California Lutheran University
Office of International Admission

GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR GLOBAL LEADERS

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
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- MS in Counseling for Higher Education
- EdD (Doctorate) in Higher Education
Message from the Dean

We live in exciting times. Globally, people are witnessing rapid technological changes, economic fluctuation, educational transformation, internationalization, political, demographic, shifts, and many other trends. These developments impact whole societies and, ultimately, universities.

Since its founding, California Lutheran University’s graduate programs have always put students first. Striving to make our vision to develop bold, inquisitive, and responsible leaders who transform organizations, communities, schools and the world, a reality, we have continually developed and upgraded our program portfolio. Today, the university offers three graduate schools, and over 20 graduate programs that range from a Master of Business Administration program with multiple emphasis areas to Master programs in Psychology, Education, Quantitative Economics, Public Policy and Public Administration, as well as Information Technology. We also offer doctoral programs in Education and Psychology.

We have world-class faculty members, and our Centers - the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Center for Values and Leadership, the Center for Economic Research and Forecasting, and the California Institute of Finance - generate world-class research and provide services to the wider community. Our annual portfolio of events enhances the classroom experience and provides rich opportunities for our students to network with local, regional and global leaders.

Faculty members, staff members, and students – whatever we do happens in pursuit of our mission to prepare students for success with integrity in their professional and personal lives through scholarship, diverse learning experiences, and community engagement in a global context. International students play an important role in fulfilling our mission. Over the past decade, we have globalized the classroom by increasing the number of international students and faculty members from six continents for whom we have built a welcoming environment to ensure that they are guided to successful graduation, starting from their very first day on campus.

Sincerely,
Gerhard Apfelthaler, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Management

Graduate degrees from California Lutheran University provide:
• Completion in as few as 12 months of accelerated study
• Distinguished faculty with international perspectives and real-world experience
• Classes that include international students as well as U.S. professionals
• Rigorous and relevant curriculum that is both practical and theoretical
• Small class size
• Choice of emphasis areas (IMBA, MSIT only)
• Flexible and prompt admission decisions
• Ideal location in Southern California
• Comprehensive campus on 90+ hectares
• Proximity to outstanding cultural and recreational opportunities
• Exceptional value in a master’s degree from a highly ranked university (US News & World Report includes Cal Lutheran as a Top 10 Master’s-Granting University in the Western United States)
• Optional professional internship after completion of the academic program
• Possibility to waive GMAT, GRE and English Proficiency Scores

Ideal Location
Thousand Oaks is often referred to as one of the prominent cities in Ventura County, and is consistently ranked among the safest cities in the United States.

Ventura County, CA is ranked as “the absolute most desirable place to live in America” by the Washington Post (August 2015).

California Lutheran University’s main campus, spanning 90+ hectares, is located in the City of Thousand Oaks, which is conveniently situated between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.

Thousand Oaks is a city of more than 120,000 people, located just over 62 km northwest of Los Angeles and 24 km inland from the Pacific Ocean.

Average temperatures range between 18-30 degrees Celsius during summer months and 7-29 degrees Celsius during winter months. Average rainfall is 38 cm per year. Hollywood and other cultural landmarks in Los Angeles are within an easy driving distance.

Take a Virtual Tour of Cal Lutheran: callutheran.edu/tour
The world is evolving. Are you ready to lead the way?

Right now, global, national, and local communities are searching for the next generation of leaders. They are seeking people with the knowledge and creativity to understand a constantly evolving dynamic, with the core skills to manage, and with the values and ethics to guide it.

The programs at California Lutheran University are designed to help our students discover and strengthen their sense of purpose while preparing them to bring what they do best to the world. We are a dynamic community of students, faculty, alumni, professionals and many partners, working together to learn, create, and grow. Right now is the time to begin creating the future. This is the place to start.

Exceptional Faculty Real-World Experience
As a graduate student at Cal Lutheran, you will learn from world-class faculty who are recognized leaders in their respective fields and represent a broad spectrum of American-based organizations. Faculty members bring exceptional academic credentials balanced by real-world business acumen, and their invaluable knowledge will help you bridge the gap between theory and practical application. You will also experience classrooms that closely model working environments, where the lessons and skills you learn can be immediately applied to the workplace.

