

# DOLAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## A Message from the Dean

The highly competitive, globally-oriented, tech-savvy business world seeks energized, knowledgeable, inspired graduates with rock solid ethics to be the business leaders of the future. As a graduate student at the Dolan School of Business, we want to enhance your progress in developing that future and meeting your career goals. Whether you see yourself as an accountant, an expert in the world of finance, an international business executive, a marketing professional, an information systems manager, or an entrepreneur, we can help take you there.

How do we do this? We do this, first, through our excellent faculty. This is a faculty that does cutting edge research and, through a world-class curriculum, will teach you the business concepts critical to your future career. This is also a faculty with substantial real-world business experience who seek to create an active learning environment. Here, real organizational problems are brought into the classroom to be dissected and debated, often with the actual managers involved. The faculty is also vitally interested in you. In classrooms averaging less than 24 students, and in one-on-one advising sessions, faculty are available to discuss your current concerns, your developing ideas, and future career trajectory.

We do this by creating a community of students who have the opportunity to interact closely with faculty, alumni, and staff. You'll have opportunities to join the Graduate Student Assembly and engage with faculty in clubs and service learning opportunities.

We do this by partnering with local business leaders and alumni, drawing on Fairfield County's strategic location, home to more than 40 Fortune 500 headquarters located within 50 miles of the University. When you're here, the world of business is literally at your front door.

We do this, finally, by stressing excellence in all that we do. We are ranked among the top Part-Time MBA programs nationally (according to US News and World Report), among the Best 300 Business Schools in the U.S. (according to the Princeton Review), and fully accredited by the AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only five percent of all business schools worldwide are so recognized.

As a graduate student, you have already gained experience in the work world. The Dolan School of Business will help leverage that experience by offering breadth courses to enhance your skills, and concentration and elective courses to hone your skills. The result is a set of tools for jumpstarting your career goals. We educate in an environment that takes its Jesuit foundations seriously, emphasizing a rigorous curriculum, caring for our students, a concern for promoting ethics and justice, and an understanding of the power of reflecting on your life.

We welcome you. We urge you to take advantage of all that this school offers, and make it your own.

**Donald E. Gibson, Ph.D.**  
Dean, Dolan School of Business

## School Overview

The Dolan School of Business was established in 1978, having been a Department of Business Administration for 31 years within the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1981, in response to a stated need by the Fairfield County business community, the School began its

master of science in financial management program. The certificate for advanced study in finance was initiated in 1984. In 1994, in response to unprecedented market demand, the School introduced the Master of Business Administration program that now has concentrations in accounting, finance, information systems and business analytics, management, and marketing. Also offered are Master of Science degrees in accounting, business analytics, and finance.

The School received full accreditation of its graduate and undergraduate programs by AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) on March 6, 1997. In 2000, the School's advancement was recognized further by a generous \$25 million gift from Charles F. Dolan, founder and chairman of Cablevision Systems Corp. and a long-time friend and trustee of the University, for whom the School is now named.

The School is housed in a welcoming facility with 11 classrooms, two computer labs, eight group workrooms, and outstanding media and technology equipment. The building has a lounge and meeting areas for student activities and unrivaled offices for faculty and staff. With a new facility planned to open in 2019, the School's building and facilities will be among the best in the nation and reflect the continual development and unlimited potential of the Dolan School of Business.

## Mission Statement

We are committed to the Jesuit tradition of educating the "whole" person to be a socially responsible professional who has career-ready competencies and is prepared to serve others. We provide an environment that facilitates outstanding faculty who balance their commitment to meaningful and relevant teaching, service, and intellectual contributions. We foster a learning community that engages diverse students through reflective dialog. We design innovative curricula and programs shaped by involvement with alumni, business leaders, and corporate partners. We emphasize the *magis* in all that we do: inspiring tomorrow's leaders through educational excellence.

In carrying out its mission, the School typically admits graduate students who have an average of one to two or more years of professional experience. Generally, the School admits graduate students with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 accompanied by a GMAT score of at least 500<sup>1</sup> (GRE also accepted). Moreover, the School requires all students seeking admission to its graduate programs to demonstrate that they either have performed satisfactorily at the undergraduate level in microeconomics, macroeconomics, college-level mathematics, and statistics, or will take those courses at the University or elsewhere.

In addition, the admission process requires complete, official transcripts of all undergraduate work, two recommendations, and a self-evaluation of work experience. A committee on graduate admissions reviews the applications and selects those who will be accepted to the program.

The School offers classes at night and on weekends to serve the needs of part-time graduate students from the regional business community and full-time students. Class sizes are small, 20 to 25 students on average, with an emphasis on close interaction between the individual and the faculty member. The School is dedicated to the use of the latest classroom teaching technologies and it has a balanced emphasis between individual assignments and group work in a variety of different classroom formats, such as lectures, case work, experiential exercises, business projects, and research papers.

The School designs individual programs of study for students, enabling them to meet their educational goals and professional objectives. These

program designs are completed upon matriculation, and each semester students may update or amend their plans in consultation with the Director of Graduate Programs.

The School's faculty members have extensive professional business experience to accompany their strong academic preparation, which includes earned doctorates and, in nearly every case, previous academic work in the liberal arts and sciences, scholarly contributions and ongoing research interests, and continuing professional involvement in their chosen areas of expertise. They are dedicated to teaching excellence and their strong business and academic backgrounds give them a unique ability to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

<sup>1</sup> The GMAT/GRE may be waived for applicants who have passed all parts of the Uniform CPA exam or who have earned a JD. Additionally, undergraduate business majors in the Dolan School of Business may be waived from the GMAT/GRE depending on specific criteria- please consult with the Director of Graduate Programs to learn more.

## **Vision Statement**

The Dolan School of Business aspires to be an innovative leader in Jesuit business education, enriched by a liberal arts core, that engages students in a vibrant and caring learning community. We seek to cultivate ethical business leaders to ensure a successful global future.

## **Degrees**

- Master of Business Administration (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/business/programs/mba>)
- Master of Science in Accounting (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/business/programs/ms-accounting>)
- Master of Science in Business Analytics (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/business/programs/ms-business-analytics>)
- Master of Science in Finance (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/business/programs/ms-finance>)
- Graduate Certificates (<https://catalog.fairfield.edu/graduate/business/programs/certificate>)