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- Leadership & Influence
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- Networking with Top Executives
- Collaborative Experiential Activities
- World Renowned Faculty
- Five-Day Immersive Experiences
- Collaborative Experiential Activities
Classes in Leadership & Influence

It’s no secret that a strong leader can make or break an organization. Become a more influential leader by effectively advocating for your ideas and vision.

WHO ATTENDS

- Executives and high-level managers in leadership roles
- Professionals responsible for effecting change and driving new initiatives
- High-potential individuals who will assume greater responsibility within their organization

“Texas Executive Education has exceeded my expectations, especially the level of expertise exhibited by the professors. They were highly experienced and reputable members in their fields. In addition, the perspectives and dialogues exchanged between my classmates was extremely interesting.”

Scott Paape
Director of Rapid Continuous Improvement
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group
Advocacy, Influence, and Power

January 25-29, 2016 or Spring 2016 - dates TBD  
Price: $7,600

Good ideas don’t sell themselves—they must be sold! Become a more influential leader by developing a better understanding of how to effectively advocate for your ideas and vision.

OBJECTIVE

Acquire the expertise to market your ideas with ease. Analyze how your political intelligence and persuasion acumen affect your success in convincing others to see your vision and support your ideas. Return home from this program knowing how to effectively construct and deliver your message, position and differentiate your ideas, generate loyalty and commitment, and overcome resistance to be more persuasive.

BENEFITS

- Present ideas with impact and impetus
- Develop and implement your personal branding strategy
- Construct and deliver persuasive messages that work in any context
- Gain support from your alliances and networks while generating loyalty and commitment from colleagues
- Inspire alignment throughout your organization to reach common goals
- Construct narratives and stories to deliver a message

- Eliminate bottlenecks and barriers to good ideas
- Analyze situations and tailor your messages to motivate different audiences
- Expand your ability to diagnose the sources of power in your organization
- Improve communication channels to leverage employee knowledge at every level
- Effectively persuade others in meetings

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Sharon Jarvis, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Moody College of Communication
Gaylen Paulson, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Senior Lecturer, McCombs School of Business

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Leading Change and Driving Innovative Thinking

February 22-26, 2016 or June 13-17, 2016  
Price: $7,600

Capitalize on change as an opportunity, while embracing transition as a catalyst for innovative thinking. Adapt to evolving competitive conditions and adjust to market shifts by fostering an innovative culture within your organization.

OBJECTIVE

Identify and seize opportunities as they arise. Equip your people to take risks and tackle new challenges. Develop a blend of leadership skills and political savvy required to lead your organization through periods of change and foster an innovative culture. Construct a comprehensive toolkit for visioning, creating opportunities, crafting your messages, and responding to resistance, helping you to succeed where others fail.

BENEFITS

- Develop leadership competencies around innovation and change management
- Determine where changes are needed and where opportunities present themselves
- Clearly articulate your vision to employees to inspire change leaders
- Identify roles that various stakeholders play in your organization
- Analyze how power and authority affect employees’ desire to change
- Shape and reshape organizational culture to promote innovation
- Assess your current culture, and use it to frame pending challenges and opportunities
- Identify organizational complexities that create contradictory pressures and demands
- Spur innovation by identifying, and removing, key barriers to change
- Anticipate and prepare for organizational politics
- Predict stages of adoption and cycles of implementation, and tailor tactics accordingly
- Discuss failures, and create strategies for regrouping
- Drive creativity and ideation in individuals and teams
- Implement creativity tools and design thinking to expand opportunities

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Luis Martins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, McCombs School of Business
Effective strategy is essential to determining the future of your organization. Hone your strategic acumen and make company-changing decisions with confidence. Analyze your company’s position from every angle to develop big picture strategies with tangible competitive advantages.

**WHO ATTENDS**

- Executives and high-level managers in leadership roles
- Professionals responsible for critical decisions within their organization
- Innovative thinkers seeking to create or leverage competitive advantages
Designing Winning Strategies for Advantage and Growth

April 18-22, 2016 or Summer 2016 – dates TBD

Price: $7,600

Few terms are used more frequently in business than “strategy,” but in too many companies it is little more than a slogan that serves no real purpose.

