Denver J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities is an Approved Provider of continuing professional education (CPE) credits with the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) which is a not-for-profit organization and the only globally recognized membership association for risk managers. Their goal is to help create a culture of risk awareness within organizations, from entry level to board level.
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Commodities Specialization is offered to MBA students, and a Commodities Certificate is available to MS students. Students leave the program with a set of tools which gives them an advantage for jobs in multiple fields.

The 4-Course Specialization consists of a financial derivatives course (FNCE 6382) from the Finance and Risk Management Program and 3 Commodities courses listed below:

COURSES

CMDT 6802 Foundations of Commodities
This course introduces students to the physical aspects of Commodities and connects them to the financial markets in which Commodities are traded. Fundamental concepts and terminology necessary for understanding Commodity production, transportation, economics, financial analysis and marketing are described, in addition to the production and market structure knowledge needed to be successful professional participants in Commodity trading capacities.

CMDT 6682 Trading in Commodity and Financial Markets
This course puts students at the leading edge of managing investment portfolios across multiple asset classes, including Commodities (energy, metals and currencies) as well as equities, fixed income and alternative assets. Bringing to life latest academic theories such as Kaplan’s CVaR in the JP Morgan Center for Commodities will ideally prepare students to pursue careers in asset management, investment advisory or related financial markets positions.

CMDT 6582 Commodity Supply Chain Management
Recent impacts of changing fuel costs, global recessions, and increased competition means all businesses with a Supply Chain devote a significant portion of their resources into Supply Chain Management. With this class, you will become conversant in terminology, understand the structure of common supply chains, risk factors and be able to help maximize profitability.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Commodities courses are restricted to students currently enrolled in a Degree-seeking program at CU Denver Business School. Visit us in the future, as we plan to make the courses available to non-degree students. There are no prerequisites for Commodities courses. Please Note: Commodities courses are listed under “Extended Studies” in the Campus dropdown menu in the Student Portal.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many commodity-specific scholarships, provided by our invaluable industry partners. These are available to current and prospective Commodities students. Awards range from $500 - $5,000. Enrolled students will receive applications 1 month before the start of the semester.