“In the CU Executive MBA program, we strive to inspire you and to engage your mind to think differently about yourself, your career, and your life. You get much more than business fundamentals—you get the collective knowledge of faculty and colleagues, all within a very collaborative environment.”

—Ramiro Montealegre
Associate Professor, Management & Entrepreneurship, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder
There are finite leadership opportunities and only the best are able to advance to top positions in an extremely competitive business world. Attaining an MBA gives you an advantage over your competition, demonstrating that you’ve got the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to successfully lead an organization. Are you up to the challenge? You can see the future you want, now take the steps to make it happen.

IMAGINE. Then rise.™

Today’s leaders are relied upon to interpret critical information in order to make important long-term decisions for their organizations. Business challenges are increasingly complex, and it is more apparent than ever that an advanced degree is beneficial in meeting these challenges. When considering going back to graduate school most are concerned they won’t have enough time for school and work, not to mention juggling family and personal responsibilities. The University of Colorado Executive MBA (EMBA) program is specifically designed with you, the working professional, in mind. Earn your MBA in less than two years, while you work. Our schedules provide 12 calendar days between classroom weekends, and our convenient location in downtown Denver allows for commuting from anywhere in the region.

University of Colorado Executive MBA students use the insight shared by faculty from the collective University of Colorado campuses and their fellow students to make better decisions within their organizations. Classes are comprised of executives from diverse backgrounds, functional areas, and stages in their careers—opening our students to critical conversations and experiences that provide immediate, real-time impact on the organizations they represent. University of Colorado Executive MBA students apply their knowledge and progress in their careers even before they graduate from the program.

Are you ready to rise to the next level in your career and your life? Now is the time to start making the future you envision your reality, enroll in the CU EMBA.
CU EMBA Features

Thought leaders from each of the University of Colorado Business Schools. Professors from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, and the University of Colorado Colorado Springs bring an experienced mix of theory and practical application to our classes.

A local network with global reach. With more than 1300 alumni, the CU EMBA network has a strong presence both regionally and abroad.

Designed for today’s working professional. Classes meet every other weekend, offering 12 calendar days between class weekends. You will earn your degree in less than two years without interrupting your career.

Dual degree options. University of Colorado EMBA students have the unique option of obtaining a second Master of Science degree or earning an area of specialization upon completion of the program. Students may select programs from the University of Colorado Denver or Colorado Springs Business Schools.

Learning in real time. The University of Colorado Executive MBA program is designed for business professionals, decision makers, entrepreneurs, and professionals working in the engineering, medical, legal, and scientific fields. CU EMBA students gain a broad business perspective, improve their ability to think strategically, and build confidence in themselves and their ability to make better business decisions.

Centrally located in downtown Denver. All classes are held at the CU Executive Education Center, convenient to I-25, Auraria Parkway, and Speer Boulevard, allowing for easy commutes from anywhere in the region.
A Focus on Leadership

The University of Colorado Executive MBA partners with the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) to include individualized assessment tools for each student. Our partnership with CCL brings an exclusive focus on leadership education, research, and an unparalleled expertise in solving the leadership challenges of individuals and organizations everywhere. CCL has partnered with individuals and organizations around the globe for over 40 years to develop the skills and insight to achieve more than they thought possible through creative leadership. The Center for Creative Leadership is consistently ranked by Financial Times as one of the top 10 providers of Executive Education in the world.

Every leader and organization faces obstacles that are difficult to surmount—from corporate executives confronting the complex global marketplace to educators trying to lift student achievement to nonprofit groups and government agencies addressing critical social issues with tight budgets. CCL believes that solutions to these challenges exist and has helped clients unlock these solutions through creative leadership.

CCL’s expertise in creative leadership, combined with the experience and insights offered by CU professors, develops our students’ ability to be dynamic leaders, broadens their business perspectives on a micro and macro level, and enhances their understanding of the competitive and business implications of the current global economy.

Our Approach

The University of Colorado Executive MBA is a cohort-based program that balances a strong quantitative core with leadership-focused courses, providing students with opportunities to gain meaningful insights from their colleagues in addition to learning from our faculty. Graduates of our program value the applied learning, broad perspective, and academic rigor of the Executive MBA program.

Our Executive MBA students have on average eight or more years of professional experience in a decision-making role, a baccalaureate degree (though not necessarily in business), and a commitment to excellence in their personal and professional development. The University of Colorado is highly regarded in the Rocky Mountain region and beyond. The CU EMBA program combines the best of CU’s three business schools, all of which are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International—the most rigorous accreditation available.

“The CU Executive MBA program was more rigorous, fulfilling, and rich in content than a traditional MBA. There was no comparison.”

—Derek Figueroa
Chief Operating Officer, Seattle Fish Company – Denver, Colorado
CU EMBA Class of 2005
Learn from Business Leaders and Thought Leaders

The CU Executive MBA leverages the strengths of the University’s three highly regarded Graduate Schools of Business including the Leeds School of Business in Boulder, the Business School in Denver, and the Graduate School of Business in Colorado Springs. CU EMBA professors possess real-world business experience and the ability to teach from the executive perspective.

As a world-renowned research institution, University of Colorado professors are on the leading edge of research within their respective fields. Our students benefit from having access to new research, publications, and findings often before they are publicly released.

Curriculum Designed for Strategic Leaders

The University of Colorado Executive MBA balances a strong quantitative core (finance, accounting, economics, and statistics) and significant emphasis on leadership, specifically on the skills and perspective required to transition to executive leadership.

