

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How can I get more information about the Joseph Business School online program?

Visit us online at www.josephcenter.com and click on the "Online E-learning" button. Information about the curriculum, cost and other topics are available online.

Is it too late to register for the online program?

The online program offers a rolling admission. You can register anytime.

How much is tuition and is the payment plan flexible?

Full Program Cost: \$1,500
Select Program: \$500 – there are four select tracks that are available. Marketing, Operations, Finance, Leadership, and Business Planning.
Individual Course: \$100 – there are over 24 courses being offered

There are several payment options that are available. However, the full program at \$1,500 is the most attractive.

Are the books and other costs included in the tuition?

All course materials are included in the full program tuition and are accessible online. No additional shipping charges will be incurred. Special programs that are supplemental and optional will be offered at a fee when applicable.

When does the first class begin?

The first class is scheduled to begin in January 2006.

How long does it take to complete each class?

There are two components for each class, the in-class (online) material and the homework assignments. The in-class (on-line) material will take approximately 1-2 hours depending on the course. Your

homework assignment will typically require more time than the in-class (online) component. Because you are working on your own business, your homework assignments are unique to your business. It is required that you apply the lessons learned and complete an assignment specific for your business. The allocated time for homework is dependent on your knowledge of your business and industry therefore, the time spent completing your homework assignments will vary by business.

Is the program self-paced?

Yes, you can complete the program at your own pace. However, it is highly encouraged that you complete your coursework within a reasonable timeframe. The entire program is self-paced meaning you can choose when to complete the entire program consisting of more than 24 courses. However, once you have signed up to take a course, you will be required to complete one course at a time. You are granted a break up to 60 days between each course.

What's the average time of completion?

The on-campus program is a 9-month course. However, the online program is available to you at your own pace.

Are there only 5 courses?

No, there are over 24 courses that are categorized into 5 areas of learning. See our curriculum online for more details at www.josephcenter.com

How is the campus program different from the online program?

The online program is designed to give access to all Believers called to be in business regardless of distance. The online program is a tool to provide the same quality instruction and curriculum that is taught on-campus into your home. The online program provides increased flexibility and convenience that allows you to take the course at your own pace, anytime and anywhere. Also, the online program is more affordable to you.

I have owned my own business for a while, will this course help me?

We have over 8 years of experience in teaching both existing and aspiring entrepreneurs. We have found that if your business is not growing at the pace you would like and or you are looking to change direction, the Joseph Business School is the right program for you. We have had professionals and entrepreneurs who started their business without the fundamentals and have managed their business by chance. The lessons imparted throughout the curriculum helps to increase your confidence not only in understanding and applying key business principles but also having a biblical context in how to operate your business God's way.

I am a Pastor, how can I offer the Joseph Business School at my church?

There is a program designed just for Churches. For more information about this program, please write us at: Joseph Business School, 7600 W. Roosevelt Road, Forest Park, IL 60130, Attn: Administrator – Master's Business System or email us at info@josephcenter.com and refer to the Master's Business System.

What are the academic qualifications to apply?

Our minimum academic requirement is a high school diploma or a GED.

Do you have to complete a business plan during the course?

Absolutely, the goal of the course is for each student to complete a business plan also known as a strategic plan for your business. Each course is designed to help you complete each component of a business plan such that at the end you will have "written the vision" as comprehensively as possible.

Are scholarships available?

We want to support as many students who are called by God to start their business, but scholarships are not available currently. We are in agreement with you that God will supply you with all the necessary provisions.

Do you accept tuition reimbursements?

Yes, we do accept tuition reimbursements but it will be managed on an individual basis. Each company and or institution operates differently

therefore our preference is for the student to manage their own reimbursements. However, you can contact us for more specific information at info@josephcenter.com when you are ready to apply.

Will the program teach you how to secure grant monies?

The program is designed to teach entrepreneurs how to run and operate their business using biblical principles. You will learn various sources of funds in the finance course however there are no specific grant funding modules.

Is the program accredited?

We offer a certificate of completion as approved by the State of Illinois, State Board of Education for Vocational Schools. We are not currently accredited.

Can I transfer credits to other institutions?

There are some institutions that will accept our credit hours but not all, therefore, each situation must be handled individually with the institution of choice.

How can I contribute to the success of the school?

The school is part of the 501C-3 organization called the Joseph Center®. Your contributions are tax-deductible. You can mail your gift to: Joseph Center, 7600 W. Roosevelt Road, Forest Park, IL 60130 Attn: Director.

Do you have a home study course for those without a computer?

Not at this time.

What type of support is available for graduates of the Joseph Business School?

The Joseph Center® is designed to support all Joseph Business School graduates. The Center provides continuing education support and offers shared office space, business consulting services and several opportunities to network with other entrepreneurs. To learn more about all the programs that are available through the Joseph Center® visit the website at www.josephcenter.com.

Is the course applicable to countries outside the United States?

The course is designed with the foundation of starting and operating a business in the United States. A large majority of the courses have international application but there are specific topics such as the legal issues course that may not be applicable in all countries. The most general application is the biblical perspective of how to run and operate your business God's way.

Can you update the forms properly add international addresses?

Yes, we are currently working on updating our forms to accommodate all necessary information.

Would this course benefit me as a manager?

Absolutely, we have had many professionals who wanted to become better skilled managers that have taken the course and improved their performance at work. The program teaches problem solving skills and business skills that gives you a perspective from the CEO point of view. Many professionals become more aware of business terminology and are more equipped to use and understand business tools like financial statements to improve their performance.

What are the credentials of your faculty?

Our faculty is comprised of entrepreneurs and business professionals. They have attended some of the most elite academic institutions including but not limited to Harvard, Stanford, Wharton, University of Chicago to name a few. They have attained high levels of achievement in their field and either have worked or are working for Fortune 50 companies.

What is the cancellation policy?

The school is governed by the Board of Education in the State of Illinois. Refunds and cancellations are granted on a pro-rata basis.