

MCAA Frequently Asked Questions

How many units is the program?

36 unit program (nine classes total: 5 core classes and 4 electives)

Will you allow units to be transferred in?

The Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences will determine if graduate level units are transferrable. A total of 8 equivalent graduate units will be considered for transfer. A catalog description of the classes and an official transcript are required. Please scan these documents and email them to your admissions counselor.

Is the program accredited?

Yes. Concordia University is fully accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges); one of the six regional associations that accredit public and private schools through out the United States. The six regional accrediting associations are: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Each accrediting association is responsible for accrediting educational institutions in a particular area of the United States and, in some cases, other geographic areas.

What is the cost?

\$460 per semester unit \$1840 per class \$16,560 plus fees and books

What is the schedule like for students?

For online students you will have due dates for assignments but you never have to be online at a certain time. Therefore, you can have class any day of the week and when it's convenient for you. For onsite students, you will have class every Monday night from 6:00p.m. -10:00 p.m. This makes it convenient for working professionals and knowing that the schedule it set provides opportunities for you to schedule other activities around classes in advance.

Where are the Regional Cohort Programs?

Irvine, Long Beach

When do classes start?

There are four times that students may register for classes. Late August (Fall I) November (Fall II) March (Spring) June- August (Summer) These are scheduled as one week intensive classes from 8:00am-5:00pm for those students in the on-site program.

Which semesters can new students enroll and when?

For online

Late August (Fall I).....suggested to apply by end of July
November (Fall II).....suggested to apply by mid October
February (Spring).....suggested to apply by mid February
May (Summer).....suggested to apply by mid May

For Regional Cohort

Late August (Fall I).....admission deadline in August
February (Spring).....admission deadline in February
Summer.....admission deadline in May

How can I apply?

Go to our website www.cui.edu Click on Academic Programs Click on Graduate Look to your right for Coaching and Athletic Administration and click On our webpage; Scroll down until you see Apply Now Click on it and you will see on the next page Application Below you will see Graduate Application \$50.00 Click on it and start your application.

What if my GPA is below 2.75?

You will need to petition to be considered a candidate in the admissions process. You must have two years or more of credible service in education or in coaching. Please submit a one-page petition letter stating why your GPA is under the GPA requirement.

What is considered full admission?

A cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better (4.0 scale) in all previous college work.

If I am in the online program can I take any on-site classes?

Yes

If I am in the cohort classes can I take any online classes?

Yes

How long will it take me to complete the program?

If you take two classes per semester and three in the summer, it is possible to complete the online degree in approximately one year.

What is the maximum number of courses I can take per semester?

For the online program you may take up to two per semester and three in the summer. For the onsite program you may take two courses per semester (if you choose to take a class online) and three in the summer.

What happens if I take a semester off?

You may stop out for one semester by notifying the program advisor.

What if I decide to take off more than one semester?

If you do not take classes for two semesters in a row you would need to be re-admitted at the current tuition rate.

How much should I expect for the cost of books?

This will vary from course to course, you can expect the cost to be no more than \$1,000.00.

I haven't been in school for awhile and not sure how much of a work load I can handle. I work full time and have other responsibilities. How many courses would you suggest I start with?

I would start out by taking one class the first semester and see how it goes. If you think you can handle more and want to finish at a faster pace, then go for it. It is ultimately your decision. Only you know the demands of your schedule.

Should I wait to apply for financial aid after I have been accepted?

Start the process now. However, you are not packaged for financial aid until you are accepted in to a graduate program and enrolled in units. A completed Financial Aid file includes the Post-Baccalaureate Financial Aid Application and Stafford Loan Worksheet. FAFSA, acceptance to a graduate program, and being enrolled in units. The financial aid office is available at (949) 854- 8002 ext. 1121
finaid@cui.edu

How many units must I be enrolled in to be eligible for loans?

As a Master's student, you must maintain a minimum of 4 units per semester to be eligible for federal aid (loans). One class is considered half time status and two classes are considered full time status. The breakdown for graduates is: 3 units – half time 4.5 units – ¾ time 6 units – full time

What course will I start with?

Students should start with MCAA 510 Principles of Coaching and Leadership.

Are there any prerequisites I need to be aware of?

No, there are no prerequisites.

Do I need to take a test before entering the program?

No, we do not require the GRE.

How do I register for classes?

You will register online for all your classes through Banner Web. Once you are accepted you will receive detailed information on the steps to complete this process. Your academic advisor can also help you through the steps of this process.

What do I do if I have a HOLD?

HOLDS usually refer to:

- Outstanding balance (Student Accounts)
- Your official bachelor transcript was not received (Registrar's Office)

HOLDS are posted on Banner Web so it is strongly encouraged that you check Banner Web before you pre-enroll in your classes. Contact the office of your HOLD and take care of it immediately. HOLDS will prevent you from pre-enrolling in your classes. You may contact Edgar Lopez in Student Accounts at Edgar.Lopez@cui.edu (949) 854-8002 ext. 1114 regarding holds.

How do I drop a course?

You can drop a course online through Banner Web or you can fill out an ADD/DROP form and fax it to your advisor.