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Methodist University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disabilities for otherwise qualified persons in the administration of its admissions, educational policies, scholarships, loan programs, athletics, employment or any other university-sponsored or advertised program. This catalogue is not an irrevocable contract. All regulations, provisions, and information herein are subject to change as conditions dictate.

# INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY

## MISSION STATEMENT

Methodist University, historically supported by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, owes its origin and values to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The University is committed to an ecumenical spirit, respects diversity, and recognizes the dignity and worth of all human beings. The University's programs are based on the conviction that a liberally-educated person is sensitive to the needs and rights of others. Methodist University affirms the importance of intellectual values and ethical principles such as truth, virtue, justice, and love. The University community seeks to develop whole persons who will contribute substantially and creatively to the professions and to civic life. Therefore, Methodist University provides opportunities for spiritual, academic, and social growth, to the end that students may acquire enlightened minds and responsible spirits, as well as a continuing thirst for knowledge.

The purpose of Methodist University is to provide an undergraduate and graduate education firmly grounded in the liberal arts tradition that nurtures moral values and ethical decision making; to provide distinctive professional and graduate programs that complement the undergraduate programs; to provide educational and cultural services and resources to the community; and to prepare students for a variety of careers and educational pursuits.

## GENERAL GOALS OF THE UNIVERSITY

### Student-Oriented Goals

1. To be immersed in an environment in which they are encouraged to develop good moral values, practice ethical decision making, and to have an opportunity to enhance their spiritual development.
2. To attain an understanding of themselves and their social and physical world through a broad study of the liberal arts and an in-depth study of an academic discipline.
3. To live meaningfully in the world, as reflected in satisfaction with their career development and social relations, through the understanding they have attained of themselves and the world.
4. To acquire competence in written and oral communication and in critical thinking.
5. To acquire proficiency in common uses of personal computers.

### Graduate Level Goals

1. To graduate master's level students who are competent in their academic discipline.
2. To graduate master's level students who are ready for the job market and/or are equipped to pursue further graduate training.

### Other Goals

1. To attract, develop, and retain a faculty that strives for excellence in teaching, scholarship, professional service to the community, and service to the University outside the classroom.
2. To provide significant services and facilities to groups within the community and state.
3. To engage in ongoing, integrated, and institution-wide research-based planning and evaluation processes that incorporate a systematic review of programs and services that result in continuing improvement and demonstrate that the University is effectively accomplishing its mission.

### General Education/Core Curriculum Goals

Students who complete the General Education core will be able to demonstrate:

1. the skills needed for advanced studies: in written and oral communication, mathematical reasoning, and the use of computers;
2. basic knowledge of the fine arts, fitness and wellness, humanities, mathematics, natural science, and social science; and
3. the ability to think critically about complex subjects.

## ACCREDITATION

Methodist University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Methodist University.

Methodist University, through its Reeves School of Business, is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs to offer the following business degrees: the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Business Administration, Accounting, and Finance/Economics; the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration, Accounting, Financial Economics and Marketing; the Associate of Arts (A.A.) with a subject concentration in Accounting, Business Administration, Financial Economics, and Marketing.

The PGA Golf Management Program is accredited by the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA).

The Athletic Training Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

The Legal Studies Program is accredited by the North Carolina State Bar.

The Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and offers a B.S.W. degree.

The Teacher Education Program, accredited by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), provides courses of study for the following teaching licenses: Elementary Education (K-6); Middle Grades Education (6-9) concentrations: language arts, mathematics, social studies, science; Special Education: General Curriculum; Secondary Education (9-12): Mathematics, history; Special Subjects (K-12): Art, music, physical education; with add-on licensure programs in reading and academically and intellectually gifted (AIG).

The Physician Assistant Program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in October, 1998. The Physician Assistant Program is accredited through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA).

## Associations and Other Endorsements

The University is also a member of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities, the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. It is approved by the Division of Certification and Standards of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for the preparation of public school teachers and by the University Senate of the United Methodist General Board of Education.

## FOUNDING

Methodist University was chartered in 1956 as Methodist College. The school was founded by the people of Cumberland County and the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for the purpose of Christian higher education and the extension of the influence of science, art, and Christian culture.

The school seal portrays the "Prophet of the Long Road," Francis Asbury, who was the first bishop of The Methodist Church in America, and also symbolizes his successors, the early circuit riding clergy. The school motto is *Veritas et Virtus*, "Truth and Virtue."

While the University is deeply committed to The United Methodist Church, its primary function is to provide a liberal arts education for all. In October 2006, on the eve of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Methodist College, the school's Board of Trustees voted to rename the school Methodist University to reflect Methodist's ongoing expansion into graduate education.

## LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The University is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina, part of the Carolina Sandhills region in the heart of golfing country and two hours from the coast. Designed by Stevens and Wilkinson of Atlanta, the award-winning campus has grown from three buildings at its opening in 1960 to its present thirty-eight major and minor structures. It consists of six-hundred acres, primarily in undeveloped woodland, including

Cape Fear River frontage. Part is given over to a nature trail that is visited by many school children and garden clubs each year. Classes are held principally in the Trustees Building, Science Building, Mathematics and Computer Science Building, Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center, Walter and Margaret Clark Hall, Medical Science Building in the University Center, March F. Riddle Center, William Bethune Center for Visual Arts, and Reeves Auditorium/Fine Arts Building (a community center for the arts). Other campus facilities include eight residence halls, Berns Student Center, Nimocks Fitness Center, Horner Administration Building, O'Hanlon Amphitheater, Joe W. Stout Hall (housing Admissions, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs), tennis courts, an outdoor track, a driving range, putting greens, a golf course, and baseball and soccer fields. The Yarborough Bell Tower, located in the central mall of the campus, provides amplification for the carillon. The illuminated cross at the top of this ninety-five-foot structure is symbolic of our religious origin. Hensdale Chapel, located on the central mall, features a vaulted ceiling with an interior of red oak. A Schantz pipe organ enhances worship services and provides an excellent instrument for recitals. The Mallett-Rogers House, which dates to 1778, was donated to the campus by the Florence Rogers Foundation, which also assisted with its conversion to an art gallery. Computing facilities available to students include the Computer Science, Business, Education, and Computer-Assisted Composition Laboratories.

### DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Davis Memorial Library, a vital component of Methodist University, provides access to resources, knowledge, information, and ideas for the intellectual inquiry of students, faculty and staff; supports the instructional program; and promotes scholarship on campus. Fundamental to this philosophy of service is a commitment to freedom of information and equity of access to information.

The library houses over 122,000 book volumes, video-recordings and many other formats. For electronic full-text sources students can select from over 20,000 journals and 35,000 e-books. The majority of the library's electronic resources can be accessed both on and off campus by students. These resources include the Online Catalog and various databases for journal article searching including *Academic Search Premier*, *Project Muse*, *Lexis-Nexis* and many others. A password is needed for off-campus access. Services available include: research assistance, interlibrary loan, and information literacy classes. There are computers for student use as well as wireless service for laptops.

The Special Collections Room showcases letters and other materials relating to the Marquis de Lafayette, for whom Fayetteville is named, and a four volume facsimile set of the double elephant folio *Birds of America* by John James Audubon donated by Margaret Rose and Terry Sanford. In addition, the library houses an extensive Bible collection donated by the Reverend Mr. Allen C. Lee, memorabilia of Carolina College, and the archives of both the University and the United Methodist Women of the North Carolina Conference.

Faculty, staff, and students may register with the library by presenting a current Methodist University IDS card in order to check out library materials and to reserve study rooms. More information is available at the library homepage at [www.methodist.edu/library/davis.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/library/davis.htm).

### ACADEMICS

The academic area has the following five schools: Arts and Humanities, Reeves School of Business, Public Affairs, Science and Human Development, and the School of Graduate Studies.

Excellent teaching, professional development, and research are expected of faculty. Student surveys routinely cite the unique quality of classroom, library, and online experiences as reasons for recommending Methodist University to friends and family members. Numerous faculty members have published peer reviewed articles, presented findings at regional and national conferences, published works of poetry, or served as editorial review panelists for major publications. The Southern Writers Symposium brings to campus contemporary authors as well as scholars from across the country.

Methodist University is committed to both tradition and progress. Proud to be in the mold of the higher educational institution that originated in America during the Colonial Period and persists into the twenty-first century, it realizes the demands placed on graduates by today's world and aims to combine the liberal arts base and spirit with career orientation and adaptability. Recent additions to the curriculum reflect this dual vision: Reeves School of Business concentrations in Health Care Administration, Professional Golf

Management, Professional Tennis Management, and Resort and Club Management; Physician Assistant Studies; Sport Management; Athletic Training; Justice Studies; Graphic Design; and Writing. Many alumni enroll in graduate or professional school programs.

### **DIVERSITY OF THE STUDENT BODY**

Methodist University is remarkable for the diversity of its student population. The student body includes traditional residential students, commuters of all ages, a large evening student population, soldiers from Fort Bragg, airmen from Pope Air Force Base, senior citizens, minorities, and international students. It has a cooperative program with the Defense Language Institute and, with three other campuses, is a member of the North Carolina Southeastern Consortium for International Education.

### **RELIGIOUS LIFE**

The mission of Campus Ministry at Methodist University is to offer the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ to all persons by planting the seeds of faith and providing a nurturing spiritual environment for the seeds to grow and develop. Each person will be encouraged to reach his or her potential through participation in diverse styles of worship, Biblical study, music, community service, pursuit of justice and leadership. Every person is challenged to “pursue faith freely” with **open hearts, open minds and open doors.**

### **ATHLETICS**

A primary goal of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at Methodist University is to provide positive enriching programs that complement and reinforce the educational pursuits of our student-athletes. Methodist University subscribes to the NCAA Division-III philosophy statement, regarding fair play and amateur athletics competition. The safety and physical well-being of all student-athletes is primary in every aspect of our program. Methodist University strives to provide fair and equitable programs for men and women.

