

## **MCAA Inquiry Information – Fall I, 2013**

### **Basics:**

1. The program is 36 units; 9 different 4-unit courses to complete the Master's degree
2. There are 5 core (required) courses and 4 electives (courses that you choose)
3. Each semester or term is 11 weeks; Between each term or semester there is a 2 week break
4. There are 4 semesters in each year:
  - a. Fall I begins the last week in August
  - b. Fall II begins the middle of November
    - i. Thanksgiving & Christmas breaks
  - c. Spring begins in Late February
  - d. Summer begins the middle part of May
5. You may begin the program in any one of four terms

### **Program Focus and Design:**

1. This Master's Program was designed to be referred to as a "practical" degree
  - a. Instructors present material that is theoretical and practical in nature
  - b. However the focus is on the practical; The instructors are applying the theory to practice
2. Courses will be supplying you with hands-on application of the subject matter
3. Because the program is practical in nature,
  - a. Rather than having a comprehensive exam or a thesis, the final course in the program is a professional portfolio project (culminating project)
  - b. This culminating project uses specific assignments and papers written in the courses you will complete the program, including:
    - i. Philosophy of athletics and coaching
    - ii. Ethics and sportsmanship
    - iii. Legal considerations and risk management
    - iv. Also included is a resume, letters of recommendation
    - v. Materials and projects of your choice from courses
  - c. The portfolio is practical and lends itself to interviews/future employment for graduates

### **The Delivery System can be entirely online:**

1. Although you have deadlines to meet and assignments that are due at various times, you do not have to be online at specific times or participate in chats/conversations at the same time
2. The courses are available 24/7
3. The system for the online program is Blackboard
  - a. This is accessed online; CUI will give you a code to access Blackboard and the course
4. Instructors vary in the structure of the course; lectures and documents
  - a. Some post lectures and videos; Others post documents and Power Points
  - b. There may be quizzes over texts and discussion questions with classmates

### **The Delivery System can also be onsite, one week intensives, or a combination of the three.**

### **Program costs:**

1. \$50.00 = Application fee
2. \$460 per unit for each course = \$1840
3. 9 classes = \$16,560.00
4. Books: approximately \$750-\$1000 for the entire program (roughly \$100 per class)
  - a. This is generous and should not go over this total; Save amount to plan/budget
5. Program and per unit costs will remain the same as long as you are continuously enrolled without stopping out (skipping) more than one term

Example: Enrolled Summer; Stop out Fall I; Re-enroll Fall II, Spring, etc. This is continuous enrollment and allows fees to remain the same.

Example: Enrolled Summer; Stop out Fall I and Fall II, Re-enroll Spring. The student must pay whatever the tuition rate is in the Spring term, which may be higher

**Program Timeline:**

1. Completing one course each term allows you to finish the program in 2 years + 1 semester.
2. If you take full loads each semester you could finish in 1 year. In this case you would take 2 classes in Fall I; 2 classes in Fall II; 2 classes in Spring, 3 classes in Summer. This is contingent upon the Dean of Arts and Sciences approval to take MCAA 595 Culminating Project simultaneously with other courses.
3. Most students complete the program in 15-18 months.

**Admissions Requirements:**

1. \$50.00 Application fee
2. Official transcripts for undergraduate program and verification of BA/BS degree
3. 2.75 GPA in undergraduate program
4. If your undergraduate degree GPA is less than 2.75
  - a. Send a letter indicating reasons that GPA is below 2.75 (petition letter)
  - b. Why you believe you will be successful in this program
  - c. Indicate years of experience in the workplace, schools or coaching
  - d. Indicate how you will succeed at the graduate level maintaining a 3.0 GPA
5. Transfer units:
  - a. You may transfer a maximum of 8 semester units (credit hours) from another regionally accredited institution
    - i. Provided the courses match the description of MCAA course closely
    - ii. Official transcripts for all courses requesting to be transferred
    - iii. Catalog course description for each course requested
    - iv. Transfer form filled out and completed
  - b. Submit required information to Sheila Hannah, MCAA Academic Advisor, at 949-214-3264 or [sheila.hannah@cui.edu](mailto:sheila.hannah@cui.edu)

**Financial Aid:**

1. This aid is in the form of student loans
2. Over 70% of students apply for financial aid (loans)
3. Begin by completing the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
4. Fill out a Graduate Application for Financial Aid (post baccalaureate form)
5. Information available at [www.cui.edu](http://www.cui.edu); Contact the Financial Aid office at [finaid@cui.edu](mailto:finaid@cui.edu) or 949-214-3077

**Semester Start Dates:**

<b>Fall I</b>	<b>August 19, 2013</b>	*Suggested application deadline one week prior to the start date
<b>Fall II</b>	<b>November 18, 2013</b>	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>February 17, 2014</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Middle of May, 2014</b>	

Eastern States: Texas or any state eastward, contact: Christopher Lewis Associate Director of Admissions—MCAA <a href="mailto:christopher.lewis@cui.edu">christopher.lewis@cui.edu</a> 949-214-3025, Cell 949-278-4313	Western States: States west of Texas, contact: Jon O’Neill Associate Director of Admissions—MCAA <a href="mailto:Jon.ONeill@cui.edu">Jon.ONeill@cui.edu</a> 949-214-3577
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