

Graduate Admissions Newsletter Spring 2011



Hello and welcome to Kutztown University's Graduate Admissions Office! This newsletter serves to inform you of important information regarding graduate study at the university. If you have questions regarding the application process, or admissions in general, please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by the office. Good luck in your pursuit of a Masters degree!



Graduate Application Deadlines:

Fall 2011 Semester:
August 1
Counseling Fall 2011 Semester:
February 1
Spring 2012 Semester:
December 1
Counseling Spring 2012 Semester:
December 1
MBA Summer 2011 Semester:
May 1

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January 25
February 1
February 15
March 1
March 15
April 5
April 19
April 26



A Glimpse Into the Life of a KU Graduate Student

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www.kutztownuniversitygraduateadmissions.wordpress.com.

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M.Ed. Secondary Education Program adds Middle Level Curriculum and Instruction Specialization Area

Kutztown University's Master of Education Degree in Secondary Education will be offering a specialization area in Middle Level Curriculum and Instruction. The specialization in Middle Level Curriculum and Instruction provides those students who already have a certificate to teach at the middle level, either through the 4-8 certificate or the 7-12 certificate, the opportunity to deepen their understanding of middle level learners and middle level schools. Kutztown University has demonstrated an interest in middle level education since 1993 when it hosted the first regional middle level conference. This yearly conference brings together national and regional experts in middle level education. As the state of Pennsylvania now offers a middle level certificate, it seems the time to support that certificate at the graduate level with a track in the masters degree program that gives teachers an opportunity to study the students that they teach and the schools in which they teach. This track adheres to both the National Middle School Association and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education guidelines.

Changes to the GRE: What they Mean for YOU!

The GRE General Test will be changing in order to better reflect graduate school work and to also be more business school-friendly. The new version of the test will debut on August 1, 2011 and will replace the older version. The changes are anticipated to be welcomed by test takers, according to ETS representatives. Per ETS, some of the changes to the test include the addition of more critical analysis questions and the removal of analogies and antonyms. ETS representatives say that the questions have been changed so that they do not give advantage or disadvantage to a population. In addition, test takers will be able to flag questions they would like to go back to later in their testing session. There will also be a calculator feature available on testing center computers. Finally, a new scoring scale will be utilized in order to report scores in increments of one point instead of ten points. ETS says that the only section that has not changed significantly is the Analytical Writing portion. This section will remain the same in scoring as well. All prospective test takers should be aware that if they are in need of scores to be reported before November 2011, they should plan to take the GRE General Test before August 2011, as scores will take longer than usual to report in their new format. Candidates taking the test between August 1 and September 30, 2011 can save 50% of the original price of the test fee due to the fact that this is the first run of the new test format. For more information about the changes to the GRE General Test, please visit www.ets.org.



New Scheduling Options for Master of Social Work Beginning in Fall 2011

Kutztown University's accredited Master of Social Work program will be changing its class time offerings for the Fall 2011 semester. In addition to the Monday through Friday daytime class schedule, the program will offer a Weekend Executive schedule which will be an all-day intensive schedule on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Weekend Executive schedule will hold the same sequence as the Monday through Friday schedule, and the courses will run for the same number of weeks as the regular Fall/Spring/Summer semester format. The MSW program offers two entry options, which are either a Summer session start or a Fall session start in order for students to stay within the designated sequence of classes. Students without an undergraduate background in social work are able to begin the program in spring, however, and take any prerequisites they may need in order to begin the program.

For more information about the Master of Social Work program, please visit <http://www.kutztown.edu/acad/socw/mswindex.html>.

Graduate Student Spotlight

Name: Lynn Hoch

Program and Graduation Date: Master of Business Administration- May 2012

Hometown: Northampton, PA



Why did you choose Kutztown University's program?

I chose Kutztown's Graduate Program for various reasons. Kutztown really touched upon many areas I was interested in. Kutztown emphasized having an affordable Graduate Program that is of high academic quality. Also, looking into this program I found that the professors teaching the MBA courses are not only highly educated individuals, they have a plethora of real world experience that they use in teaching the course material. I also chose Kutztown's MBA Program because of the trimesters that Kutztown offers. This makes it very easy to fast track your education and complete your degree in a year and a half. The biggest factor of choosing the MBA Program is the overall positive atmosphere Kutztown offers. The atmosphere is very welcoming and the faculty makes you feel like you are a part of the Kutztown University community.

What do you feel you are gaining from graduate study in general, and why are you pursuing a degree?

From the day I entered the MBA Program, I felt I am learning not only the course material but also gaining real-world business experience I can use in my career. I feel that a big advantage of the KU MBA Program is what I am learning in the classroom can be useful in my career. It is a great feeling to earn a degree and know what I am learning will be used throughout my life.

How do you balance classes with work and other commitments?

Time Management is essential in having a school, work, and life balance. I feel that I have become accustomed to using time management to keep everything organized and make sure things are done in a timely manner. I have assignments completed a week in advance so I can keep on top of all assignments so nothing falls through the cracks. This system works, so I do have time to enjoy spending time with my friends and family and not worry about lingering assignments and due dates. The Grad Assistantship is very flexible with my academic/life schedule.

Describe your classes in the MBA program.

The MBA courses are structured so that the student can get the academic value out of every class. Professors take time to get to know their students and take an interest in teaching and providing assistance. Even with classes ranging up to 25 students, professors are very engaging and care about the students' success. The size of the average MBA class can range from 15-25 students. This provides an opportunity for you and fellow classmates to get to know one another. The scheduling process at Kutztown is very easy. Schedules for each semester are posted online for all students to access. Class schedules come out 2 semesters prior to scheduling for the current semester. This provides students an opportunity to know what classes are offered in what semester so they can virtually plan their 2-year class schedule. This makes it very easy to find out what classes are scheduled when and what class schedule works best for the student.

Describe your interaction with faculty and your advisor.

The faculty at Kutztown is always willing to work with students. This is something that I found to be a very positive experience at Kutztown in my graduate career. The faculty is one of the greatest keys to Kutztown's academic success. Kutztown Faculty are carefully chosen and have extensive academic experience as well as real world experience which makes the learning process very intriguing and interesting. Course material is related to real world experience, which makes the material clear and relatable to business as well as non-business majors looking to pursue their MBA.

What do you feel is important for prospective graduate students to know about Kutztown University?

Kutztown University is affordable and provides you with high quality academics. I believe that anyone who is looking into graduate school should take into consideration the intimate class setting and the professors who are willing to help the student in class and outside of class. Also, the personal connections you make with your classmates are very valuable. By having small class sizes, you can get to know your classmates and you will always have these classmates there all throughout the program so you are not isolated.