The athletic programs also assist in the recruitment and retention of students. Additionally, Methodist University encourages and promotes good sportsmanship by both our student-athletes and spectators. Methodist University competes in 19 intercollegiate sports (10 for women and 9 for men) as a member of both the USA South Athletic Conference and the Mason-Dixon Conference.



## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dr. Donald L. Lassiter, Dean

### PURPOSE OF THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The purpose of the Methodist University School of Graduate Studies is to provide a graduate education firmly grounded in the liberal arts tradition that nurtures moral values and ethical decision making; to provide distinctive professional and graduate programs that complement the undergraduate programs of the University; to provide educational and cultural services and resources to the community; and to prepare students for a variety of careers and educational pursuits.

### GRADUATE LEVEL GOALS

1. To graduate master's level students who are competent in their academic disciplines.
2. To graduate master's level students who are prepared for the job market and equipped to pursue further graduate education.

### OTHER GOALS

1. To attract, develop, and retain a faculty that strives for excellence in teaching, scholarship, professional service to the community, and service to the University outside the classroom.
2. To provide significant services and facilities to groups within the community and state.
3. To engage in ongoing, integrated, and institution-wide research-based planning and evaluation processes that incorporate a systematic review of programs and services that result in continuing improvement and demonstrate that the School of Graduate Studies is effectively accomplishing its purpose.

### ASSESSMENT OF GOALS

The School of Graduate Studies assessed the above goals in the following manner:

**Graduate Level Goal 1** is assessed via the student learning outcomes as defined by the learning objectives for graduate courses, and program outcomes provided by each graduate program, including board and other certification exams.

**Graduate Level Goal 2** is assessed via results obtained from the University's Graduate Exit Survey and Employer Survey. Also, individual graduate programs may use their own instruments in addition to these.

**Other Goal 1** is assessed via documentation and review of faculty curricula vitae, faculty credentials such as academic transcripts, other professional credentials and experience, and documentation of graduate faculty selection procedures.

**Other Goal 2** is assessed by documentation of services provided by graduate faculty, students, and staff; plus programs/agendas and attendance of meetings of groups which use facilities of the graduate program.

**Other Goal 3** is assessed by the development and use of an assessment system that addresses each of the above goals. Products of such assessment are annual reports of each graduate program, which include assessment sections presenting results, and decisions based upon those results, for actions to be carried out to address aspects of each program that need improvement. The assessment system not only addresses current graduate programs, but also the feasibility of additional graduate programs.

### GRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED

The School of Graduate Studies offers Master degrees in three different programs. The first is the Master of Medical Science (MMS) in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies. This degree program is offered on the main campus, primarily in the Medical Science Building. The second Master degree is a Master of Business Administration, which focuses on organizational management and leadership (The Professional MBA at Methodist University). The Professional MBA at Methodist University (MBA) is offered on the

main campus at Reeves School of Business in Clark Hall. The third Master degree program is the Master of Justice Administration (MJA). This program is offered at the North Carolina Justice Academy campus in nearby Salemburg, NC. The MJA Program is a blend of justice studies and public administration curricula, providing students with a unique program that prepares them for careers as leaders in the justice field.

## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

### Protection of Freedom of Expression

Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion. Students are responsible for learning the content of the course of study for which they are enrolled. The professor in the classroom should encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression.

### Student Responsibility for Requirements and Registration

The University provides counseling resources, and every student has a faculty advisor to assist in planning his/her program. **However, each student accepts full responsibility for reading all materials and information included in this *Academic Catalogue* and the satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements.** Students must consult with their advisors before making changes in their academic programs.

Dates for registration are published in the academic calendars for each of the graduate programs. A late registration fee is imposed for anyone registering after this date. Students are not permitted to attend any class until they have registered.

### Transfer Credit

The maximum number of credit hours that may be transferred toward the MJA or MBA degrees is 9 credit hours. The PA Program (MMS degree) does not accept transfer credit.

### Grading System for the School of Graduate Studies

All programs in the School of Graduate Studies follow the grading policy below for course grades:

Letter Grade	Quality Points per semester hour	Letter Grade	Quality Points per semester hour
A Excellent	4.0	C+	2.3
A-	3.5	C	2.0
B+	3.3	F Failure	0.0
B Good	3.0		
B-	2.7		

*I* Incomplete. An *I* is awarded when extenuating circumstances warrant an extension of time for completion of the course. The course work must be completed within a reasonable period, not to exceed the end of the next academic term; otherwise, the *I* becomes an *F*.

*WD* Withdrew, no grade awarded

*P* Pass. Course taken on pass/fail basis. No quality points awarded.

*F* Fail. Course taken on pass/fail basis. No quality points awarded.

Note: A course letter grade of *C* corresponds to a percentage score of 75%. Any course grade below 75% is considered failure (*F*) for the course.

### Incomplete Policy

The Incomplete Policy for courses offered by programs in the School of Graduate Studies is as follows: To remove an Incomplete (*I*) awarded in the fall academic term, the course work must be completed by the end of the following spring academic term when grades are due. To remove an *I* awarded in the spring academic term, the course work must be completed by the end of the following summer Term III when grades are due. To remove an *I* awarded in the summer academic term, the course work must be completed by the end of the following fall academic term when grades are due. If an *I* is not removed by the deadlines specified, the *I* will become an *F*.

## Honor Code

In the pursuit of academic studies at Methodist University, every student has the responsibility of obeying the Honor Code, which prohibits cheating (including plagiarism), theft, and academic misrepresentation. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the Honor Code. All work submitted to instructors must be in compliance with the rules of the Honor Code and “pledged” as an indication of its conformity to the rules of the Honor Code. Violations of the code may be reported by any member of the Methodist University community.

Academic endeavor is undermined by cheating, plagiarism, theft, or lying for academic advantage. The faculty has the duty to promote an atmosphere of honest learning through its own example as a community of scholars but also through the establishment and support of a system by which students charged with academic wrongdoing can be fairly judged and punished. That system at Methodist University is founded on the following principles:

1. Student civil rights must be protected. Among these are the right to an orderly hearing following due process, the right to confront accusers, the right to avoid self-incrimination, and the right to present evidence and call witnesses.
2. Grading is the prerogative of the faculty member, even in cases in which cheating has occurred. In those cases, however, in which the student is dissatisfied with such a private settlement, fairness dictates that faculty members accept the recommendations of the University community resulting from a hearing process.
3. More severe penalties (suspension and expulsion) are the responsibility of the University as a whole, and decisions involving such penalties require the participation of the faculty, the students, and the administration.
4. A fair and independent appeal process is vital to protect student rights and correct abuses.
5. Although the relationship between student and teacher is essentially a private one and while academic violations can and should be kept between two parties and resolved to their satisfaction, fairness to the larger community requires that all violations be reported to the Honor Board. In cases in which matters cannot be resolved in this way, they may be appealed, by either party, to the Honor Board. Repeat violators face mandatory Honor Board hearings.
6. Consistency requires that a relatively small and fixed group hear and judge Honor Board cases.
7. The adversary system utilized in litigation is not used in Honor Board cases; rather, the procedure is more conversational in character.

**Jurisdiction**—Plagiarism and cheating in academic work, theft, and academic misrepresentation (lying) are offenses that fall under the jurisdiction of the Methodist University Honor Code. Students must understand what these offenses are and how to avoid them.

**Cheating**—Students must complete all tests and examinations without help from any other source. They may not look at another student’s paper or at any opened textbook or notebook while taking tests. They may not use any kind of “crib” sheet, i.e., any papers or materials that have helpful information on them. Possession of a “crib” sheet while taking a test is considered evidence of intention to cheat. Students may not ask another student for information during a test or give another student information. Students may not talk to another student while a test is being given except with the explicit permission of the professor. These rules apply to take-home examinations and to all others unless the professor says otherwise. Students who find a misplaced test question sheet should return it as soon as possible to the professor whose test it is. Exceptions to these rules can be made only by the professor.

**Plagiarism**—Anything that is written in a paper, book report, or any other assignment must be in the student’s own words or must properly and fully indicate the source(s). Anything that students copy word for word from another source is a direct quotation. All direct quotations must be shown as such and must be properly documented. Students must also rewrite paraphrased material in a style and language that are distinctively their own; merely rearranging the words found in a scholarly source is plagiarism. Material that is paraphrased must be documented. For methods of documentation and all other aspects of manuscript form, students should follow either current practices advocated by the American Psychological Association (APA), the Modern Language Association (MLA) or other reliable manuals recommended by individual departments and/or professors.

Students may not submit as their own or copy any part of their papers from another student’s paper, a

paper they have bought, or anything written by a friend or relative. Students may not use an outline written by somebody else. They may not knowingly permit another student to copy their papers. Within limits, students are allowed and even encouraged to get the help of other students on papers. They may get ideas or suggestions on source materials from other students and may have another student read the paper for clarity and correctness. However, once students start putting words on paper, they must be on their own, and every word written must be their own. Students should check with professors if they are not sure what can or cannot be done.

**Academic Misrepresentation**—Students may not lie to gain academic advantage. Cases of academic misrepresentation include, but are not limited to, presenting forged or false excuses for class absences and lying to teachers concerning class assignments.

**Theft**—The taking of property belonging to another without his/her consent, with intent to deprive the owner of the property and/or to appropriate the item(s) for academic gain, constitutes theft.

### **Honor Board**

**Organization**—The Honor Board hears two types of cases. First, a student may appeal to the Honor Board if he/she considers a faculty member's settlement unfair. Second, any member of the University community may bring a case directly to the Honor Board. These cases are heard by an Honor Board panel with student participation and with the right to appeal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. At the end of each academic year, the files are consigned to the care of the Registrar for permanent storage.

