

You want to become: a skilled leader, strategic thinker, confident innovator. You want to gain lasting connections and fresh insights. You want to start a new business or jumpstart an existing one. You want to advance your ideas and energize people. You want to realize your potential and define a more meaningful career path.

Become your business best at the Carlson School of Management. This is where knowledge, insight, and experience come together – to shape a future already in progress.







I know all my classmates. And I have the professional advice and support network I need to succeed. I don't think you'd find this culture at any other school."

 Jennifer Rusk Ben Stoddard is a recent graduate who works as an investment analyst managing private equity and venture capital

# The Carlson curriculum The convergence of theory and practice

Integration and application are gateways to higher understanding – and hallmarks of the Carlson School's curriculum approach. Our interdisciplinary program integrates coursework for a richer, more realistic view of business that prepares you to lead in today's cross-functional environment.

But it's the Carlson School Enterprises that truly distinguish our curriculum from other business schools. The Enterprise programs allow students to lead actual businesses in branding, consulting, funds, and ventures, and are among the largest student-led portfolios in the nation. It's experiential learning at its best, and for many students, the capstone of the Carlson School experience.



"Besides focusing on functional areas, the Carlson curriculum expands your scope of understanding through actual project experience. That's the real value of a Carlson MBA - you can hit the ground running." - Dan Stangler, Class of 2005



#### CORE STUDENT TEAMS

"I liked being part of a core group in my first semester. You get to know different kinds of people more closely," says Jennifer Rusk.

In the first year of your MBA program, you'll be exposed to a broad range of business topics. Coursework is robust. It provides an effective grounding in fundamental business knowledge – theory, strategy, and tactics – across all management functions and a broad spectrum of industries. For your first semester, you'll team with a core group of students, and learn from teams of professors who teach cooperatively and in tandem, layering class lectures and assignments to introduce core material when it's most relevant.

The broad exposure to essential business knowledge prepares you for leadership in today's competitive and constantly shifting business climate. And we'll provide a steady stream of experiential opportunities, allowing you to make the connections you need to advance your career.

"I wanted to be able to take on something much bigger in my career, and I'm definitely getting that preparation here," says Rich Yudhishthu, a student in the Carlson Consulting Enterprise. "With the Enterprises, I got the experience I couldn't get anywhere else."

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

What makes an effective leader? A consensus of corporate leadership development initiatives identified ten core competencies, including strategic thinking, influencing, thinking globally, and championing change.

Leadership Edge, the Carlson School's unique and practical skill development program, provides the training and confidence first-year students need in all ten areas. The program uses assessments, counseling, role-plays, mock interviews, and other techniques to build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. "The skills I gained from Leadership Edge will transfer anywhere," says Jennifer Rusk.

Students thrive in the collaborative culture here. Graduate assistant Florie Ellwein directed a team of second-year MBAs who coached and supported first-year students in their first semester core team experience.



#### Curriculum up close

#### Year one

#### Fall semester

ntegrated core courses:
Financial Accounting
Data Analysis and Statistics
Marketing Management
Operations Management
Financial Management
Managerial Accounting
Strategic Management

Required workshops: Careers Strategic Management and Organization

#### Year two

#### Fall semester

Electives

#### Spring semester

Corporate Responsibility and Ethics

Top Mgmt Perspectives

Flectives

Leadership development

MBAA & club leadership

National case competitions

Spring semester

Int'l Environment of Business or World Economy

Carlson School Enterprises, Six Sigma, Legacy Fund

- Other career-building opportunities
- \* Choose one course (2 to 4 credits) from the following menu: Management of Innovation and Change; Negotiations; Management and Organizational Behavior; Management of Groups; Staffing, Training, and Development; Employee Development: Creating a Competitive Advantage; Design and Management of Organizations; Motivation and Work Behavior in Contemporary Organizations; Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining

Minimum credits for graduation: 63 credits



#### Freedom to customize your curriculum plan

"Coming from the Army, I didn't know much about business or finance," says Chuck Sawicky, a West Point grad who served in Iraq. "The best thing about the Professional Portfolios is that it provided structure for my class choices, but allowed me total freedom to choose what best fits my future career path and needs in finance."

A set of advisory documents, called Professional Portfolios, gives students both flexibility and guidance in customizing coursework to their career emphasis. Students can focus on consulting, finance, marketing, information systems and technology, and supply chain and operations. In addition, students retain the flexibility of customizing their Portfolio, which may include coursework in entrepreneurship, strategy, international business, human resources, and more.