Educational Environment Personal and Practical
Developing the talents necessary to exceed in today’s dynamic and global economy takes more than a simple understanding of business theory. Such an accomplishment requires applied experience and guidance in a stimulating environment. At Cal Lutheran, you will enjoy small classes where you will receive personal attention in a dynamic classroom setting. This learning environment allows you to directly interact with professors and engage in interesting discussions and group projects with American as well as fellow international classmates.

Career Services Resources
• One-on-one personal career counseling to help you learn how to search for jobs and internships and the skills to create the best resume, be the most memorable candidate, and negotiate for top salary
• An annual career and internship expo with over 100 companies in attendance
• Free workshops such as: - Marketing U: How to Create an Epic Resume - Where are all the Jobs? Tapping into the Hidden Job Market - Interview Like a Pro - Know Your Worth: How to Negotiate the Best Salary - US Job Search for International Students
• Through Cal Lutheran you will also be able to access cutting edge online search tools and resources for international job searches including - UniWorld: Offers thousands of employer records, both international and domestic searches can be done based on country - GoinGlobal: Offers career guides for dozens of countries, a database of Department of Labor approved work Visas, and a job board specifically for international student jobs

INSTITUTES AND CENTERS AT CAL LUTHERAN

Encouraging Enterprise
We are a thriving community of professionals, scholars, students, civic leaders and entrepreneurs in the heart of coastal California. Our centers keep our school plugged into the greater business community through focused activities including training, consulting, research, special events, and conferences. Learn what it takes to start and build a thriving business.

Center for Entrepreneurship
Our off-campus entrepreneurship center hosts a co-work space where startup companies can operate, collaborate and obtain help from Cal Lutheran professors and graduate students. Students interested in entrepreneurship will learn what it takes to start and build a thriving business.

Center for Leadership & Values
Provides resources, articles, speakers, and an extensive online database to promote discussions on value-based leadership. The Center helps our students to not only become successful in business but to become ethical leaders driven by deep meaning and purpose.

Companies that have employed Cal Lutheran’s Gradsuates
Accenture
Aerojet Rocketdyne
Alcatel-Lucent
Amgen
Apple
Bank of America
Baxter
Baxter International Inc.
Calvary Bank
Cisco
Citrix
County of Ventura
Dell
Deloitte
DNB
Farmers Insurance
General Dynamics
Health Net
Heraviot-Pockard
Hyland Software
IBM
Informatica
Intuit
J.P. Morgan
JD Power
Lavastorm
Lumenis
Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center
Merrill Lynch
Microsoft
Ministry of Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Morgan Stanley
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Naval Research Laboratory
Northrop Grumman
Corporation
Optimera
Oracle
Prudential
Financial
Rubicon Project
SAGE Publications
Salesforce
Saudi Aramco
Siemens
Sigle Corporation
SpaceX
Symantec
The Walt Disney Company
UBS
Wag Labs
Warner Bros Entertainment Group
Xilinx
Graduates also employed at hundreds of psychology counseling firms, K-12 schools and universities around the globe

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Your MBA
Start Here. Go Anywhere.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
General or with an emphasis in:
- Enterprise Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- International Business
- Information Technology
- Human Capital Management
- Marketing

Executive MBA
Our ACBSP-accredited Executive MBA (EMBA) is designed for successful career-minded people striving to achieve their next big goals and perform at peak performance. In a small cohort of peers from different industries this hybrid program (online and compressed weekend courses) emphasizes teamwork, stimulating environment and exclusive networking opportunities.

MBA Pathway
This 9-month path to the MBA is ideal for students who will benefit from intensive English language courses and additional academic support. At the conclusion of the program students will only have 13 more courses to complete their MBA program. More information can be found at: www.els.edu/pathways/california-lutheran-university

Curriculum
The MBA degree requires 45 semester credits which can be completed within 12-24 months. The program consists of 15 courses overall – 8 core courses, 2 emphasis courses and electives, and 1 capstone course. Additional foundations coursework may be required for candidates who need preparation in areas of accounting, economics, and/or statistics.