The Honor Board is appointed by the Academic Standards Committee, a committee appointed by the faculty and approved by the President. The chair of the Academic Standards Committee serves as a nonvoting moderator of the Honor Board. The Board consists of two students (designated by the Student Government Association and approved by the President) and three faculty members (designated by the chair of the Academic Standards Committee). In cases involving graduate students, the Board consists of two graduate students (designated by the Graduate Studies Council and approved by the President), and three faculty members (designated by the chair of the Academic Standards Committee). The chair of the Academic Standards Committee keeps the files and records of the Honor Board and arranges the time, place, and personnel for the hearing panels.

**Process**—A faculty member who learns of a possible violation from personal observation, physical evidence, or the complaint of a student may wish to settle the matter directly with the offending student. The maximum penalty by a faculty member is an *F* in the course. The faculty member is obligated to inform the student of his/her decision and to report any infraction, the name of the student involved, and the decision on the matter to the Honor Board chairperson for the permanent record. If the faculty member considers a more severe penalty appropriate, he/she may bring the case directly to the Honor Board, having first given the grade of *F* for the course. All written communications should not be entrusted to campus mail. Students who learn of possible violations may also bring such matters to the Honor Board. Repeat violators face a mandatory Honor Board hearing.

### **Academic Appeal Procedure**

1. One wishing to allege a violation or dispute an allegation or penalty contacts the chair of the Academic Standards Committee to initiate an appeal and files the appeal in writing. The Academic Standards chair arranges an Honor Board Panel, the time, and the place of for the hearing and notifies the parties involved.
2. The Academic Standards chair informs the accused of the right to have any person from the University community attend as an advisor and a counsel. The proceedings are tape-recorded.
3. The accuser briefly describes the alleged offense and the penalty imposed (if applicable).
4. The accused states the reason for his/her appeal.
5. The accuser, in the presence of the accused, presents the evidence for the alleged offense and the rationale for the penalty, using personal testimony, the testimony of others, and the physical evidence of tests or papers, as appropriate. The panel members ask any questions needed to clarify the issue.
6. The accused (or his/her representative) presents evidence for the accused's position in the presence of the accuser, using personal testimony, the testimony of others, and interpretation of the physical evidence, as appropriate. The panel members ask any questions needed to clarify the issue, except that the accused is not required to incriminate himself/herself.
7. The panel retires to consider its decision and reconvenes as soon as possible to announce it. Its

deliberations in reaching a decision are not recorded. It decides penalties as follows: F on the assignment(s)/evaluation(s), F in the course, suspension, or expulsion. Panel decisions are by majority vote, and the complainant is obligated to accept the panel's decision.

8. If the panel finds in favor of the accuser (or adds additional penalties), the accused has the right to appeal in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs within 24 hours or by the end of the next working day, whichever is later. No formal grounds for this appeal are necessary.
9. The moderator of the panel sends the Vice President for Academic Affairs a report on the board's decision and the tape recording of its deliberations. A copy of the report is kept is also kept in the permanent file.
10. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may use the tape recordings as the basis for a judgment on any appeal or may choose to speak to the parties involved and examine the physical evidence. The Vice President communicates the result of any appeal in writing to the accused and to the Academic Standards chairperson for the permanent file and states the reason for any change. The accused remains in class pending resolution of the appeal.
11. A decision of the Vice President for Academic Affairs may be appealed to the President of the University. Such appeals must be in writing and must be submitted by the accused within 24 hours or by the end of the next working day, whichever is later, after the receipt of the decision. No formal grounds for appeal are necessary. The President may make any decision which he/she deems fit.

### **Penalties**

1. Grade of *F*—The student is given a failing grade on the particular assignment(s) involved.
2. Grade of *F* in the course—The student is given a failing grade in the course. If this decision is rendered regarding a graduate course, the student is dismissed from the graduate program.

### **Readmissions/Reapplications**

The readmission/reapplication policy of each individual graduate program, for graduate students who are having difficulty but who are otherwise in good academic standing, is determined by each graduate program director on a case-by-case basis. Please see the individual graduate program section in this catalogue for specifics.

### **Withdrawal from the University**

A student withdrawing from the University must follow the procedures for withdrawal. The process begins in the Office of the Registrar; and the student must be cleared by other areas, including the Business Office, the Vice President for Student Services, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, as indicated on the withdrawal form. Failure to withdraw properly from the University may result in the student's being awarded failing grades for the semester.

### **Medical Withdrawal**

If a student leaves the University for medical reasons and wishes to return, the student must reapply to the Coordinator of the graduate program from which the student withdrew. A full report from the student's physician and a personal interview may be required before an application for readmission is considered. The graduate program will also take the student's academic record into consideration in the admissions process.

### **Institutional Effectiveness**

Methodist University strives to maintain excellence in its academic programs and services. As part of the University's Institutional Effectiveness program, students are asked to respond to various surveys such as the Entering Student Survey, Student Evaluation of Instruction, the Noelle-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), and the Graduating Senior Survey. These surveys help us to assess the quality of the University's programs and services. The University will use a sample of students whenever possible to try to mitigate the number of surveys students have to complete.

### **Computing Resources Policy/ Computer Use Policy**

*The University reserves the right to modify and/or expand this policy at any time. You may also get the*

latest updates at: <http://www.methodist.edu/oic/index.htm>

1. All users shall respect the privacy of other users. This means that no users will attempt to access, copy, or disrupt the use of information that belongs to others. This includes email files. Proscribed behavior includes any attempt to or any hacking behavior. It is against University policy for anyone to connect any device to the campus network that will allow additional equipment to be connected. Such devices include, but are not limited to: Wireless Access Points, bridges, routers, switches, hardware and software servers, transceivers, converters, hubs, printers, concentrators. Users are not authorized to attach anything to the Methodist University Network that isn't approved by the Computing Services Department. Any unauthorized attempt to access campus resources or any disruptive behavior on campus networks or systems will be dealt with immediately and severely.
2. All users shall abide by copyright laws. This means that copying or use of programs or files that are not licensed to the user is forbidden. If you don't own a copy of a program, you cannot load it on your computer. You cannot load multiple copies of programs for which you don't own multiple licenses. If any computer software is loaded on a Methodist University computer and no license can be produced for the software, the Computer Services staff will remove the software from the computer.
3. All users who are authorized to use the Methodist University Student Information System are required to exercise diligence and discretion to ensure that confidential information contained within the Methodist University Student Information System is protected against unauthorized disclosure. This means safeguarding passwords, as well as informing the Computer Services Staff immediately when a user suspects that security has been compromised. Each user is required a unique account and password and use only that account and password. Users are also required to log off of any terminal when they are physically away from the keyboard. Each user must confine the use of the information contained in the Methodist University Student Information System to official needs. Individual users must not allow unauthorized parties to load software on their systems, and they must not download information onto removable media without proper authorization.
4. All users shall follow appropriate standards of civility and conduct and respect the feelings of others when engaged in communication. This means that all users will identify themselves and restrain from any behavior or communication that might be considered harassing, discriminatory, or in any way calculated to cause discomfort or embarrassment to readers or users of the communication.
5. All users shall use Methodist University computing resources for University-related work consistent with the stated mission of the University. This means that no one shall use University resources for personal financial gain or any activity that would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the University. The University will not be responsible for unauthorized debts or obligations incurred by users.
6. All users will realize that, although there is no set bandwidth, CPU time, or other limit applicable to all users of Methodist University computing resources. Methodist University may require users of these resources to limit or refrain from specific uses in accordance with the principles stated elsewhere in this policy. The reasonableness of any particular use will be judged in the context of all of the relevant circumstances at the time.
7. All users shall abide by all applicable state and federal law pertaining to communications. This includes the sending of chain letters on the Internet, which is a violation of federal laws.
8. All violations of the above policies will be investigated by University authorities and/or law enforcement agencies. At such time that a violation is discovered, the Computer Services Staff will take the appropriate action to immediately curtail the activity. This includes, but is not limited to, the immediate revocation of all rights on computer systems at Methodist University. In carrying out an investigation pertaining to the violation of any of the above policies, or the violation of any University policy, it may become necessary for University authorities to examine files, accounting information, printouts, tapes, or any other materials. For reasons of potential liability, the University reserves the right to monitor all communications on the University systems. Users should be aware of this fact and the fact that any computer correspondence can be used against them in disciplinary actions within the University disciplinary system, as well as used

as evidence in a court of law.

9. Penalties for the violations of the above provisions may include, but are not limited to, expulsion, suspension, discharge from employment, and possible prosecution by state and federal authorities.
10. Use of the Methodist University computer system(s) signifies acceptance of the Methodist University Computer Use Policy.

### **Mandatory Student E-Mail Policy**

An e-mail account (ending in @student.methodist.edu) will be created for all Methodist University students by the Computer Services Staff. Students will receive their email account information in a letter from the Admissions Office. If you do not receive your email account, you will need to contact the Computer Assisted Composition (CAC) Lab attendant in one of the following three ways; physically go the CAC lab in the Trustees Classroom building, room 375, call the CAC lab attendant at extension 910-630-7300, or email, [help@methodist.edu](mailto:help@methodist.edu) for assistance. All students are responsible for checking their e-mail daily for messages from the University. All Official University information (e.g., grades, academic notices, campus calendars, attendance policy updates, registration and financial information, etc.) will be sent electronically only. No University information will be sent to any other e-mail address.

### **Mandatory Student E-Mail Policy for Graduate Students**

The above policy applies to all Methodist University graduate students. However, for graduate students in the Master of Justice Administration, The Professional MBA at Methodist University, and the M.M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies programs, e-mail addresses and passwords will be issued to students by their program coordinators.