## Carlson School faculty Inspired, world-class instruction

Inspired teaching has a powerful impact. It can reframe your thinking and redirect your path.

Our faculty will help shape your outlook and expand your business horizons well into the future. The Carlson School offers nine degree programs and 103 tenure-track faculty. We have attracted a world-class faculty, renowned for their teaching and research.

Carlson faculty draw upon their deep knowledge of theory and relevant practice to bridge the corporate and academic worlds. Your professors will enliven lectures with interactive discussions and apply theory to real-world challenges. They will leave you inspired, knowledgeable, and ready to lead.

## Full-Time MBA core faculty

Professor Mark Bergen Marketing PhD, Univ. of Minnesota Carolyn I. Anderson Professorship in Business Education Excellence

Charles Caliendo Senior Lecturer Accounting JD, Univ. of Richmond MBA, Univ. of Minnesota

Professor Norman Chervany Information Systems DBA, Indiana Univ. Carlson School Professor of Information & Decision Sciences

Senior Lecturer

Finance

MS, Univ. of Illinois

PhD, Univ. of Illinois

Assoc. Protessor Frank Gigler Accounting PbD, Univ. of Minnesota Honeywell Professorship in Accounting

Assoc. Professor Susan Meyer Goldstein Operations Management PhD, Ohio State Univ.

Protessor Akbar Zaheer
Strategic Management
PhD, Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Curtis L. Carlson Professor

of Strategic Management & Organization

#### Academic areas

The Carlson School offers a range of classes in these academic areas:

Accounting
Entrepreneurial studies
Finance
Human resources
Information systems
International business
Marketing
Operations management
Strategic management



## A reputation for research



# The experience of learning An enterprising approach

Where else could you manage a multi-million-dollar investment fund, consult for a major business on their key initiatives, work with scientists to perfect a new venture, or help create a brand identity for an NBA team? No other business school offers MBA students a high-value, hands-on management practice comparable to the Carlson School Enterprises.

With the Enterprises, you can apply classroom theories to real-world business management experience by leading actual businesses in four disciplines: Funds Enterprise, Ventures Enterprise, Consulting Enterprise, and Brand Enterprise. Each Enterprise is a student-led business directed by a team of top business leaders and academics.

#### ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS

Justin Benshoof and Chris Goralski are active in the Carlson Funds Enterprise and Carlson Ventures Enterprise respectively. Chris worked in the Ventures Enterprise to commercialize alternative energy technology developed at the University of Minnesota. This important initiative is focused on developing a biorenewable form of hydrogen. Doug Johnson, professional director of the Ventures Enterprise, connected the team with local investors, entrepreneurs, accountants, and attorneys. All Carlson School Enterprises combine guidance from a professional director – a dedicated industry expert – with the theoretical and instructional expertise of an academic director.

"This is where advanced technology meets the marketplace," says Chris, who also holds a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota. His passions are renewable energy and transportation. The Ventures Enterprise allows students to work directly with scientists in evaluating the commercial feasibility of new technologies. The dual-track program lets students choose coursework that emphasizes product design and development or focuses more on the venture capital aspects of new businesses. Lectures, assignments, and hands-on experiences give students the opportunity to experience all aspects of creating a high-potential venture.





"Through the Consulting Enterprise, I led a team of student consultants that advised Polaris management on the pricing strategies of the ATV division. It was a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity." – John O'Connor, Class of 2005

Polaris is one of the many businesses that enlist the expertise of student-led teams working in the Carlson School Enterprises.





A group of Finance Club students traveled together from Minneapolis to Omaha to hear Warren Buffet, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, at the company's annual shareholder meeting.

#### HIGH-DEMAND STUDENT CONSULTANCIES

The Carlson Funds Enterprise also has garnered its share of publicity over recent years, with student stock-pickers for the \$6.5 million growth equity fund out-performing the best efforts of many professional fund managers. And, at \$11.5 million, Carlson's student-managed fixed income fund is among the largest in the country. "The Funds Enterprise gives you broad exposure to everything from researching companies to managing funds and coordinating trades," says Justin Benshoof. "We have a great opportunity to take a deep look into the market and select what we hope to be outperforming stocks."

The Carlson Consulting Enterprise and the Brand Enterprise offer equally rich hands-on opportunities. The Consulting Enterprise provides business solutions to Fortune 500 and mid-size corporations, helping them save millions of dollars through improved practices and new business opportunities. The Brand Enterprise allows students to provide all the services of a professional marketing consultancy to contracting companies. Their services are in high demand.

elcoming and well-equipped and high-caliber office space for each of the Enterprise programs, all equipped with advanced technology and conducive to tackling real-world challenges.