Core Courses (24 Credits)
Students will complete the following:
- Enterprise Management, Organization and Strategy
- Business Ethics and Law
- Organizational Behavior
- Marketing Management
- Strategic Decision Making
- Macroeconomics in the Global Economy
- Information Technology Management
- Financial Principles and Policies

Emphasis Courses (6 Credits)
Students will choose two courses from the following:
- International Business
- Marketing Research
- Corporate Finance
- Innovative Business Models
- Human Capital Management Strategy
- Data Management
- Sustainable Business Strategies (3)

Emphasis Courses (12 Credits)
Students will choose four from a variety of courses in the following emphasis areas:
- Enterprise Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Capital Management
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Marketing

Capstone Course (3 Credits)
Students will choose one from the following:
- The Business Plan
- Internship (CPT)
- Executive Roundtable
- MBA Project Course with Faculty Advisor
- International Travel Course
- Consulting to Business
An Evolving World is Ready for You
Get ready to take the lead.

Our world is constantly growing and changing. Locally, nationally, and globally, issues are becoming more complex. The need for knowledgeable, perceptive, and skillful leaders in businesses, public policy and administration within private, public, as well as profit and non-profit organizations has never been greater.

The 1 year MSM program will provide you with the knowledge required to effectively lead people, projects and organizations. You’ll gain crucial business skills that will increase your professional marketability and will allow you to excel.

Our ACBSP-accredited MSM has been specifically designed for liberal arts, STEM, and others working in a wide range of fields.

The 1-2 year MPPA program is for the public administrators who design and manage cities, ports, transportation systems, and much more. The challenge is staying ahead of the curve to lead the way to the best future we can create together for all.

With our outstanding faculty and personal attention made possible by our small classes, the MPPA program is ideally positioned to deliver on its promise to offer opportunities for direct-experience through collaboration with local municipalities. These opportunities include learning about state government through the Sacramento Policy Institute course, the Gallegly Center for Public Service, and the nearby Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

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Master of Science in Management (MSM)
The 10 course (31 credits) masters program includes:

Foundation Courses:
- Accounting
- Economics
- Business Statistics

Core Courses:
- Enterprise Management, Organization and Strategy
- Information Technology Management
- Organizational Behavior
- Business Ethics and Law
- Marketing Management
- Financial Principles and Policies

Capstone Options:
- Internship (CPT) or
- International Travel

Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)
The 13 course (39 credits) masters program includes:

Core Courses:
- Public Administration Theory
- Implementation of Analysis of Public Policy
- Law and Public Policy
- Research Methods
- Ethics in Public Policy and Administration

Elective Courses:
Students will choose 8 courses from the following list of possible electives:
- Strategic Planning
- Leadership
- Inter-Governmental Relations
- Human Resource Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Immigration Policy
- Urban Policy and Planning
- Emergency and Crisis Management
- Conflict and Negotiations
- Public Budgeting and Finance
- Civic Engagement
- Internship (CPT)
The World of Business and Technology Will Move in New Directions
Are you ready to lead the way?

A Master’s in Information Technology is considered by Forbes Magazine to be ”The Best Master’s Degree,” with continued projected employment growth throughout the 2020’s.

The Master of Science in Information Technology program (MSIT) is STEM Certified and is designed to provide students with a solid and forward-thinking technical foundation used to effectively plan, design, implement, and manage IT solutions and systems. It prepares students to be strong technical leaders, ready to lead IT-enabled organizational change.

The program is delivered over four 11-week terms each year (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer) at our Thousand Oaks Campus, and can be completed in as few as 12 months (for students who enter with an appropriate background). Foundation courses are available for students who need to develop technical/organizational proficiency.

Students work with the latest technologies such as Hadoop, R, Tableau, SQL, and Python.

Cal Lutheran graduates are prepared to work and lead in many positions within the IT field, including:

- IT Project Manager
- Data Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- System Developer
- Business/Systems Analyst
- Chief Information Officer
- IT Consultant
- Security Consultant
- Network Analyst

Curriculum

Our program has three tracks, information technology management, data analytics and cybersecurity. The curriculum includes a total of 12 graduate courses (36 credits), with students completing 8 core courses and four courses in their specialized track. A general MSIT degree is attained by selecting elective courses across tracks.