Courses are delivered in a sequenced, cohort format. Each academic term includes two, three, or four courses, delivered over eight weeks. The Executive MBA program is designed as an integrated curriculum, providing a comprehensive business education.

Our curriculum includes assignments that reflect challenges faced in the business world. CU EMBA students will complete case analyses, group projects, workshops, computer simulations, and class discussions to strengthen their strategic thinking and decision-making skills. The class schedule is designed to integrate with the student’s professional life through progressive course content and class assignments.

CU Executive MBA Courses

- Discovering the Leader in You
- Managerial Economics for Business Decisions
- Introduction to Business Strategy
- Preparing and Interpreting Financial Reports
- Analytical Decision Making Skills
- Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Managing Operations, Business Design and Processes
- Marketing Strategy and Innovation
- Managerial Finance
- Strategic Cost Management and Control
- Entrepreneurship and Business Planning
- Interpreting the Economic Environment
- Power, Negotiation, and Conflict Resolution
- Current Topics in Business
- Information Technology and Strategy
- Sustainable Business Practices
- Transitioning from Functional to Executive Leadership
- Financial Strategy and Valuation
- Executive Level Business Strategy
- Executive Leadership in the Global Enterprise
- Managing in a Global Economy
- The Global Business Experience
“The CU Executive MBA program provides the technical instruction needed to update hard skills combined with the exposure to diverse, executive-level classmates to share real experiences and applications.”

—Karin Sugarman
Executive Vice President, Pride Marketing & Procurement, Inc.
CU EMBA Class of 2010
Learning Beyond the Classroom

The CU Executive MBA integrates international business and global economic issues throughout the curriculum, culminating in a required week-long international business trip during which students engage with business leaders from other countries.

Previous trips have included visits to the plants and corporate headquarters of large multinational corporations, briefings by government officials, and cultural activities.

Countries and companies visited by CU EMBA classes

Germany
- Airbus
- BMW Group
- Bombardier
- Bosch Siemens Group

Hungary
- Nestlé Worldwide
- Procter & Gamble

Italy
- Barilla
- Bertolli

Argentina
- Bridgestone

Austria
- Erste Bank

Belgium
- IBM

Chile
- Frito-Lay (Pepsico)
- Valparaiso Port

China
- Beijing Olympic Park
- Disney
- General Motors
- Hong Kong Disneyland
- Kodak Electronics
- OOCL
- PepsiCo

Japan
- Hewlett-Packard
- Panasonic Matsushita Electronics

Sweden
- Ericsson
- SKF
- Volvo

Switzerland
- Schindler
“The CU EMBA was a great way to round my range of business management skills, broaden cross-industry insight and, most importantly, give me a solid network of professional contacts that will be with me the rest of my career.”

—Chris Pearson
Chief Operating Officer,
Surrey Satellite Technology
CU EMBA Class of 2011

Collaborative Environment

Each EMBA class remains together for the entire 22-month program. Students are organized in study groups for the duration of the program, fostering collaboration on course work and the development of peer-to-peer connections throughout the program.

Highly Qualified
• EMBA students represent leading companies within our region and beyond
• Our participants come from diverse demographic backgrounds
• Participants work in a broad array of industries and professions

Experience
• The average age of a CU EMBA student is 41 years
• Our participants average 17 years of professional work experience

Motivated and Successful
• CU EMBA students are highly accomplished
• Our participants are engaged leaders
• EMBA students are well rounded personally and professionally
Immediate Benefits for Employers

Employers who offer tuition assistance to their employees seeking professional development will see returns on their investments right away. From the beginning, CU EMBA students apply the knowledge and skills they’ve learned in the classroom.

Students gain new business perspectives and obtain skills/tools from day one that they will implement in their daily work.

CU EMBA students will expand their business networks, making connections with other top-notch professionals and our world-class faculty.

“I came into the CU EMBA program with absolutely no business knowledge. The program has demystified the business world for me in a life-changing way.”

— Aliya Hasan
Chief Medical Officer at Health Trio LLC; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver
CU EMBA Class of 2012
Rise to New Heights in Your Career and Life

Enroll in Colorado’s premier Executive MBA program, the University of Colorado EMBA. Develop and enhance your leadership skills, gain broad business perspective and insights on micro and macro levels, develop a deeper understanding of the competitive and business implications of the current global economy, and establish a strong network with regional and global reach.

The CU Executive MBA program is designed for business leaders with a history of superior job performance, strong career progression, and growth potential.

Our admissions requirements:

- The ideal candidate is in a management position and demonstrates clear career progression. A minimum of eight years full-time work experience is required.
- Must hold an undergraduate degree and official university transcripts.
- Submit two letters of professional recommendation.
- Complete admissions form, write self-recommendation letter, and provide current résumé/curriculum vitae.
- If a candidate is a citizen of a country where English is not the official language, he/she must present an official score from the TOEFL or IELTS tests. This requirement is waived for candidates who have earned a degree from a U.S. college or university.
- Candidates may wish to strengthen their applications with a successful GMAT’score, but it is not necessary in all cases.
- Supporting organizations may provide financial sponsorship and must allow their employees sufficient time for CU EMBA classes and coursework.
- All candidates must complete an interview as the final stage of the selection process. The interview helps us assess the candidate’s motivation for pursuing an Executive MBA, the candidate’s academic and professional experience, and the candidate’s plans for the future.

For more information on admission requirements, application process, tuition, and financial aid visit colorado.edu/emba or call 303-623-1888.

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