OBJECTIVE

Characterize and evaluate your business model based on leading tools for strategic analysis. Understand the logic by which organizational strategy should be developed to achieve competitive advantage and industry disruption. Build an organization consistent with a renewed strategy, prepared for implementation, and poised for future growth. Prepare your organization for increased emphasis on innovation and speed.

BENEFITS

- Understand how a winning strategy can enable your organization to gain and sustain competitive advantage
- Identify the core characteristics of a strong corporate strategy
- Benchmark the quality of your strategy relative to the strategies of well-known companies
- Translate key strategic objectives into organizational reality
- Create a sustainable competitive advantage and position your company for maximum results
- Discuss when and how to renew your competitive advantage
- Design a winning business model featuring a clear competitive strategy
- Discuss common mistakes in innovation strategies
- Enable strategic innovation and opportunity creation
- Improve your organization’s strategic innovation potential
- Respond rapidly to a disruptive business model
- Create a blue ocean in your industry
- Employ various levers for strategic change and implementation
- Build an organizational structure that can efficiently and effectively implement your company’s strategy
- Rate your organization as a yesterday, or tomorrow, organization

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Isaac Barchis, JD, Director, Austin Technology Incubator

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Driving Strategic Business Decisions

March 7-11, 2016 or July 18-22, 2016

Price: $7,600

Enhance your decision making and generate growth in your business by leveraging the dynamic decision processes used by leading global corporations.

OBJECTIVE

Achieve your long-term goals by developing a strategy based on sound decision making tools. Recognize alternatives and their associated risk factors to quickly react to changes in industry and market conditions. Develop techniques for making complex business decisions with real-word applications for R&D projects, new products, new ventures, and more. Implement strategies for making and carrying out decisions that will have a significant impact on your organization.

BENEFITS

- Break down problems for analysis
- Implement methods for structuring and modeling decisions
- Improve forecasts using ranges and probabilities
- Structure and evaluate decision trees to determine the best alternative
- Build risk management strategies into your organization
- Identify and manage strategic and external risks by forecasting best and worst case scenarios
- Manage differences in shareholder and stakeholder viewpoints
- Communicate results to highlight the value of the strategy
- Judge the quality of the decision without having to wait to observe its outcome

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Jim Dyer, Ph.D., Professor, McCombs School of Business
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Several factors were taken into account when selecting an Executive Education program, but McCombs’ Texas Executive Education proved itself to be among the best in regards to administration, experience, and professors. We’ve been impressed by the level of expertise shown by the professors and their extensive knowledge.

Brad Johnson
Procurement Director
Halliburton

Immerse yourself in the concepts and metrics that shape financial decision making. Examine the topics in finance and accounting that are essential to understanding and determining your organization’s success.

WHO ATTENDS

• Executives and high-level managers with budget authority
• Professionals responsible for financial and P&L decision making
• Individuals who seek deeper understanding of financial concepts and how they relate to business operations as a whole
Finance and Accounting for Non-Financial Managers

Are you fluent in the language of business? Do you understand the trade-offs between risk and return? Apply proven analytic tools to make sound business decisions and take maximum advantage of business opportunities.

OBJECTIVE

Apply analytic skills to make informed decisions and interpret your company’s liquidity and profitability. Take full advantage of business opportunities with confidence. Gain insight into how accounting data drives your company’s past and future financial performance. Solidify the foundation you need to make better financial management decisions.

BENEFITS

- Communicate financial goals and performance more effectively
- Examine the content and make connections between the three major financial statements
- Evaluate the financial performance of your company or unit
- Analyze the performance metrics by which you are being measured and why they matter
- Determine how accounting concepts and financial strategies are integrated into your company’s decision making processes
- Examine different financial strategies and anticipate what financial statements should look like given the company’s business model
- Benchmark financial performance over time and against competitors
- Gain exposure to diverse financial approaches, including methods of business valuation
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Financial Analysis for Value Creation

Understanding the numbers only gets you so far... It’s how you apply information that matters. Create a plan to use your organization’s capital strategically.