For information on checking e-mail and how to use the GroupWise WebAccess e-mail system, please visit our GroupWise user guides Web page ([www.methodist.edu/oic/groupwise.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/oic/groupwise.htm)). Students who need e-mail technical support should send their full name and student ID number to [help@methodist.edu](mailto:help@methodist.edu).

### **ONLINE ACCESS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAM COURSES**

Many of the graduate courses offered by the University are in a blended format – i.e., these courses contain both traditional classroom and online instruction. For the online portions of such courses, students need to attend to the following information:

#### **Obtaining a Username and Password to Access Methodist University's Blackboard Site**

The username and password for logging into Methodist University's Blackboard site are the same as those used for logging into your Methodist University e-mail account. This information can be obtained from your graduate program coordinator. This information includes your default password. If you have changed your password in the past, you should use the password that you previously set. The system will not print any user-defined passwords, only the default password.

#### **Library Access**

At any time, graduate students have electronic access to Davis Memorial Library, through which they may access electronic resources and online catalog remotely. Librarians are available via e-mail at [reference@methodist.edu](mailto:reference@methodist.edu) or phone at (910) 630-7123. If the Blackboard site for one of your courses does not have a direct link to the Davis Memorial Library, you can go to the following address: <http://www.methodist.edu/library/davis.htm>.

#### **Technical Requirements**

For online access, you will need a suitable computer, a word processing program, an e-mail account, access to the World Wide Web, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and a Web browser the equivalent of Netscape 4.x or higher, Internet Explorer 4.x or higher, or Firefox 2.x. **The web browser should be updated to include the most recent version of the Java Runtime Environment.** The recent Internet Explorer 8 upgrade is not yet supported by Blackboard as of this publication. If you have not yet upgraded your Internet Explorer, you may wish to wait; otherwise, you may use the Firefox browser. Some testing features in Blackboard are known to have problems with Internet Explorer 8.

The following computer hardware specifications are the **minimum** requirements:

1. Processor Speed: 1.0 Ghz Pentium or equivalent for IBM-compatible PC; or Macintosh Power PC  
Memory: 256 MB RAM
2. Memory: 16MB RAM
3. Modem: 28.8k or faster
4. Printer: Not required but highly recommended

Although Netscape is an acceptable browser, Internet Explorer works more efficiently with Methodist University Online courseware (see caution above concerning Internet Explorer 8). Firefox is another browser that works effectively with the course software, and is a very secure browser. **The browser built into the AOL software does not work well with Blackboard and is strongly discouraged.** For students wishing to access Blackboard on their Blackberry device, students should use an alternate browser, such as Opera Mini. **Attempts to log in using Blackberry's default browser fail.**

### **Online Etiquette**

Students are expected to interact with other students, the instructor, and any teaching assistants or technical support staff enrolled in the course, just as they would be expected to do in a traditional classroom setting. Because online courses contain a combination of communication channels, some public and some private, such as e-mail, instant messaging, discussion forums, and chat rooms, inappropriate conduct in these channels is not allowed. Examples of inappropriate conduct that are **never** permitted include sexually harassing language, racially or ethnically degrading language, profanity, and verbally abusive language. Evidence of any of these is grounds for dismissal from the course by the Assistant Dean for Distance Education. In general, the discussion of personal matters, such as questioning a grade, is inappropriate for public forums. These matters may be addressed privately through e-mail, provided none of the conduct listed above occurs in that communication. Students withdrawn from a course by the Assistant Dean for Distance Education may appeal for reinstatement to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

## **FACILITIES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

### **Facilities for the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program**

The facilities for this program are located in the Medical Science Building on the main campus. The upper floor of this two-story building houses classrooms, media and computer equipment, and offices for the program. The first floor includes laboratory science facilities, physical examination laboratory, clinical skills laboratory, student library, student computer area with four desktop computers, student lounge, student kitchen and break area, men's and women's locker rooms, additional restrooms, faculty lounge, four faculty offices, and a faculty conference room. Another facility for this program is the Human Anatomy Laboratory located at the Veterans' Administration Hospital about two miles south of the main campus. This facility contains eight tables for human cadaver dissection and is equipped with necessary instruments and other equipment and supplies.

### **Facilities for The Professional Master of Business Administration at Methodist University**

The facilities for The Professional MBA Program at Methodist University are located in Clark Hall at the Reeves School of Business on the main campus. Classrooms are equipped with audio-visual equipment plus wireless internet capability.

### **Facilities for the Master of Justice Administration Program**

The facilities for the MJA Program are located in nearby Salemburg, NC, at the campus of the North Carolina Justice Academy (NCJA). Classes are held in the new 20,000 square-foot Classroom/Learning Resource Center which houses three large classrooms with audio/visual equipment and the NCJA Library. The library contains computers both in the library proper and in a multimedia classroom. During the four weekends of residency each term, students stay in one of the NCJA residence halls.



## **LIBRARY RESOURCES**

### **Davis Memorial Library**

Davis Memorial Library is located on the main campus of Methodist University in Fayetteville. The majority of the Library's electronic resources can be accessed both on and off campus by students. These resources include the Online Catalog and databases for journal article searching including *Academic Search Premier*, *Lexis-Nexis*, and *Project MUSE*. No special software is required, but a password is needed for off-campus access. Students can renew books, place holds, and request Interlibrary Loans (ILL) online both on- and off-campus. Graduate students should see their respective program coordinators for detailed information on databases and other material available from the Library.

### **Library Facilities at the North Carolina Justice Academy (NCJA)**

These facilities located in Salemburg, NC, are available for the use of all Methodist University graduate students enrolled in the Master of Justice Administration (MJA) program. MJA students will use the NCJA library during their weekends of residency. Unlike the Davis Memorial Library, the NCJA library does not provide remote access to its holdings. The library is housed in the Classroom/Learning Resource Center and contains a comprehensive collection of education and training resources, including numerous criminal justice, criminology, and legal journals and books, as well as specialized collections. For example, over forty Policy and Procedure Manuals from North Carolina police, sheriff, and campus police departments are available for research. Also available are over 600 vertical files of materials on criminal justice topics. The library maintains the archives of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association, an association of criminal justice educators. The library also has on hand the John Grice Collection on Terrorism and over 1,455 videotapes and cassette/slide programs relevant to criminal justice issues.

## **COMPUTER FACILITIES**

### **Main Campus**

Methodist University provides graduate students with access to the Internet via campus computer laboratories and wireless (WIFI) routers located in the Medical Science Building, Davis Memorial Library, and Clark Hall, home of the Reeves School of Business. Instructions to enable WIFI-equipped laptops to access services are available through the graduate program coordinator. For further information see the Computing Resources Policy (page 13).

### **Clark Hall**

For The Professional MBA at Methodist University program, all classrooms in Clark Hall are equipped for WIFI connections with a local server. Although it is not required, it is strongly recommended that all Professional MBA at Methodist University students bring their own laptop computers to each class session.

### **Medical Science Building**

The Medical Science Building has two classrooms on the second floor for students in the M.M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies program. The main classroom contains a complete multimedia suite, connected to the University's network and the Internet, which includes a desktop computer, LCD projector, document projector, satellite receiver (a large satellite dish is located outside next to the parking lot), DVD and VCR players, and a large auxiliary wall-mounted video monitor. This suite is used for most classroom presentations, and the satellite hookup allows for live teleconferencing with other institutions. Also in this classroom is an electronic whiteboard with printing capability. The other classroom contains three desktop computers connected to the network and Internet and a laser printer. Also, there are two large wall mounted video monitors connected via closed circuit to the multimedia suite in the main classroom. On the first floor there is a computer area with four desktop computers connected to the network and Internet. The Medical Science Building's computer facilities include a WIFI router/antenna connected to the network node in the building. Students are strongly advised to have WIFI-equipped laptops when entering the program.

### **North Carolina Justice Academy**

There are twelve computers with Internet access in the NCJA library for the use of MJA student during

their weekends of residency. An additional twenty computers are available in the library's multi-media classroom. These computers are configured to allow student interaction with the instructor and access to the Internet.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates apply directly to the graduate program in which they are interested. Please consult the specific graduate program later in this section of the catalogue for details on that program's application process and admission requirements.

### **International Student Admissions**

In addition to the application procedures and admission requirements specified by a particular graduate program, candidates who are international students are required to follow these admission requirements:

1. Complete and submit an international application with \$25.00 application fee to the International Programs Office. The application can be found at [www.methodist.edu/int](http://www.methodist.edu/int).
2. Provide the Director of International Program with an official copy of the student's secondary school transcript translated into English, along with proof of graduation from that school.
3. If a foreign or a U. S. college or university was attended, that institution must provide the Office of International Programs an official transcript and a detailed description of each completed course translated into English.
4. To award transfer credit from any institution of higher learning outside of the United States(not regionally accredited by the American Council on Education) transcripts must be translated and evaluated by an independent agency approved by the Registrar.
5. If English is not your first/native language, have the testing agency provide us with official copies of the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language(TOEFL) or SAT. If the paper-based TOEFL is used, a minimum score of 500 is required. If the computer-based TOEFL is used, a minimum score of 173 is required. If the Internet-based TOEFL is used, a minimum score of 60 is required.
6. A fully completed Methodist University Confidential Financial Information form must be submitted in which parents or sponsor indicate by signature ability and willingness to fully fund the first year at Methodist University, including personal expenses. If the student is funding attendance at Methodist University, the student should complete and sign this form. If a financial aid grant from Methodist University is received, only those costs not covered by the grant are to be paid.
7. A completed Methodist University Medical Record Form and Immunization Record ( as noted on the Medical Record Form instructions) must be submitted. Submission of this document is required by the State of North Carolina. All students are expected to comply with these requirements prior to enrollment.
8. Two passport-style color photographs of the student must be provided.