#### Selected projects

## The Carlson School Enterprises allow students to lead actual businesses in branding, consulting, funds, and ventures

### Brand Enterprise clients

3M market segmentation and competitive intelligence

Best Buy/Geek Squad brand architecture and expansion strategy

Minnesota Timberwolves experiential marketing and atmospherics

Pillsbury future brand development for baking aisle

Radisson Seven Seas Cruises brand development, positioning, and naming strategy

### Consulting Enterprise clients

Carlson Companies improving sales efficiencies of the hospitality division

Ecolab best practices for chemical logistics

Medtronic inventory management assessment

Northwest Airlines Cargo improving profitability through route optimization

Polaris value-based pricing

### Co-curricular opportunities Enrichment beyond the classroom

Involved and engaged: Carlson students are active participants in co-curricular learning opportunities. In fact, 95% of MBA students are involved in internships, mentorships, or other learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Like Dan Stangler, Joshua Loehrke, and Eleanor Tesoro, many Carlson students strive to make an impact or a contribution, develop their leadership skills, supplement classroom knowledge, or simply make friends and connections.



"My first impression of the Twin Cities was that it would be a typical, Midwestern city. But Minnesota is a very forward-thinking state, and Minneapolis is a very progressive city." – Rich Yudhishthu

The National Association of Women MBAs, a national student organization, has the active support and participation of Carlson students. The chapter hosts an annual women's leadership conference, sponsors networking events, and also takes part in community service.



#### Clubs, competitions, and committees

Recent MBA grad and Brand Enterprise alum, Dan Stangler is a new parent starting a marketing position with General Mills. Dan enjoyed his involvement in the Carlson Marketing Network, a club that provided opportunities to work within the business community and learn about a variety of industries and career options. Dan also gained valuable speaking and presentation training through the Leadership Edge program, skills he used to compete against

some of the nation's best MBA students in the prestigious Big Ten MBA Case Competition. His training paid off in two categories: Dan was recognized as best presenter and also claimed the award for best question and answer session. The case topic: Deliver a structured finance placement to position Formula One Racing for an IPO. Dan also won a 2005 David S. Kidwell Distinguished Leadership Award.



#### COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS

Eleanor Tesoro moved to the U.S. from her home in the Philippines when she was 17, and has been expanding her horizons ever since. She leveraged her 14 years of experience in the software industry by serving on the Carlson School's technology committee, and gained confidence in speaking through Toastmasters. Above all, Eleanor values the personal connections she has made. Eleanor aims to start her own business and belongs to Innoventures, a club for entrepreneurial-minded students. The club's successful kick-off event drew a large and dynamic group from the university's Office of Business Development and the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies as well as private equity and angel investors, attorneys, CEOs, and consultants.





Since moving here from Oklahoma, both Joshua Loehrke and his wife Diana have enjoyed many social events offered by the Carlson School.

Joshua is active in the Consulting Enterprise and in Net Impact, an association that strives to incorporate ethics and sustainability into business practices. "Net Impact teaches responsible business leadership," he says. "Our recent case competition proved how emissions and reliance on fossil fuels impacts every part of a business, from strategy to finance and global sales."

Voted "most livable" cities Clean air, green parks, abundant activities for a surprisingly diverse population: Each year, the Twin Cities are ranked as one of the best places to live in the U.S.



## International opportunities Thinking globally

The world, according to Thomas Friedman, is "flat," but Carlson students gain a well-rounded understanding of global issues and business practices. "Many of my classmates are international students," says MBA and Funds Enterprise student Chuck Sawicky. Students from around the world come to the Carlson School to work with our influential researchers and national and international business leaders.

The Carlson School has cultivated an outstanding International Programs office, which administers a variety of short-term global immersion programs and an active international exchange program for MBA students. And because of our strategic partnerships with some of the world's leading business schools, Carlson's academic reputation resonates far and wide.



"There's no substitute for exploring real-world corporate ethics in an international forum," says Mark Rademaker. He and classmate Theresa Pertz participated in Professor Norman Bowie's international ethics seminar held in London and Brussels.



You can "go global" while staying connected to the Carlson School community with our two-week global enrichment electives. Our short-term immersion opportunities are convenient ways to make meaningful connections while earning credit toward your degree. Explore international business ethics in Brussels or sustainable business practices in Costa Rica. Get a first-hand view of off-shoring in India. For more extensive exposure, take advantage of our semester exchange program. You can attend one of Carlson's 14 worldclass international partner universities, choosing classes based on your interests.

