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# Welcome to the School of Business!

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# Why Choose the SIUE School of Business?

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- ❑ AACSB Accreditation
- ❑ Faculty Dedicated to Student Learning
- ❑ Variety of Majors to Match Your Interests
- ❑ Relationships with the business world
- ❑ Successful Alumni



# We take pride in our accreditation...

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- ❑ AACSB Accreditation—  
“The gold standard of quality in business education” (**Forbes** magazine)
- ❑ Accredited in Business since 1975, accredited in Accounting since 1987
- ❑ Less than 15% of U.S. business schools are accredited in Business and Accounting

# School of Business Academic Programs

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- Accounting
- Business Administration
  - Specializations include:
    - Economics, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management
    - International Business, Marketing, Finance, Computer Management Information Systems and Management
- Business Economics and Finance
- Computer Management Information Systems
- Minor in Business Administration (for non-business majors)

# What do I need to know about Business?

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- Business is a competitive admission program so it is very important to build a strong foundation early in your academic career

# How to Become a Business Major

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- Two steps to the process:
  1. “Pre-business” Status
    - Complete five skills classes
    - Cumulative GPA > 2.25
    - Advised in Business Student Services
  2. Submit a formal application
    - Semester prior to enrolling in 300-level business courses (usually in the sophomore year)
    - Successfully complete 12 business prerequisites
    - Admission is highly competitive
    - Attend a formal orientation session
    - You can apply regardless of whether or not you are in pre-business status

# What Prerequisite Courses are Required?

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- ❑ The 12 prerequisite courses are:  
Skills Courses – Eng 101, Eng 102, Phil 106, Spc 104 or 105 and Cmis 108  
You will also be required to take - Econ 111, Econ 112, Acct 200, Math 120, Ms 250, Hist 111b and Pols 112
- ❑ These prerequisite courses meet general education requirements.

# What will your first semester look like?

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- In Business, it is important to begin your pre-business or skill building classes as soon as possible so that you can stay on the four year plan.
  - Your first semester will probably include:
    - A writing or English class
    - A math class
    - Econ 111 (if you are ready)
    - A freshman seminar
    - Skills courses or additional pre-business courses as available

# What if I am still deciding on my major?

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- Focus on classes related your prospective majors early in college career
- Be aware of sequencing within the majors you are considering
- Resources for choosing a major:
  - Academic Advisor
  - Career Development Center

# It is Okay to Change Your Major

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- ❑ About 80% of students change their major at least once.
- ❑ On average, college students change their major three times over the course of their college career.
- ❑ Most courses you take in your first year fit well with our general education program
- ❑ Work closely with your advisor if you are considering changing your major

# How to be successful @ SIUE

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- At SIUE, Success = 4 + 3 + 2 + 1
  - 4 years to graduate
  - 3.0 grade point average
  - 2 hours preparation per week for each hour in class
  - 1 co-curricular activity *and 1 relevant work experience*

Nobby Emmanuel, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. *Italics* added by the School of Business.

# If you think you may be running into difficulty...

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- ❑ Seek help early!
- ❑ Get assistance with:
  - Academic tutoring – writing and math resources
  - Study skills
  - Time management skills
  - Test taking skills
  - Utilize your resources – Counseling Services, Disability Support Services, and Health Services

# Code of Professionalism

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- Faculty, staff, and students in the School of Business at SIUE are expected to contribute to a culture of integrity and professionalism. Our School's culture encourages behaviors associated with educated and self-disciplined individuals. Those behaviors include:
  - being honest;
  - being reliable and prepared;
  - being responsible for one's own actions and decisions; and
  - being respectful of all individuals.

# Thank you!

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- We appreciate your interest in the School of Business and we wish you many successes at SIUE.
- It's a great day to be a Cougar.