As soon as the University has received items A through F above, a letter of acceptance and an Immigration Form I-20 will be sent to the student who should then schedule an appointment with the U.S. Consulate to obtain his/her J-1 Nonimmigrant Student Visa.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Institutional, state and federal grants/scholarships are not available to graduate students. However, federal and alternative loans are available. Graduate students interested in applying for these loans must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA can be completed by paper or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Completion on line is preferred. However, if you prefer completing the FAFSA by paper, you will need to contact Student Financial Aid at 1-800-433-3243 and request a paper application. Our school code is 002946.

The results of a student's processed FAFSA (Student Aid Report (SAR)) will be emailed to the student within two weeks if corrections need to be made, the student should contact Methodist University's

Office of Financial Aid. Methodist University will also receive the results electronically, if the school code is included: 002946.

Financial aid for graduate students consists of loans (federal and alternative). Federal Stafford Loan eligibility for graduate students can total up to \$20,500 depending upon cost of attendance. There is no credit check for a Stafford Loan. However, the student cannot currently be in default on a federal loan. The Stafford Loan, with its lower interest rate, should be the first option. However, if additional money is needed beyond what the Stafford loan can cover and what the student's total budget will allow, then the GradPLUS loan should be considered. This loan is a federal loan and is based upon credit worthiness. The amount borrowed can go up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid already awarded i.e. outside aid, tuition remissions or Stafford Loan. Alternative Loans are another option. Alternative Loans are also based upon credit worthiness and are at a higher interest rate than the Stafford Loan and GradPLUS. Loan applications can be completed by paper or on line at our website. Once the Financial Aid Office has received all of the paperwork needed to determine loan eligibility, the student can then be awarded. The status/disbursement dates of all loans can be viewed at [www.elmresources.com](http://www.elmresources.com).

**\*Note:** Students are encouraged to check with their employers/agency to see if there are continuing education incentives offered.

### **Loan Cancellation**

Student borrowers have the right to cancel all or part of federal loan disbursement within 14 days of official notification of the disbursement to the university. Submit a written request to the Office Financial Aid within 14 days from the disbursement date. Official notification will be sent to the borrower notifying the borrower of the funds credited to university account. The written request to cancel a loan may be submitted by a handwritten, typed, or printed statement bearing an original signature submitted by mail, in person, or by fax (**no e-mail can be accepted**).

*Canceling any loan disbursement could cause a balance to be due on the university account in the Business Office which the student will be responsible for paying. This is more likely to be true if excess funds (credit balance) have already been distributed via a check.*

### **Repayment After the Designated Time Period**

Borrowers cannot cancel a loan disbursement if the designated time period described above has already passed. Instead, the borrower can repay the loan disbursement directly by contacting the loan holder which can be found by accessing [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov). The borrower will be responsible for any interest that may have accrued and/or any loan fees.

## **METHODIST UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID POLICY OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

### ***Revised August 2007***

The Higher Education Act mandates institutions of higher education to establish minimum standards of "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP). Methodist University makes these standards applicable to **all** financial aid offered at Methodist University. This includes Federal (Title IV), State (North Carolina) and Institutional (Methodist University) funding. (The type of financial aid covered by this policy applicable to graduate students are loans that fall under Federal (Title IV) funding.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress for Graduate Students**

A graduate student must maintain "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP) toward graduation to receive eligible financial aid under the Federal Title IV programs. SAP as defined at Methodist University is as follows:

#### **Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MMS)**

##### Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B)

A student must achieve and maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0.

**Cumulative Hours Earned**

A student must pass (earn) at least 70% of their credits attempted (excluding non-credit courses and pass/fail courses).

**Maximum Time Frame**

MPAS students will be allowed a maximum of 46.5 attempted hours to complete their degree. This is the maximum allowable time for receipt of eligible Federal Title IV Funds regardless of whether the student did or did not receive financial aid during any period of his/her enrollment.

**Master in Justice Administration (MJA) or Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA)****Maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (B)**

A student must achieve and maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0.

**Cumulative Hours Earned**

A student must pass (earn) at least 70% of their credits attempted (excluding non-credit courses and pass/fail courses).

**Maximum Time Frame**

MBA students will be allowed a maximum of 56 attempted hours to complete their degree. This is the maximum allowable time for receipt of eligible Federal Title IV Funds regardless of whether the student did or did not receive financial aid during any period of his/her enrollment.

**Veteran Benefits**

This institution is approved by the North Carolina State Approving Agency for the enrollment of persons eligible for education assistance benefits from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Entitled veterans, participants in the Montgomery G. I. Bill contributory program, active duty military in voluntary education programs, drilling National Guard, drilling Reservists, and eligible spouses and offspring who have applied, met all admissions criteria, been fully accepted, and actively matriculated may be certified to the U. S. DVA Regional Office as enrolled and in pursuit of an approved program of Education.

Veteran's education benefits will be terminated if a student fails to maintain the Standards of Academic Progress as defined above.

For information concerning monetary benefits contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Processing Office in Decatur, GA (888) 442-4551 or their web site [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). For information about the available programs at this institution contact the Campus Director of Veteran Services (630-7174).

**REFUNDING OF EXCESS FINANCIAL AID****Procedures for refunding of credit balances**

Credit balances are created by Financial Aid and payments that exceed charges.

**Financial Aid Processing**

**Loans**—Students are not eligible for Stafford and GradPLUS Loan moneys until the drop/add period is over. Once this period is complete, and the student is still enrolled, loan funds are credited to student accounts as received. Some students are subject to two loan disbursements instead of one. All assessed charges are deducted from the first disbursement and any credit balance is refunded to the student. The loan disbursement date is not the refund date.

**Processing of Refunds**

The Business Office processes refunds on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds can be issued until all charges are posted to all accounts.

**Refund List**

The Business Office establishes refund lists to schedule student refunds. After the student has confirmed that they have a credit balance with the Business Office, they may request to be put on a refund list. The lists are started no earlier than three weeks after the start of classes, and continue throughout the semester. Students will be given an identification number and the date when their refund will be available for pick-up once they are put on a refund list.

**Calculating the Refund**

The Business Office requires approximately one week to issue a refund check after a student is put on a refund list. This allows time for analyzing and verifying all charges and credits, determining eligibility for loans and grants, calculating multiple refunds, and scheduling multiple checks for disbursement.

**Check Pick-up**

Refund checks are available for pick-up after 3:00 P.M. on the scheduled date. Please have a valid student ID card, driver license, or a picture ID available for positive identification. Checks not picked up within two weeks of issuance will be mailed.

**The following dates are the earliest dates available for refunds for the Master of Justice Administration and Master of Medical Science programs:**

**The earliest scheduled pick-up date for Fall 2010 is:** September 16, 2010

**The earliest scheduled pick-up date for Spring 2011 is:** February 3, 2011

**The earliest scheduled pick-up date for Summer 2011 is:** June 2, 2011

**The following dates are the earliest dates available for refunds for the Professional MBA at Methodist University program:**

**The earliest scheduled pick-up date for Fall 2010 Term I and Term II is:** September 16, 2010

**The earliest scheduled pick-up date for Spring 2011 Term I and Term II is:** February 3, 2011

**The earliest scheduled pick-up dates for Summer 2011 is:** June 2, 2011

**Refund Checks are available for scheduled students on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 3:00 P.M. Students that drop classes and fall below twelve semester hours will be subject to partial or full loss of their financial aid.**

**PAYMENT, BILLING, AND INTEREST POLICY**

It is the policy of Methodist University that all charges for previous academic terms must be paid before new charges can be processed. Deadlines for paying new charges are 30 days prior to the start of classes. For specific deadline payment dates, see under the specific graduate program later in this catalogue.

If a graduate student owes an outstanding balance after the payment deadline date, interest is charged at a rate of 1.5% per month (18% APR) on the average daily balance owed, at the end of each month following the deadline payment date of the specific graduate program. Also, the following further comprise the Payment, Billing, and Payment Policy regarding graduate students:

1. Other charges that are incurred during a semester, such as library fines, traffic citations, etc. are given a payment period before interest is charged. That is, interest is not charged on these items until the end of the month in which the charges were billed. The student is responsible for payment of any additional charges separately from any required installment payments, and these balances must be completely paid off in the month the charges are billed.
2. Official transcripts or other statements of work completed will not be released as long as money is owed to the University.
3. Statements are sent to parents and/or students monthly during the semester as required.
4. If statements are to be mailed to any address other than the home address, the Business Office

- must be notified in advance.
5. Deduction of financial assistance:
    - a. Loan moneys are posted to students' accounts after receipt from the lending institution by electronic funds transfer or, if in check form, after endorsement by the student or parent. **Students that have not completed their financial aid processing before the end of the fourth week of classes will be subject to dismissal, unless acceptable arrangements have been made with the Financial Aid Office.**
    - b. Moneys from financial assistance awarded by agencies or individuals other than Methodist University are credited to the student's account after a copy of such awards is provided to the Director of Financial Aid, and the award is validated to the Business Office.
  6. Students who drop/add classes that will change full-time or part-time status must inform the Business Office. The students' charges and financial aid can be affected by a change of status.
  7. No student who has an outstanding financial balance may participate in graduation ceremonies.
  8. Students will be charged fully for all classes not dropped by the end of the drop/add period.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HEALTH INSURANCE

A mandatory policy is that international students must have health insurance. All international students must contact the Student Insurance and Immunization Coordinator (630-7652).

## DISABILITY SERVICES

Methodist University is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If students require accommodations due to disabilities they must bring the appropriate documentation to the Coordinator of Disability Services located in Pearce Hall no later than the first week of classes during which the accommodations are required. Together the students and the Director will decide upon the modifications to be implemented. Accommodations cannot be instituted retroactively.

Note: For information specific to the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Students program, please go to that program's entry in this catalogue and read under the section **Minimum Technical (Performance) Standards**.

