

Master of Business Administration

Certificate Program in **Derivatives Trading**

The certificate programs at Benedictine University are an excellent way to gain that competitive edge in your profession. Designed to meet the growing need for effective, cutting-edge management skills, our programs are always being updated to reflect current job market needs. Students deciding to continue in the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program may be able to apply certificate credits to a degree program at a later date. Students seeking a certificate are provided an expedited admissions process. Students are required to submit a certificate program application as well as proof of baccalaureate degree conferral. Degree-seeking students are required to submit additional documents including but not limited to official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended.

Certificate programs are designed for a concentrated focus for professionals looking to expand their knowledge in a specific area or introduce themselves to the core M.B.A. curriculum. Courses may be taken in any quarter of the year, and up to 16 credit hours may be applied toward the M.B.A. degree for students who are accepted into the degree-seeking program. Courses must be completed at a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to apply toward the M.B.A. degree. Courses can be taken in the traditional evening/weekend, on-campus format or online, and may be applied to only one certificate. All students entering into a certificate program must schedule an advising appointment with the M.B.A. program director by calling (630) 829-6205.

Program Overview

In the world of financial management, derivatives trading is perhaps one of the most dynamic and controversial areas. The certificate program in Derivatives Trading is designed to prepare students for the Registered Commodities Representative (RCR) or Certified Financial Planner (CFP) license and/or prepare students to manage their own portfolios. Students will examine the most current credit derivative products and strategies, and analyze them from an earnings, capital and risk-management perspective. They will explore total return swaps, credit default options, the use of futures and options contracts to hedge and reduce risk as well as deal with the ethical issues and compliance issues related to regulation of derivatives trading. Students must complete 16 credit-hours of coursework from the courses listed below:

MBA 656	Investment Analysis (4)
MBA 658	Derivative and Risk Management (4)
MBA 659	Investment Accounting and Business Ethics (4)
MBA 660	Investment Seminar (4)

Benedictine University is located in Lisle, Illinois, just 25 miles west of Chicago. Founded in 1887 by the Benedictine Monks of St. Procopius Abbey, the University offers 49 traditional undergraduate majors, seven adult undergraduate majors, 13 graduate programs, 33 graduate certificate programs and four doctorate programs. Benedictine has consistently been named one of the top schools in the Midwest Region and ranked sixth in Illinois for Racial Diversity by *U.S. News & World Report*® for 2010. For more information, call the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300, e-mail admissions@ben.edu or visit www.ben.edu.

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