Information Technology Core Courses
- Information Technology Management
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Data Management
- Software Planning and Development
- Data Communications and Networking
- Project Management
- Information Security
- Distributed Systems

Track 1: Information Technology Management
- IT Strategy & Business Value
- Healthcare Information Technologies
- Enterprise Systems
- IT Architecture and Infrastructure
- Emergent Technologies and Issues
- Project
- Internship (CPT)

Track 2: Data Analytics
- Principles of Data Analytics
- Data Mining
- Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence
- Big Data Technologies
- Project
- Internship (CPT)

Track 3: Cybersecurity
- Digital Forensics
- Ethical Hacking
- Cloud Security
- Cybersecurity Risk Management
- Data Mining & Machine Learning
- Big Data Technologies
- Project
- Internship (CPT)
See the Future
Make your own path.

Practical Applications.
Personal Attention.
Experiential Learning.
STEM Certified.

These are the hallmarks of everything the School of Management strives to achieve in our programs. And no program embodies these concepts more than the Master of Science in Quantitative Economics. This program includes seminars, projects, applied research, analysis, assessment, and more. There are also opportunities to work hands-on in creating forecasting models for The Center for Economic Research and Forecasting (CERF).

CERF is a nationally recognized and highly respected economic research, modeling, and forecasting institution created and operated by several members of the School of Management faculty. Much of the research CERF produces is conducted by students of the MSQE program, gaining the kind of experience in school that will make them highly competitive graduates afterwards.

Students develop skills using tools such as Solver, Eviews, R, R-Studio and Excel.

Curriculum
The following is the list of courses required to obtain a Master of Science in Quantitative Economics.

Econometric Series
- Econometrics 1
- Econometrics 2
- Econometrics 3
- Forecasting and Modeling

Microeconomic Series
- Microeconomic Theory - Part 1
- Microeconomic Theory - Part 2

Macroeconomic Series
- Macroeconomic Theory - Part 1
- Macroeconomic Theory - Part 2

Analytics Series
- Analytics I
- Analytics II

Topics and Policy Analysis
- Financial Economics
- Environmental Economics and Policy Analysis
- Mathematics for Economists

During the 1 year program students have the advantage of working to create forecasting models through the Center for Economic Forecasting (CERF), gaining hands-on experience in applied economics. CERF has been nationally recognized for providing accurate, well-documented economic forecasts.
Our mission is to provide graduate students in clinical and counseling psychology with high-quality, relevant educational experiences that integrate theoretical and applied learning. We aspire to be a national leader in mental health educational programs. We are committed to providing quality academic programs and clinical services.

Our counseling centers provide clinical and research opportunities for graduate students who provide services to children, teens, adults, couples, families, and groups.

We offer a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (PsyD), Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MFT), and a research-focused Master of Science in Clinical Psychology.

Graduate psychology programs offer a fall start only.

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (MSCP)

This 2 year program emphasizes open science and reproducibility in psychological science. Students learn how to utilize the latest in statistics and research methods. In addition to learning R language for statistical programming, students will also be trained in advanced behavioral therapies, testing, and treatment.

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MFT)

Students in our Counseling Psychology program graduate well prepared for a successful career as professional therapists. The 2 year program focuses on teaching students a relational and systemic model for providing counseling services.

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

The APA-accredited PsyD program develops students’ clinical skills through practice and research. Our graduates provide rewarding clinical, consultative, teaching, and research services in medical centers, universities, prisons, and community counseling centers.

The program takes 5 years (including 1 year of internship) and provides two training clinics with practical experience in university-sponsored community counseling centers and through external practicum sites in Southern California.

There is a need for knowledgeable, reflective, ethical counselors and leaders in education. We cultivate scholar-practitioners who value asking bold questions through community-based inquiry that serves to disrupt the status quo in education, affecting access, equity and inclusion for all learners.

We offer a Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel and Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership (Ed.D.).

Master of Science in Counseling and College Student Personnel

The 3 year program is an ideal fit for talented, motivated leaders aspiring to make meaningful contributions in counseling and educational support services in the college/university setting.

All students complete two internship experiences and participate in comprehensive career services and professional mentorship.

Admission is offered for fall start only.

Ed.D. (Doctorate) in Higher Education Leadership

This 3 year program empowers college and university administrators to take on leadership roles in student affairs, academic leadership, institutional advancement, enrollment, athletics, and institutional assessment.

The on-campus, hybrid courses provide flexibility for students who are seeking a rigorous and practical doctoral program.