Angie Tucker and Sam Smith, class of 2005, explored sustainable business practices in Costa Rica as part of our global enrichment elective.

#### A MULTINATIONAL PASSPORT

Jack Guo, a 2005 graduate, emigrated to the U.S. from Shanghai, bringing with him a wealth of experience in international sales and marketing. But in spite of his multinational exposure, Jack felt a barrier kept him from the senior-level positions he aspired to. "I realized I didn't have the formal business education to advance," he says. He was accepted by several other prestigious business schools, but chose the Carlson School because of its

strong reputation and the diversity of the business community. Jack and his wife found the Carlson community and the Twin Cities to be welcoming and warm – in spite of its winters. "People don't understand Minnesota very well," he says. "They think it's cold and snowy, but we're falling in love with the state." Jack has accepted a position in consumer marketing with Best Buy, where his long-term goal is to play a key role in their global expansion.

### Global enrichment Carlson School students gain deep international insight from our short-term





## Career management Strong ties, strong tools, impressive employment rates

If you're like most students, you'll begin your MBA program with the end in mind. You've probably envisioned your future destination and will look to our Graduate Business Career Center for internships, job opportunities, and help with career planning and advancement. You won't be disappointed.

The Carlson School's Graduate Business Career Center is one of the nation's leading career services offices. In 2004, 92% of our graduates were employed within three months of graduation. This impressive employment rate is the net result of extensive and well-defined career tools and recruitment efforts, active alumni support, and strong ties to the local and global business community.

"One of the big discoveries I made this year is that the management challenges I face in today's workplace are very different than those of previous generations."

- Jennifer Kass, Class of 2005





"One of things that makes Carlson unique is their great career support. I got a lot of excellent career advice and had a fantastic executive mentor."

- Jack Guo

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#### NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jennifer Kass took advantage of Carlson's career services to land a summer internship with Target Corp., and most recently to earn a position in Dallas with Texas Instruments. She attended a career fair and turned to the career center staff for practice on case questions and mock interviews, and for coaching on phone interview techniques. Jennifer's support network also included Carlson alumni. "Carlson alumni were very helpful in providing tips and explaining the hiring practices within different organizations," she says.

A chemical engineer and 2005 graduate, Jennifer came to Minnesota by way of Texas, where she was born and raised. Since then, she's never stopped

challenging herself, seizing opportunities to participate and contribute both on campus and within the business community. Jennifer's involvement includes participating in the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and serving on the Carlson School chapter of the National Association of Women MBAs. "This is a very beautiful part of the country and I'm so glad I had a chance to experience it," she says. "I'm sure I'll keep the connections I made here. I can imagine calling on my Carlson School network years from now."

#### RECRUITING COMPANIES

#### Full-Time MBA permanent positions

Some of the biggest names in corporate America work with the Carlson School in their search for talent

Financial services	Manufacturing	Consulting	Services	Consumer products	Retail	Healthcare
ING	3M	Deloitte	Carlson Companies	ConAgra	Best Buy	American Medical Systems
Key Bank	Cargill	Ernst & Young	Lawson Software	General Mills	Target Corporation	Boston Scientific
Morningstar	Donaldson Company	Kurt Salmon Associates	Northwest Airlines	Hershey		Guidant Corporation
Piper Jaffray	Ecolab	McKinsey & Company	Wells Fargo	Johnson & Johnson		Medtronic
RBC Dain Rauscher	Ford Motor Company		West, a Thomson	Kimberly-Clark		St. Jude Medical
Riverbridge Partners	General Electric		business			UnitedHealth Group
	Honeywell					
	Polaris					
	Texas Instruments					

#### FAST-TRACKED CAREERS

A 2003 Carlson School graduate, Michael Cox is now vice president and senior research analyst at Piper Jaffray, focusing on the retail sector. Michael's successful career is an outgrowth of his student research internship and the experience he gained as a student portfolio manager for the Carlson School growth fund, part of the Funds Enterprise. Students find that our individualized and multifaceted approach to career management better prepares them for today's complex and evolving workplace.

The Graduate Business Career Center also works closely with recruiters. We are continuously building new corporate collaborations, facilitating on-campus recruitment for internships and full-time positions. Today, some of the biggest names in corporate America work with the Carlson School in their search for talent. Our close ties with growing numbers of national and international firms include positions in key areas such as investment banking, consulting, management information systems, finance, and brand management.



