Hello Online MBA Class of 2019!

Welcome to the W. P. Carey Online MBA! This is the second installment of important news and information regarding your upcoming program. We hope you are enjoying getting acquainted with your resources.

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Online MBA Orientation Introduction

Our orientation session marks the official beginning of your MBA career with W. P. Carey. Attending orientation will prepare you for entering the virtual classroom setting at the graduate level. Your orientation sessions will begin August 4th, 2017 and conclude August 11th, 2017. Your attendance is mandatory and completion of all items on the checklist is required (the checklist will be available upon opening of Orientation).

Our goal for you at Orientation is to feel more confident, resourceful, and excited to begin your MBA learning experience. Emphasis is put on team! Team in a social and academic setting. Orientation is created to represent a similar classroom experience to what you will see within Blackboard when your first course begins on August 21st. It is important not to worry about knowing or remembering everything, but rather knowing where to find help and resources as you continue on in the program. More specific Orientation details and preparation notes will be included in the next installment of our New Admit Newsletter.
Graduate Career Center

The W. P. Carey School of Business offers students a wide array of career transition and career advancement services. Whether you prefer to take advantage of these services in person, online or by telephone, you will find a dedicated team of experienced professionals to assist you in defining career goals, implementing job search strategies and leveraging your degree. A fantastic resource that is under utilized! Whether you are looking to advance in your current position or change the trajectory of your career altogether, the W. P. Carey Graduate Career Center is looking forward to assist you!

Online MBA Schedule

An Online MBA group begins their journey towards graduation each Fall and Spring semester. You will be W. P. Carey’s Fall 2017 admits and will join three cohorts already participating in the program, each at different points of completion. You will be referred to as ‘Cohort D’. Your schedule is posted here Within the W. P. Carey Graduate student site. You will notice your first course, MGT502 will begin on August 21st, 2017. You will then move into WPC501 and finally into ACC502 to wrap up your semester. Please do not schedule yourself for any Core courses. One of the many responsibilities of your Program Coordinator, Jacob Powers, will be to ensure you are appropriately registered for ALL Core program classes. You will only be registering yourself into electives. Your first opportunity to take an elective will be during your second summer session. Please take a look at your schedule when you have a moment.

Pat Tillman Veterans Center

“Arizona State University is proud to serve our military veterans and their dependents as they undertake the pursuit of their educational goals. The Pat Tillman Veterans Center honors the legacy of its namesake by providing a quality resource where our Sun Devil veterans can gather, find assistance, and receive the support necessary to ensure their success within the ASU community” – ASU President Michael Crow

The benefits for our veteran and active duty students are plentiful here at ASU, and especially within W.P. Carey. Our Online MBA program was recently ranked the #1 Online Graduate Business program for veterans by U.S. News and World Report.
We encourage you to register with the Pat Tillman Center even if you are not using benefits, so that you may still receive newsletters and be included in special hiring events. Please visit their website for more information or email them at veteransservices@asu.edu.

**Textbooks and Course Materials**

The information you need to purchase your textbooks and course materials for your upcoming term will be available in the next Newsletter. You have some flexibility when it comes to purchasing your textbooks; whether it's an E-book, used or new, and where you purchase it. Read more here: [Textbooks and Course Materials](#)

**Technology Requirements**

During the program, you will be using technology to communicate with your teammates and faculty, complete your course assignments, and navigate your way through the Online MBA learning environment. All graduate students are required to have and maintain a laptop during their studies at the W. P. Carey School of Business. In addition, students will be introduced and will use W. P. Carey technology while in the program. Be sure to test the technology on the computer which you will use during the program by testing your system profile which can be found in your Priority to do Items and will appear as in your MyASU. Note: Google Chromebooks are not suggested and will not work appropriately with W. P. Carey technology.

**Technical Assistance Center**

Should you have any technical issues prior to Orientation or during your time in the MBA program, our TAC staff is here to assist you. This department is our own W. P. Carey staff and is separate from the University Technical staff. For your convenience, their information is always posted within your Blackboard site under the help tab.

- Please browse to [http://www.adobe.com/support/connect/downloads-updates.html](http://www.adobe.com/support/connect/downloads-updates.html) and install the Adobe Connect Meeting Add-In for Adobe Connect 9

- Once the plugin has been installed, please browse to [https://na1cps.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm](https://na1cps.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm) to go through the Adobe Connect test page and verify that your video, webcam, audio, and microphone are working.

- Please follow the steps at [http://blogs.wpcarey.asu.edu/kb/knowledgebase/changing-e-mail-forwarding](http://blogs.wpcarey.asu.edu/kb/knowledgebase/changing-e-mail-forwarding) to verify that your ASU email address is set to use either the ASU Gmail system or
another email address of your choosing. All ASU related email will be sent to your ASU address.

- **The day before orientation**, please go to http://asu.edu/changepassword to reset your password again. Sometimes some services are added by the system at the last minute and the password needs to be reset for them to be accessed.

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