Admission is offered for summer start only.
The MBA Program at Cal Lutheran proved to be much more than I expected. The favorable student to faculty ratio always led to more interaction with classmates and the professors. The international students from many European, Asian and Middle Eastern countries were bringing different perspectives to the class, and the international students were building the multi-cultural experience that the Program offers.

Dimitris Politopoulos, ‘07
Greece
Co-founder, 776 Deluxe Foods

My experience at Cal Lutheran was completely different from my 16 prior years of education. I learned how to interact, coordinate, and so much more in such a short span of time. The credit went to the campus community; I now feel like I can face the world thanks to my experience at California Lutheran University.

Nikhila Paturi, ‘10
India
Systems Test Engineer, Qualcomm

The MBA Degree that I received from Cal Lutheran was essential for obtaining my job after graduation. I learned so many valuable business lessons during my time at Cal Lutheran. From classes to networking with different organizations, all of this led me to understand global business on a deeper level. The networking opportunities offered me several advantages, most notably bringing new business opportunities to my current employer. These opportunities allowed me to demonstrate my value to upper management, which would greatly benefit my career.

Zhiling Jessical Qian, ‘12
China
Finance and Trade Operations Department, GTS Operation Officer, BNP Paribas

A Smart Investment in the Future

I love the small classes. You really get to form a deep connection with your faculty. It helped me learn and connect with professors about internship opportunities. I would say the biggest opportunity I had was my internship at Amgen. A couple of months after the internship, Amgen called and offered me a full-time position. I will miss the beautiful, warm, welcoming, and kind people at CLU.”

Khuslen Munkhbayar, ‘22
Mongolia
Finance Associate, Amgen

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• Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Graduate application deadlines and processes vary between the School of Management, Graduate School of Psychology and Graduate School of Education. For all questions about application processes, requirements, and timelines please email: intladmission@callutheran.edu

School of Management

Students applying to any School of Management program should apply at least 90 days before the desired start term.

General Admission Requirements:
- Complete Application
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcripts and Degree Certificates verifying courses, grades, and equivalences of US bachelor’s degree, GPA of 3.0 or higher is expected
- Two letters of recommendation
- English Proficiency: Duolingo 120, TOEFL 88, IELTS 6.5, PTE 58, or Conditional Admission with ELS Level 112 (www.els.com)
- CLU reserves the right to request GRE/GMAT scores. Most students are granted waivers

Additional requirements and entry terms available for each program:

Master of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor degree must demonstrate strong technical, quantitative and programming proficiency; prerequisities may be required, depending on educational and professional background
- Fall (August), Winter (November), Spring (February), and Summer (May) entry terms are available

Master of Science in Quantitative Economics
- Bachelor degree with strong quantitative skills, including calculus, statistics, and other quantitative courses
- Fall (August) is only entry term for MSQE

MBA Pathway
- GPA of 2.1 - 2.7 preferred
- English Proficiency: Duolingo 90, TOEFL 60, IELTS 5.0 or ELS 108
- Fall (August) or Spring (February) entry terms are available

Executive MBA
- 5 - 7 years professional experience
- Fall (October) entry term

Graduate School of Psychology

Students applying to any Graduate School of Psychology program should apply by January 15

General Admission Requirements:
- Complete Application
- Statement of Purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Transcripts and Degree Certificates verifying courses, grades, and equivalences of US bachelor’s degree, GPA of 3.0 or higher is expected
- Degree or concentration in Psychology preferred
- English Proficiency: Duolingo 120, TOEFL 88, IELTS 6.5, PTE 58
- Qualified candidates will be invited to participate in an admission interview with program faculty
- GRE Required for Doctorate (PsyD) admission

Tuition

For tuition and fee information, go to Callutheran.edu/tuition

CLU does not offer financial assistance or scholarships to international graduate students.

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• Secondary Admission Requirements

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Ready to Lead

Success in any endeavor comes when we combine passion with a sense of purpose. We cultivate that spirit in each student, in each class, and in the extended family of our community by building a powerful support system – relationships with mentors and peers, institutions and civic leaders – that extend beyond the school, and into the larger realm of California and the world.

Whether you bring your sense of purpose or find it here, whether you bring your passion or find it here, right now is the time to begin creating the future.

The world is waiting for new leaders.
Now is the time and this is the place to prepare.