

WASC Accreditation Educational Effectiveness Review

Master in Business Administration The program is currently offered in the following Campuses: Mexicali, Tijuana and Ensenada

Last Program Review: 2004

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1. Introduction.

The Mission of the Master's in Business Administration Program is to contribute to developing business and community leaders in specialized fields of business management, in order to establish and manage businesses and organizations with sustainable strategies at the regional and national level.

Vision: The Cetys University master's in business administration program will be recognized as among the best in the nation and will contribute to the school's vision of developing moral and intellectual character of our students.

Background: The program was first started in 1986 with a graduate business program developed in order to assist recent undergraduates earn graduate level graduate level credits to obtain their undergraduate degree under one of the options available at the time. The master's program was created in 1992 after the need was felt in the community for a high-quality program that could allow access to instructors and educational resources to continue the learning process for working professionals. The program was tailor made for this market by scheduling sessions during nights and weekends and recruiting instructors with not only the appropriate degrees, but also real-world experience that would better translate into applicable knowledge, skills and know-how to our students.

Revisions: The program was formally last reviewed in 2004. A new emphasis in agribusiness has been included in 2007 and the program will go through a complete revision during the 2008-2009 academic period.

Graduates: The program currently has 377 students who have successfully completed their program and received the master's degree.

Program Accomplishments: The Masters in Business Administration Program was recognized by the Mexican business magazine EXPANSION (Mexican version of BusinessWeek), as among the top ten programs in the country for 2007.

We also have the acceptance of our program as a graduate degree option for local business where the employer covers most if not all the tuition and fees if they join our program. Among the largest participants in this plan are Paccar (Truck manufacturing) with over 60 students, Honeywell with over 70, Skyworks with over 50, Gulfstream 60, URBI (Homebuilding) 35, CFE (National power company) 50, EEMSA (Electronic Assembly) 25.

Our program is a main recruiting ground for companies, both Mexican and foreign (American, Japanese, French, Korean).

We have an alliance with the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma where Cetys is the only authorized party to organize EDI seminars in Mexico. Over 600 participants have attended the seminars including the first two Mexican members to achieve accreditation as Certified Economic Developers (CEcD).

2. Denomination and description of the academic program.

The Master's of Business Administration Program is structured in four segments: CORE, EMPHASIS, ELECTIVES and APPLIED RESEARCH:

- a) CORE: (4-6 Courses) This provides students with fundamental topics and knowledge that will form the basis for further study in their specific field.
- b) EMPHASIS: (4-7 Courses) Focused on two areas of knowledge defined by the college of engineering:
 - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Finance, Strategy, Marketing, Human Resources, International Business.
 - PROCESS MANAGEMENT: IT Management, Quality Management, Supply Chain Management.
- c) ELECTIVES: (2-3 Courses) Students may consider any course from any graduate program.
- d) APPLIED RESEARCH: (1 Course) Applied Research Project.

The master's in business administration is focused on applied knowledge and abilities and is not research intensive. All instructors have at least a master's degree with approximately 35% having doctoral degrees. The share of courses taught by instructors with doctoral degrees has been increasing year on year with the objective of having at least 50%.

The program currently has 388 students in its Mexicali campus, 213 in its Tijuana campus and 52 in its Ensenada campus. The program has 377 graduates as of the fall 2007 period.

The masters in business program was last revised and updated in 2004 when courses were added to include more current and relevant topics, some courses were eliminated due to lack of relevance or interest shown on the part of our students.

The program structure was overhauled to allow more choices and be able to decide which ones that will provide the most benefit to their learning experience, including a smaller core course schedule (down to 6 from 10 courses), a larger emphasis in their desired field of study, and an elective block that allows for students to tailor their program to their specific needs.

The Applied Research Project was retained, which is the only course that must be taken by all students since it's an opportunity to develop basic but essential research and presentation abilities which also provide the best evidence of student learning.