## TUTORING SERVICES

The faculty and staff endeavor to provide students with the means for academic success. Academic support and tutoring are available, free of charge, to the student. All of the University's graduate programs include a course or courses in the use of statistics. Past history indicates that new graduate students sometimes need review of statistical concepts. Therefore, Tutoring Services provides the services of a professional tutor in statistics to support students. For information regarding these services, please contact Tutoring Services (630-7151) located in the Davis Memorial Library. If a graduate student requires academic support in other courses within their program, they should contact their program coordinator or program director.

## THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center is a specialized, cross-disciplinary facility dedicated to individual instruction in writing. It is open to all members of the Methodist University community--students, faculty, and staff. Trained professional writing consultants are available to assist writers with all aspects of writing. The Center is located in the Trustees' Building, Room 101, and is open fifty-five hours per week. For additional information about the Writing Center and how to schedule appointments, go the Writing Center's webpage: [http://www.methodist.edu/academics/writing\\_center.shtml](http://www.methodist.edu/academics/writing_center.shtml).

## **HONOR SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

### **Master in Justice Administration Program**

Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honor Society)

### **Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Students Program**

Dr. Harvey Estes Student Society (PA Student Organization)

Also, students within the PA Program are eligible for membership in the Student Association of the American

Academy of Physician Assistants and the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants.

### **Professional MBA at Methodist University Program**

Delta Mu Delta (National Business Honor Society)

## **GRADUATION POLICIES**

### **Declaration of Intent to Graduate**

Any candidate for a Methodist University degree must file an "Intent to Graduate Form" in the Office of the Registrar not later than the date specified in the academic calendar for the next scheduled graduation. The graduation fee must be paid no later than one month prior to the date of graduation. The University assumes no responsibility for making special adjustments for students who fail to file graduation applications by the designated time. All financial obligations must be satisfied before a student can participate in graduation ceremonies.

### **Requirements for Graduation**

For the requirements for the **master degree**, please see the specific master's program in the School of Graduate Studies section of this catalogue.

### **Graduation Exercises**

The University conducts formal graduation exercises in December and May. Special features are the presentation of the master's hood to each graduate, the presentation of their countries' flags to the University by international students, and the honor cordon formed by the faculty to honor the graduates.

### **International Students and the Ceremony of The Flags**

The Ceremony of the Flags has been a custom of Methodist University since 1985. Graduates from foreign countries whose flags have not yet been given to the University are invited to arrange for a formal presentation during their graduation ceremonies. Those students should contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### **Closing of Records**

When a student graduates with a bachelor's or a master's degree, his or her academic record for that degree is complete. No courses can be added to that degree and the graduation GPA and class ranking cannot be changed by repeating courses.

## **MASTER OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION (MJA) PROGRAM**

Dr. Darl H. Champion, Sr., Director  
Professor Kristine A. Thomas, Coordinator

### **FACULTY**

Darl H. Champion Sr., Ed.D., Director, MJA Program  
Mark Bowman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Justice Studies  
Michael Potts, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy  
Eric S. See, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Justice Studies and Chair, Department of Justice Studies

The MJA Program provides a graduate education to further a knowledge and understanding of criminal justice organizations within the context of the criminal justice system in North Carolina; to develop knowledge, skills, and abilities that will allow graduates to lead and manage criminal justice organizations more effectively; and to encourage ethical decision-making for the purpose of improving the quality of life and justice in North Carolina. The MJA Program is designed for current working criminal justice professionals or those with prior criminal justice work experience. The program residency weekends are held at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salemburg, NC.

**Degree awarded:** M.J.A., Master of Justice Administration

The MJA Program also offers a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education. The accrediting body for colleges and universities in the Southeastern United States, the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS), requires the following to teach in an undergraduate criminal justice program at a 2-year community college and 4-year college/university: 1) a master's degree in criminal justice or 2) a master's degree with 18 credit hours in criminal justice coursework. The Certificate in Criminal Justice Education was designed to allow those holding a current master's degree in a field other than criminal justice, to obtain the 18 credit hours necessary to teach in a criminal justice undergraduate program at the community college or university level. To obtain a certificate, a student must complete 15 credit hours of required MJA courses and 3 hours of electives from a list of approved MJA courses for a total of 18 credit hours. See list below under "Requirements for Certificate in Criminal Justice Education."

**Certificate awarded:** Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education

### **FINANCES**

#### **Tuition and Fees (MJA Program)**

2010-2011 Academic Year (three semesters)

Tuition \$738.00 (Per course)  
Fees \$100.00 (Per course)  
\$838.00 (Per course; See note below)

#### **OR**

Tuition \$1476.00 (Per two courses)  
Fees \$ 200.00 (Per two courses; See note below)  
\$1676.00 (Per two courses)

**Note:** The cost for registering for two courses per semester for one year (three semesters) is \$5,028.00 (includes tuition and fees). Total cost of the MJA program is \$10,056.00.\*

\* Tuition and fees for the 2011-2012 Academic Year are subject to change.

#### **Tuition and Fees (Graduate Certificate Program)**

The tuition and fees for the Certificate Program are the same as for the MJA program, with the exception that the Certificate Program's total cost will be \$5,028.00, or one half of that of the MJA program.



**Note:** The \$100 fee per course consists of: Technology Fee \$25; Speaker Fee \$25; Part-time Librarian Fee \$32; Maid Service Fee \$10; and Photocopying/Mailing Fee \$8. When taking two courses multiply each individual fee by 2.

### **Application and Graduation Fees**

There is a \$50 graduate application fee (non-refundable) and a \$135 graduation fee. (There is no graduation fee for the Graduate Certificate program).

### **Additional Expenses for the Master of Justice Administration**

Major additional costs for the MJA/Graduate Certificate programs will include travel to and from the North Carolina Justice Academy at Salemburg, NC, textbooks, and additional class materials. Students are asked to pay a nominal donation to the program coordinator for the snack and beverage fund.

### **Payment and Billing Policy for the MJA/Graduate Certificate Programs**

It is the policy of Methodist University that all charges for previous terms must be paid before new charges can be processed. Deadlines for paying new charges are 30 days prior to the start of classes, as follows:

**Fall Term 2010- July 18, 2010**

**Spring Term 2011- December 11, 2010**

**Summer Term 2011 - April 16, 2011**

### **Refund/Repayment Policy on Withdrawals from the MJA/Graduate Certificate Programs**

Students withdrawing from the program prior to six weeks before the first weekend session of the term will receive a refund of the refundable amount paid. Those students withdrawing from the program after this date will be refunded the following percentages of term tuition, according to the University's MJA program institutional refund policy based upon the date of receipt of the written withdrawal notice:

7-42 days prior to the first weekend session 100%

1-6 days prior to the first weekend session 90%

Between the first and second weekend sessions 50%

After the second weekend session 0%

Students withdrawing from the University or those reducing their course loads may be subject to a reduction or cancellation of their financial aid. Withdrawing students are subject to refunding of financial aid monies to the sources from which the funding was received. According to the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 for calculating the return of unearned Title IV funds, any remaining funds are returned to the student. For details, contact the Financial Aid Office.

### **Financial Aid**

Please see the Financial Aid section in the School of Graduate Studies section of this catalogue (page 18). Also, MJA Program applicants can consult the financial aid information on the MJA Program web site at [www.methodist.edu/mja](http://www.methodist.edu/mja).

## **ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

### **Minimum Requirements for Admission into MJA Program**

1. Must have completed a Bachelors Degree from a regionally accredited institution in criminal justice, public administration, or a related discipline. Related disciplines are sociology, political science, social work, or psychology. A recommended undergraduate GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
2. Currently working in the criminal justice system or related area OR have significant prior work experience in the criminal justice system or related area.
3. Must have three letters of recommendation: one letter must be from a current superior

from the applicant's workplace supporting the application, two from University professors. If these academic references are not available, individuals who can speak to the applicant's ability to complete graduate work will suffice.

4. Must have interviewed with a member of the MJA Admission Committee either in person or via telephone conference call.
5. Must have no history of drug abuse or conviction of a felony.
6. Must submit a written personal statement detailing professional aspirations.
7. Must submit a current resume.

**Note:** The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or Millers Analogy Test (MAT) are not required for admission into the MJA Program; however, students who submit either a GRE or MAT score will be considered for unconditional acceptance into the program. A combined score of at least 1000 is recommended for the GRE or a minimum recommended Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score at the 50th percentile obtained within the last five years.

#### **Minimum Requirements for Admission into Graduate Certificate Program**

1. Presently working in the criminal justice system or related area OR have significant prior work experience in the criminal justice system or related area
2. Master's degree in any disciplinary field
3. Graduate transcripts
4. Completion of a short application form
5. Approval by the MJA Director

#### **Applying to the MJA Program**

An application packet can be downloaded from the MJA Program web site at [www.methodist.edu/mja/application.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/mja/application.htm). Or, prospective applicants can contact the Program Coordinator directly at 1 (910) 630-7268 to receive an application packet in the mail.

#### **Selection Process for the MJA Program**

The MJA Admissions Committee will screen all applicants meeting the minimum requirements, and those determined to be the most qualified candidates will be considered for acceptance into the program.] Criteria used by the review committee include undergraduate GPA, work experience, 3 letters of recommendation, personal essay, personal interview if GPA is less than 3.0, and evidence of ability to handle the demanding curriculum. Applicants marginally meeting the criteria will be admitted into the MJA Program on a probationary status and required to enroll in 6 credit hours of coursework during which time they must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA with no course grade lower than a B-. For example, 2 B-'s would average to less than a 3.0 GPA, but a B- and B+ would allow the student to maintain a 3.0 average. Once students have successfully completed the first six hours of coursework with an average of 3.0 or better, a review of their academic performance will be conducted and, if merited, the probationary status removed. Although not required for admission into the MJA Program, an applicant may submit strong GRE and MAT scores for consideration by the MJA Admissions Committee. Note: All students entering the program will be administered the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal (WGCTA) the first semester of their enrollment as part of the overall program assessment process.