OBJECTIVE

Recognize how value is created in your firm. Evaluate opportunities and assess competition based on robust financial analysis to outperform your industry. Work through a systematic approach for analyzing financial statements and evaluate the impact on profitability during this hands-on program. Implement what you have learned in a comprehensive simulation that puts you in charge of every aspect of a hypothetical company’s business.

BENEFITS

- Examine and understand specific financial statements from your company
- Apply skills in an active, hands-on simulation
- Experience a real-world scenario and test outcomes of various decisions
- Develop an informed financial perspective on business operations
- Analyze the key drivers of Return On Equity (ROE)
- Build practical skills to evaluate your organization’s current and future financial performance
- Examine the effects of operating and financial strategies on the financial performance of your firm

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Jim Nolen, MBA, Distinguished Senior Lecturer, McCombs School of Business

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Finance and Accounting for Non-Financial Managers

February 1-5, 2016 or June 6-10, 2016

Experience the details of the Enron scandal from the perspective of an employee who worked for the energy giant. Brian Cruver, author of Anatomy of Greed, the book that inspired the movie The Crooked E: The Unshredded Truth About Enron, will present a keynote at the Finance and Accounting for Non-Financial Managers course. Brian will share some of his Enron stories and illustrate how accounting and ethics intersect. He will also discuss how accounting and finance helps you raise capital and present your performance to a venture-backed board, based on his current role as CEO for Alert Media Inc. and previous role as CEO for Xenex Healthcare Services LLC. He will also field questions about his experiences before, during and after Enron.

Designing Winning Strategies

April 18-22, 2016 or Summer 2016 - dates TBD

Give your strategy wings when you take flight at the Designing Winning Strategies for Advantage and Growth program. Illustrating one organization’s strategy for growth and expansion, your class will take a trip to iFly Austin, the first indoor skydiving facility in Texas. You will hear about the mission and rapid growth strategy of iFly Austin from one of their executives. Then you’ll have the opportunity to experience their business for yourself as you fly in their tunnel, which uses the most advanced wind tunnel technology in the world. Back on campus, you’ll have the opportunity to discuss the iFly strategy and how it relates to your organization’s strategy for growth.

Advocacy, Influence and Power

January 25-29, 2016 or Spring 2016 - dates TBD

Do you have the perfect pitch? Do you think it’s only necessary for those running startup companies? Regardless of our background and profession, we all have to “pitch” our ideas. Maybe it’s to get approval for the financing of your project, or maybe it’s to convince others to join your team. Whatever the reason to pitch, we can learn from the ways startups approach pitching. 3 Day Startup (3DS) will present a session at Capital Factory, located in Austin’s downtown innovation zone. You will discover the how the startup approach to pitching can be useful in corporate and other contexts. Drawing on the ideas presented, you will then create, deliver and receive feedback on your pitch. After, you will tour Capital Factory, a business incubator where entrepreneurs have been connecting with investors, talent and customers since 2009.

Driving Strategic Business Decisions

March 7-11, 2016 or July 18-22, 2016

Do you ever wonder what exactly is going on in the brain of your boss, a colleague, a business partner? Ever think to yourself, “why did they make that decision?” or “how did they decide that was the best course of action?” or even “what will make them decide to agree with my plan?” We may not be able to solve all the mysteries but we can shed some light on the way their brains are working. You’ll visit the KUT studios on the UT campus and hear from Dr. Art Markman and Dr. Bob Duke. Each week on Two Guys on Your Head, the two renowned psychologists cover everything from the effects of sugar on the brain to what’s happening in our minds while we sleep, and much, much more. Their session will explore different aspects of human behavior and the brain and provide some insight into how we make decisions that can help us better understand ourselves and those around us.

*Enhancements are unique to each class instance and may vary depending on class date.
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