The program has no full time professors, it operates with the full time faculty of the college of business administration, that for the graduate college are considered associates, and it is this group of professors that support the development and evolution of the program. Given the lack of local instructors with doctoral degrees in the management fields we currently hire most of our faculty from outside the university and also from outside of the region.

The program has a statewide coordinator that is in charge of the quality of the program via the selection of the professors and close communication with them for course follow up. The program coordinator also has close communication with students via personal interviews and e-mail. The program coordinator is supported by the associate professors of the institution for student academic follow up in each of the campuses.

The list of supporting faculty members by emphasis area can be consulted in section 5.

3. Educational Objectives of the academic program.

The Educational Objectives that the Graduate Programs Academic Council has established for the Master's of Business Administration are the following:

- Graduates from this program will develop and lead projects involving continuous improvement and innovation within their organizations applying management and leadership abilities, as well as knowledge and skills in finance, strategy, marketing, human resources, international business, process improvement and economic development.
- Graduates from this program will conduct consulting projects involving the areas of knowledge and emphasis that he or she chooses for local, regional and national organizations.
- Graduates from this program will obtain higher level job positions in their current organization or in a new one within 1 year of obtaining the degree.

These Educational Objectives will be the primary focus for alumni studies and follow up, which will be used for various purposes during the assessment cycle, as well as program review.

4. Learning outcomes of the program and metrics for assessment.

There are 2 Learning Outcomes for all Master's Programs that have been established by the Graduate College Academy, that describe knowledge, abilities and attitudes that every graduate student must achieve by the end of the academic program. These are:

The student of a CETYS University Master's Program will...

- MPLO1: ... develop applied research projects using the correct quantitative and qualitative methodologies, as well as information technologies, primarily data bases and information systems, for the solution of problems related to his or her area of specialization.
- MPLO2: ... develop personal and professional competencies with a focus on specialization, for direct application in his or her work.

There is 1 Learning Outcome for the Master's of Business Administration Program that has been established by the College of Engineering and Graduate College Academy, that describes knowledge, abilities and attitudes that every graduate student from a Master's in Business Administration Program must achieve by the end of the academic program. The Learning Outcome is:

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program will...

 MBALO: ... Graduates from this program will be able to develop and lead projects involving continuous improvement and innovation within their organizations applying management and leadership abilities, as well as knowledge and skills in finance, strategy, marketing, human resources, international business, process improvement and economic development.

The Learning Outcomes that the College of Business and Management and the Graduate College Academy have established for each of the Master's in Business Administration Emphasis Areas describe knowledge, abilities and attitudes that every graduate student from a Master's in Business Administration Program with a specific Emphasis Area must achieve by the end of the academic program. These are:

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Finance will...

• <u>EFLO1</u>: Will develop and lead improvement projects within organizations within the context of financial management applying knowledge related to working capital, financial theories, capital markets, financial engineering and analysis, corporate and international finance and risk management.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Marketing will...

• <u>EMLO1</u>: Will develop and lead improvement projects within organizations within the context of marketing applying knowledge related to market research, publicity, sales management, consumer behavior, product development and international marketing.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Strategy will...

• <u>ESLO1</u>: Will develop and lead improvement projects within organizations within the context of strategy applying knowledge related to project management, consulting, strategy and policy, entrepreneurship, business plan development, decision-making, leadership and sustainable development.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Human Resources will...

 <u>EHRLO1</u>: ... develop and lead improvement projects within organizations within the context of human resources applying knowledge related to personnel integration, training and development, productivity and labor quality, labor relations, organizational development, compensation, business communication, labor competitiveness, occupational health, organizational psychology and multicultural management.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in International Business will...

• <u>EIBLO1</u>: ... develop and lead improvement projects within organizations within the context of international business applying knowledge related to international management, international accounting, multicultural management, international finance, foreign trade and customs, international logistics, and global markets.

PROCESS MANAGEMENT:

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in IT Management will...

• EITLO1: ... analyze and solve manufacturing and processes problems with a focus on the use of information technologies and strategies relying on database management, decision strategies, internet and e-business strategies as well as decision support systems.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Supply Chain Management will...