#### **Mandatory Student E-Mail Policy for MJA Students**

Please see the section "Mandatory E-Mail Policy for Graduate Students" on page 15.

#### **Classification of MJA Program Students**

1. Full-Time Students: Those enrolled in any term for 6 s.h. or more
2. Part-Time Students: Those enrolled in fewer than 6 s.h. per term

#### **Academic Standing**

All students in the MJA program must demonstrate continuous satisfactory progress toward graduation. In order to maintain acceptable academic standing, a student must meet the following standards. First, a student must have a 3.0 or better GPA in the program in order to graduate. Second, a student must have a GPA in the program of 3.0 or higher after 12 hours of coursework. If a student's

program GPA falls below a 3.0 before 12 hours of coursework are completed, the student will be placed on academic probation. A student must then raise his/her program GPA to 3.0 or higher by the end of the next academic term in order to be removed from academic probation. If the student does not meet this criterion, then he/she will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one academic year and must re-apply for admission after the period of suspension has ended. Third, a student must not make more than one course grade of *C+/C*. If a student receives a second grade of *C+/C*, that student will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one academic year and must re-apply for admission after the period of suspension has ended. Upon readmission, if a student who has received two *C+/Cs* in the program receives a third *C+/C*, that student will be dismissed from the program without opportunity for readmission. Fourth, a student must not make a course grade of *F*. If a student receives one grade of *F*, that student is automatically dismissed from the program, without opportunity for readmission. Probations, suspensions, and/or dismissals of students are executed by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and are reflected on transcripts.

### **Course Load**

The standard course load for the fall, spring and summer terms is 6 s.h. per term.

### **Dropping/Adding Courses**

Students are not permitted to make changes in courses later than the deadline specified for that purpose in the MJA program academic calendar

1. A student may drop or add a class during the first two class days of the term
2. A student dropping a class after two class days as specified in the MJA program academic calendar will be awarded a grade of *WD*.
3. A student properly withdrawing from the institution after two days as specified in the MJA program academic calendar will receive a grade of *WD*.

### **Grading System**

Grades are assigned in the MJA program following the “Grading System for the School of Graduate Studies” on page 10.

## **STUDENT OPTIONS**

### **Transfer Credit for MJA Program**

Nine credits of classes for graduate courses equivalent to those in the MJA program will be considered for credit, and must be approved by the Program Director and the Registrar. Each of these classes must have been awarded a grade of *B* or better. A transfer grade cannot replace a grade earned at Methodist University.

### **Transfer Credit for Graduate Certificate Program**

Six hours of criminal justice graduate-level courses will be considered for transfer into the Certificate Program, and must be approved by the MJA Director and Registrar. All courses must have a criminal justice or criminal justice- related prefix.

## **GUIDELINES/AIDS FOR STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES OR DISABILITIES**

Please see the sections “Disability Services,” “Tutoring Services,” and “The Writing Center” on page 22.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR MJA DEGREE**

**Core Courses:** MJA 600, 610, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 699 (27 s.h.)

**Electives – three courses from the following list:** MJA 660, 670, 675, 680, 690, 695 (9 s.h.)

**Total Semester Hours:** 36

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

**Core Courses:** MJA 600, 610, 620, 630, and 645 (15 s.h.)

**Electives – one course from the following list:** MJA 625, 635, 640, 660, 670, 675, 680, 690, or 695 (3 s.h.)

**Total Semester Hours:** 18

### Requirements for Graduation

1. Completion of all course requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and no grades below a C.
2. Good standing in character, conduct and financial obligation to the University and recommended by the faculty for graduation.
3. Filing a Declaration of Intent to Graduate form in the Office of the Registrar before the deadline specified in the academic calendar and paying the graduation fee. If a candidate fails to qualify after filing the Declaration of Intent to Graduate form and fee but qualifies at some later time, he/she must submit another application for graduation. If a candidate fails to file his/her intent by the deadline, a late filing fee will be charged.

## MASTER OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COURSES

### **MJA 600 FOUNDATIONS OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION** 3 s.h.

This course introduces students to endemic and emerging administrative problems confronting the criminal justice system. Examination of the major components necessary to effective justice administration will include an overview of organizational thought and theory, executive leadership challenges, human resource management, policy development and implementation, and the importance of developing ethical models.

### **MJA 610 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR ISSUES** 3 s.h.

This course focuses on historical and contemporary perspectives of criminal behavior. Various social, psychological, and economic theories and correlates of criminal behavior will be examined and analyzed. Typologies of offenders will be studied.

### **MJA 620 JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING** 3 s.h.

This course will examine the development, implementation, and analysis of criminal justice policy and programs. Students will be required to critically analyze a range of issues related to the process of criminal justice policy making, policy analysis, and program planning. Emphasis will be placed on developing skill in using various concepts and techniques to analyze and evaluate policies and programs. Local, state, and federal processes that create and change criminal justice policies will be studied.

### **MJA 625 RESEARCH METHODS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION** 3 s.h.

This course covers the scientific methods of conducting research in criminal justice and criminology. Additionally, this course will present students the techniques of conducting and assessing evaluative research (i.e., program evaluation). Where appropriate, methods of statistical analysis will be incorporated. Students will learn skills necessary for conducting their own research and for critically evaluating research done by others.

### **MJA 630 LEGAL ISSUES IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION** 3 s.h.

This course will cover major legal issues facing the administration of the 21st Century criminal justice system—from investigation through the corrections process. The course will be primarily taught through the Socratic Method as well as by lecture and discussion. Emphasis will be placed on advanced constitutional as well as North Carolina statutory concerns and on personnel management issues.

### **MJA 635 THE BUDGETARY PROCESS AND JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS** 3 s.h.

This course provides a general overview of budgeting procedures in the criminal justice system. Fundamental budgeting concepts and practices applicable to state and local criminal justice organizations are studied. Emphasis is placed on policy development and decision-making as it relates to budget decisions.

**MJA 640 ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR**

3 s.h.

This course examines the behavioral aspects of management with emphasis on leadership, motivation, and decision-making. Special attention is given to communication, conflict management, group dynamics, and organizational change and ethics within criminal justice organizations.

**MJA 645 ETHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

3 s.h.

This course will acquaint students with the basic concepts, arguments, and methods of ethics as these relate specifically to the field of criminal justice. Students will be prepared to make rational and philosophically informed decisions in the face of some very perplexing choices. Though this course concentrates largely on those moral issues most likely to be encountered by the police and other agents of law enforcement, it specifically addresses the needs of all students specializing in criminal justice, criminology, law, or cognate fields.

**MJA 660 MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS**

3 s.h.

This course examines theories and practices for effective public relations focusing on writing for public relations, factors affecting public opinion, ethics and laws, communication channels, and use of media. Tactics and techniques will be explored using case studies to evaluate effective campaigns and crisis management situations to develop skills through the development, organization, preparation, and administration of public relations campaigns.

**MJA 670 HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

3 s.h.

The 21st Century manager in the criminal justice field must understand and apply human resource management and development principles to meet increasing needs with diminishing resources. The theoretical foundation and practices of human resource development including motivation, organizational learning and change, needs assessment, orientation, training, and evaluation will be thoroughly explored.

**MJA 675 PROBLEM SOLVING MODELS FOR JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS**

3 s.h.

This course will examine the application of effective problem-solving strategies to the solution of complex problems within criminal justice organizations. Emphasis will be placed on the experiential learning model, creative problem-solving strategies, problem-based learning, and benchmarking. A case study approach will be utilized in the course.

**MJA 680 JUSTICE FUTURES**

3 s.h.

This course is a study of future from the prospective of criminal justice management officials responsible for making criminal justice organizations, both public and private, ready for the future. Emphasis will be placed on applying established predictive techniques in the field of futures research to improve decision-making within the context of strategic planning.

**MJA 690 LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

3 s.h.

The course will focus on how effective leadership and collaboration are essential to criminal justice organizations in accomplishing their mission and achieving their goals in the 21st Century. The course will review and build upon basic knowledge of leadership theory and principles as applied in an environment of collaboration. Topics discussed include visionary leadership, situational leadership, transformational leadership, and team building. Students will be afforded the opportunity to assess their leadership styles.

**MJA 695 SPECIAL TOPICS IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

3 s.h.

Courses will be offered, as needed, in areas of interest such as emergency and disaster planning, homeland security, racial profiling, labor relations, forensic science, new technologies, correctional rehabilitation, and community policing.

**MJA 699 CAPSTONE COURSE**

3 s.h.

This course will provide the student with an opportunity to demonstrate, under faculty supervision, the ability to conduct a problem-solving management project as a demonstration of skill in administration techniques. Students will demonstrate their ability to present a program evaluation of a problem, issue, or dilemma in their organization by (1) organizing a research project that answers a particular question or set of questions specific to the needs of their organization; (2) completing an analysis, using program

evaluation criteria, that answers their specific research questions; and (3) presenting an oral defense of the research and findings to the faculty.