### Business connections

### A network of active, influential leaders

Minnesota has an impressive number of Fortune 500 businesses, and Carlson's alumni and board members represent many of those organizations. That means you'll be well-connected too. Whether you're seeking an executive mentor or international business referrals, you'll find that the alumni and board members give generously of their time, providing valuable leadership and advice.

The Carlson School's 45,000 alumni include a large cross-section of the business community and some of the world's most dynamic, progressive leaders. Top executives, like the two featured here, serve on our board of overseers. Other influential leaders regularly visit the school as guest lecturers and advisors, providing new perspectives that keep our curriculum relevant and powerful.

**Board of Overseers spotlight** 

#### John H. Hammergren:

Carlson School '81 BSB



As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of McKesson Corporation, San Francisco, John leads the 16th largest industrial company in the

U.S. "I can't overestimate the value of the Carlson School experience, from the caliber of the faculty to the depth and breadth of the curriculum," he says.

#### Elizabeth A. Malkerson:

Carlson School '75 MBA



Elizabeth is currently the Senior Vice President for Corporate Marketing and Communications at Allianz Life of North America.

"Over the years, I have mentored a number of Carlson MBAs," she says. "I get as much out of it as they do."

#### The Juran Center

#### Site of Six Sigma research and training

program through an innovative internship valuable skills and expertise.

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Yellow Roadway Corporation

<sup>\*</sup>Carlson School of Management alumni +Other University of Minnesota alumni

















## Tuition and financial support A Carlson MBA is a proven investment

You're preparing to invest in your future because you know an MBA will bring quantifiable returns. And a Carlson MBA is an outstanding value. In their first year on the job, Carlson School graduates earn a median base salary of \$81,621, exceeding the national median. Many students can recover the costs of their education within two years of graduation.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

"I chose the Carlson School partly because of their great financial aid," says Jennifer Kass. Most Full-Time MBA students receive financial aid, paying their educational expenses from scholarships and loans. A limited number of graduate assistantships are available also.

No matter what your income, loan programs can help cover your expenses while you're enrolled. Financing is offered for both U.S. citizens and international students, with special tuition rates available for qualifying residents of some neighboring states. The Full-Time MBA office is eager to help you find the best way to finance your education.

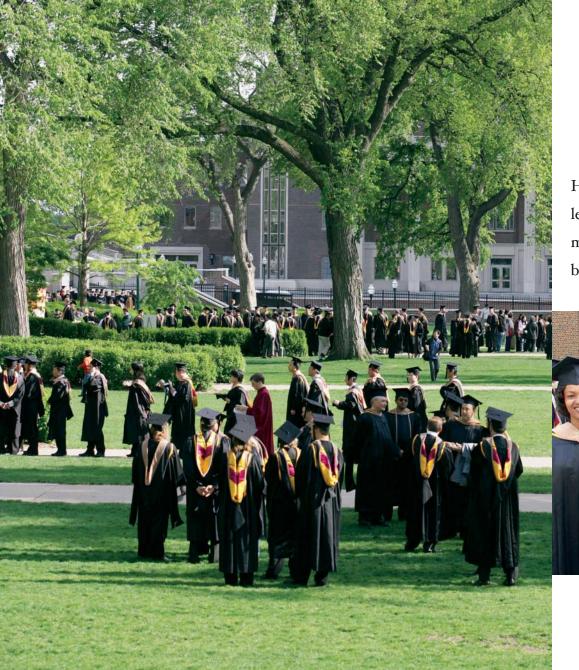
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In 2005-2006, the total cost per academic year for full-time MBA students ranges from approximately \$40,500 for Minnesota residents to \$49,500 for non-residents. Those figures include tuition, living expenses, books, health insurance, and other fees. Tuition rates are subject to change; please contact the MBA office to verify current rates.

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### How to apply

We invite you to learn more about our program by arranging a visit. You can tour our school, meet our staff and students, and visit our classes.

For more information, or to complete an on-line application, please visit us at: carlsonschool.umn.edu/mba.

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Part-Time MBA: 612-626-7900 or 866-545-3622

Global Executive MBA: 612-625-9361

Joint Degrees: 612-625-5555 or 800-926-9431

JD/MBA MD/MBA MHA/MBA

Master in Business Taxation: 612-624-7511

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PhD in Business Administration: 612-624-0875

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International Programs: 612-625-9361

Executive Development Center: 612-624-2545 or 800-388-3863

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