• ESCLO1: ... analyze and solve problems in the context of supply chain management applying abilities from operations management, logistics and distribution, international logistics, and lean manufacturing.

The student of a CETYS University Master's in Business Administration Program with an Emphasis in Quality Management will...

• EQMLO1: ... analyze and solve problems in the context of quality management applying manufacturing strategies, total quality control management, quality engineering, production systems, quality systems and norms.

The above student learning outcomes are a work in progress and are a part of the assessment cycle and program review, however we are just beginning to understand and develop tools to measure them.

#	Student Learning Outcomes	Metrics to evaluate student performance	Evidence of achieved learning
1	MPLO1 MPLO2	Currently the system that is in place to evaluate student performance is a scale of 0 to 10, where	Student Work and Final Projects from selected courses, as well as
3	MCIPLO	a grade above 8 is considered as "passing" and	the Applied Research Project
4	EFLO1 EMLO1 EHRLO1 ESLO1 EIBLO1 EITLO1 EQMLO1 ESCLO1	below as "failing". Rubrics for the Master's Programs are being developed to evaluate these learning outcomes. The rubrics are being developed by the Graduate Programs Academic Council	

The Graduate College Academy has the following members:

Nam	Name of the Academy or Faculty Coop: Graduate College Academy										
#	Name	Degree	Campus								
1	Isaac Azuz	Doctoral	Life Sciences	Ensenada							
2	Alberto Gárate	Doctoral	Education	Mexicali							
3	Héctor Maymi	Doctoral	Social Sciences	Mexicali							
4	Rosa María Lamadrid	Masters	Education	Mexicali							
5	Miguel Salinas	Masters	Computer Sciences	Mexicali							
6	Mario Dipp	Masters	Economics and Finance	Mexicali							
7	José Gpe. Hernandez	Doctoral	Psychology	Tijuana							
8	Teresa Mercado	Masters	Administration	Tijuana							
9	Moises Sánchez	Doctoral	Electronics	Tijuana							

The Graduate College Academy was created with the purpose of maintaining homogeneity between the different master's programs and their operation. The Academy defines, supervises and reviews admission criteria, academic conflicts, degree obtainment, etc. Each program in particular has a group of professors affiliated to the institution that supervise the development and evolution of the academic program.

The list of supporting faculty members by emphasis area can be consulted in section 5.

5. Curriculum and faculty resources.

The Master's in Business Administration program operates under the following structure. Students must complete 84 credits, equivalent to 14 courses. Students must comply with the adequate number of courses in each of the segments (Core, Emphasis, Electives, Applied Research). In order to take emphasis courses they must first take the corresponding core course in the topic. There is no specific time schedule under which they must complete their credits. Students have flexibility regarding which courses to take from each segment, and also when to take them. Academic coordinators provide guidance regarding what courses a student should take, considering their specific needs and objectives.

First Segment (4-6 courses)	Professors affiliated with the institution	Professors from other institutions and industry
COMMON, emphasis in:		
Statistics	Rosa LaMadrid MBA	
Financial Management	Pablo Valenzuela MBA	
Strategic Management	Carlos Castellanos MBA	Luis Rivas PhD
Marketing Management	Carmina Contreras MBA	Mariela Quiroga MBA
Macroeconomics	Mario Dipp MBA	Jose Salzar PhD
Accounting	Jaime Alvarez MBA	
Human Resource Management	Monica Acosta MBA	Marco Macedo MBA
Operations Management	Cesar Barraza MS	Marcos Quiroz MS
Second segment (4-7 courses)	Professors affiliated with the	Professors from other
	institution	institutions and industry
Finance emphasis:		
Working Capital		Ernesto Delgado PhD
Corporate Finance		Raymundo Rodriguez PhD
International Finance	Mario Dipp MBA	Mel Jameson PhD
Financial Engineering		Jaime Florez PhD
Capital Investment Projects	Pablo Valenzuela MBA	
Financial Statement Analysis		Marco Ortega MBA
Risk Management		Fernando Fabre MBA
Capital Markets		Enrique Almaraz MBA
Academic Coordinator: Mario Dipp MBA		
Strategy emphasis:		
Top Management	Carlos Castellanos MBA	Juan Alonso MBA
Consulting		Jose Vega PhD
Leadership and Sustainable Development		
Entrepreneurship	Victor Mercader PhD	
Ethics and Corporate Values	Victor Mercader PhD	Jose Mercader MBA
Project Management	Cesar Barraza MS	Larry Loughnane PhD
Business Plan Development		Sol Perez PhD
Family Businesses		
Academic Coordinator: Carlos Castellanos MBA		
Marketing emphasis:	Professors affiliated with the	Professors from other
	institution	institutions and industry

The Faculty resources are presented by emphasis area in the following table:

International Marketing Consumer Behavior Advertising New Product Development Market Research Sales Management Services Marketing Seminar in Marketing Academic Coordinator: Carmina Contreras MBA	Jorge Espejo MBA	Consuelo Garcia PhD Sijun Wang PhD Susan Peters PhD Omar Rodriguez MBA Marcos Reyes MBA Susan Peters MBA
Human Resources emphasis:	Professors affiliated with the institution	Professors from other institutions and industry
Integration		
Compensation	Patricia Valdes PhD	Sergio Madero PhD
Training and Development Labor Relations	Patricia Valdes PhD	
Productivity and Labor Quality	Marco Carrillo PhD	
Mexican Psychology	Marco Macedo MBA	Mauro Rodriguez PhD
Organizational Psychology		Rebeca del Pino PhD
Organizational Development		Olivia Villalba PhD
Multicultural Management	Davi Dalaada DhD	
Academic Coordinator: Monica Acosta MBA	Raul Delgado PhD	
APPLIED RESEARCH (1 course)	Professors affiliated with the	Professors from other
Application Project	institution	institutions and industry
	Isaac Azuz PhD	Dr. Arnoldo Díaz
	Héctor Maymi PhD	Sergio Madera PhD

6. Curricular mapping.

Legend for levels used for curricular mapping:

SU ("SUFICIENTE") = SUFFICIENT. **ME** ("*MEJORABLE*") = IMPROVABLE. **SO** ("SOBRASALIENTE") = OUTSTANDING.

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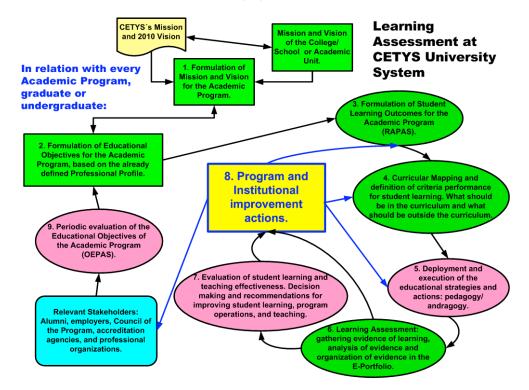
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The emphasis in Quality management, IT Management, Supply Chain Management and Economic Development are provided by the College of Engineering and the Economic Development Institute respectively and all have an learning level as ME=Improvable.

7. Assessment plan.

Based on the Assessment Plan for CETYS University System:



Currently, the following actions have been done, with regards to the Master's in Business Administration Program, with the participation of faculty members from the Graduate College Academy and the College of Engineering:

- 1) Formulation of the Mission and Vision.
- 2) Formulation of the Educational Objectives.
- 3) Formulation of Student Learning Outcomes.
- 4) Curricular Mapping.
- 5) Identification of key courses where evidence of student learning can be gathered.

The assessment components that are currently in the process of being defined, but have not yet been developed and therefore have not been implemented are:

- a) Definition of assessment tools for student learning to be used in the assessment of the Student Learning Outcomes.
- b) Systematic gathering of evidence of learning and the analysis and organization of the evidence.