**MASTER OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010 – 2011**

2010

**Fall Term**

Aug 17 Classes open on Blackboard; students log in to begin courses

**Fall Residency Weekends:**

Aug 27-29	Sep 17-19	Oct 22-24	Nov 19-21
Sep 3	Last day to submit intent to graduate form for May 2011 graduation		
Oct 15	Application deadline for Spring 2011 term		
Dec 3	Graduating MJA student grades due		
Dec 18	Graduation		
Dec 20	Final grades due		

2011

**Spring Term**

Jan 10 Classes open on Blackboard, students log in to begin courses

**Spring Residency Weekends:**

Jan 21-23	Feb 18-20	Mar 18-20	Apr 15-19
Mar 29	Registration for Summer 2011 term (continuing students)		
Apr 15	Last day to submit intent to graduate form for Dec 2011 graduation		
May 2	Grades due for graduating MJA students		
May 7	Graduation		
May 9	Final grades due		

**Summer Term**

May 16 Classes open on Blackboard; students log in to begin courses

**Summer Residency Weekends:**

May 20-21	Jun 19-21	Jul 15-17	Aug 5-7
Jun 15	Application deadline for Fall 2011 admission		
Jul 19	Registration for Fall 2011 term		
Aug 9	Final grades due		

**MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANT STUDIES  
(PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM)**

Sekhar Kommu, M.D., Director

**FACULTY**

Sekhar Kommu, M.D., Program Director

Christina Beard, M.P.A.S., P.A.-C, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Director of Clinical Studies

Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, Ed.D, PA-C, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Director of Academic Studies

Bruce C. Steffes, M.D., M.B.A., Surgeon-in-Residence

Christopher Aul, M.D., Medical Director

Jennifer Mish, B.S., Director of PA Admissions

Jeanne M. Benson, A.S., Administrative Assistant to the Program Director

Rochelle Florence, B.A., Administrative Assistant to the Director of Didactic Studies

Nicole Simon, A.A, Secretary to the Director of Clinical Studies

**Degree awarded:** M.M.S., Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Physician Assistant Studies are geared toward preparing individuals who will be healthcare professionals licensed to practice medicine under physician supervision. Physician Assistants pursue careers in primary care as well as specialty fields. The Physician Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

**Vision Statement**

The vision of the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program is to develop a nationally recognized program founded on high academic standards based on clinically relevant teaching, committed to developing an effective and broad knowledge base, producing graduates that reflect the highest standards of integrity and helping to alleviate the health care needs of our nation.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program is to establish an environment in which qualified student, recruited nationally, can develop a strong foundation in treating their patients with clinical competence, compassion and respect, while developing both personal and professional integrity.

**Goals**

1. Ensure full time faculty and adjunct faculty employed are involved in clinical practice and are committed to teaching with clinical relevance as a primary focus.
2. Maintain a class size that allows for effective teaching, evaluation and continue the high rate of success with PANCE exams.
3. Incorporate the development of ethics, empathy and respect for patients and colleagues in the lecture format and enhance each student's commitment to personal and professional responsibility to patient care.
4. Commit resources to use current technologies to effectively convey information.
5. Develop admission policies to recruit students nationally and identify not only academic excellence but also a commitment to integrity, professionalism and personal growth.
6. Regularly review student evaluations, clinical site evaluations and program evaluations, to effectively measure clinical competencies and continue to improve compatibility with NCCPA Blue Print and Standards to maintain the established high standards of academic excellence.



## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

### Minimum Requirements for Admission

1. Must have or will have completed a Bachelor's Degree from a four-year regionally accredited college or university with a recommended overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Satisfactory completion of the following **Medical Core Prerequisites** with a recommended GPA of 3.2 or higher:

#### **Biology – 16 semester hours (s.h.) to include:**

Microbiology with lab (4 s.h.)

Anatomy and Physiology with lab (4 s.h.)

Other human or animal life sciences (8 s.h.), (no classes in ecology, botany, or physical education will be accepted).

#### **Chemistry – 19 s.h. to include:**

General Chemistry I and II with labs (8 s.h.)

Organic Chemistry I and II with labs (8 s.h.)

Biochemistry (3 s.h.)

**Note:** Courses entitled “Intro to ...”, “Survey of ...”, or “... for non-Science Majors” as well as courses that combine Organic and Biochemistry into one, are not acceptable.

#### **Mathematics – 6 s.h. to include:**

College Algebra or higher (3 s.h.)

Applied Statistics (3 s.h.)

**Note:** Both courses must contain a MATH or STAT prefix

#### **Psychology – 6 semester hours**

#### **Medical Terminology – 1 semester hour**

3. All science, math, and psychology courses must be taken at a four-year regionally accredited college or university, or at a community college through a college transfer program within the United States. To benefit the applicant upon matriculation and to make an application more competitive, it is strongly recommended all prerequisite coursework be taken at a four-year institution.
4. If coursework is completed at the community college level, although strongly discouraged, it must be taken at the highest course number of the class offered to count for the prerequisite requirement (i.e. BIO 165 Anatomy and Physiology I will count to fulfill the requirement rather than BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology).
5. Coursework does not have to be complete at the time you apply to the program. However, applicants must have a plan in place to successfully complete all coursework before the start date in mid-August. Grades below C for any course will not be accepted.
6. Applicants may not substitute other classes for any of the required medical core prerequisites. All course work listed must be completed. No exceptions will be made.
7. No history of drug abuse or conviction of a felony. Due to the requirements of the PA program's clinical affiliates, National Security and Criminal Background checks will be employed for each accepted student.
8. No history of dismissal from any institution of higher education.
9. Completion of a minimum of 500 hours of clinical experience with direct patient contact. Hours must be completed by July 15 of the year of entry into the program.
10. Completion of the GRE with a recommended GRE Verbal and Quantitative combination is 1050. Official scores must be received by the program to make an admission decision. GRE scores beyond 6 years old will not be accepted. MU institutional code is 5426.
11. The program does not accept transfer credit from a student previously enrolled in another PA program, nor does it accept experiential credit. All students accepted into the PA program must satisfy all requirements of the didactic and clinical years.

12. All non US citizens and applicants whose first language is not English must complete the TOEFL examination, (Test of English as a Foreign Language, [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)), and submit their college transcripts to the World Education Services for translation, and complete all science medical core (biology and chemistry), prerequisite courses in the United States. No exceptions will be made.

### **Application and Selection Process for the M.M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies Program**

All applicants to the Methodist University PA Program must apply through CASPA, the centralized application service; [www.caspaonline.org](http://www.caspaonline.org). CASPA applications for entrance in August 2011 may be submitted as early as April 14, 2010 and no later than March 1, 2011. Applications and GRE scores received after March 1, 2011 will not be accepted.

The PA Program does not have a supplemental application unless he/she is a Methodist University graduate or is completing coursework at MU. MU applicants applying for entrance in August 2011 may officially submit their supplemental application to the Physician Assistant program as early as April 14, 2010 and no later than July 31, 2010. Supplemental applications are to be completed and submitted online at [www.methodist.edu/paprogram/mustudents.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/paprogram/mustudents.htm). No exceptions will be made after this date. Should a student fail to meet the deadline for the supplemental application, he/she must apply through regular channels (CASPA). They will be given first consideration with all other outside applicants at the time their CASPA application is received.

The application review committee will screen all applicants meeting the minimum requirements and those determined to be the most qualified candidates will be granted an on-site interview at Methodist University. First consideration will be given to Methodist graduates or persons who have completed coursework at MU and Admissions Preference candidates will be given first selection overall. Only those students who meet the recommendations of the program, will be granted an interview. Criteria used by the interviewers in their evaluations include: academic performance, GRE scores, extracurricular activities, work experience, amount and quality of healthcare experiences, interest in serving in medically underserved areas, applicant's concept of the role of the physician assistant, emotional and intellectual maturity, ability to communicate verbally, specific motivation toward pursuit of a health career, and evidence of strong study skills.

### **Admission Preference Program**

Admission Preference candidacy is a unique opportunity to have first priority consideration for admission into the Methodist University PA Program at the completion of undergraduate coursework. Students who satisfactorily complete the course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science or Arts degree in Biology, Chemistry, Athletic Training, or Exercise Science at Methodist University, and who successfully complete all Admission Preference requirements and program requirements, including a personal interview, will have a space *reserved* in the graduate PA program. This program applies only to high school seniors or entering college freshmen (transfer students are not eligible) who declare one of the above majors on their Application for Undergraduate Admission. Applicants must meet the following initial requirements in order to be considered for Admission Preference candidacy:

1. High School graduate or current senior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
2. **Minimum** SAT score of 1000 or minimum ACT score of 22 (1150/25 or higher recommended). Additional information about the Admission Preference Program may be found at [www.methodist.edu/paprogram/admission.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/paprogram/admission.htm) or by contacting the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

### **Transfer Credit**

The PA Program does not accept transfer credit from a student previously enrolled in another PA program, nor does it accept experiential credit. All students accepted into the PA program must satisfy all requirements of the didactic and clinical years.

### **Requirements for Degree Completion**

**Didactic Studies:** PHA 500, 501, 502, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 519, 521, 522, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 541, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, and 590.

**Clinical Studies:** PHA 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 565, and 571.

### **Requirements for Graduation**

1. Completion of all requirements for the specified professional phase of the program (didactic and clinical rotations) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and no grades below a *C*. (75%)
2. The professional phase (didactic and clinical rotation years) completed in residency.
3. Good standing in character, conduct and financial obligation to the University.
4. Recommended by the faculty for graduation.
5. Has met all other graduation requirements for the M.M.S. Degree.

Recommendation for the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies is a discretionary right residing with the faculty and administration of the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, but shall not be withheld arbitrarily. There is no contract, stated or implied, between the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, School of Graduate Studies, School of Science and Human Development or Methodist University and the students, guaranteeing that a degree or certificate will be conferred at any stated time, or at all.

Students who have satisfactorily completed all requirements for the M.M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies degree and graduation requirements are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE).

### **Mandatory Student E-Mail Policy for M.M.S. Students**

Please see the section "Mandatory E-Mail Policy for Graduate Students" on page 15.

### **Information Technology and Online Instruction**

Students should be proficient with the use of e-mail and Internet services as well as basic software programs such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Students will need to access to instructional websites and be able to download course material, as well as communicate via online discussion boards. All students are required to have Internet and e-mail access, without exception. Some Web site instruction may be employed in the classroom. Thus, it is highly recommended that laptops be used in the classroom. The program has a dedicated PA classroom with wireless Internet and satellite capabilities. Clinical students are required to have a PDA or similar device at the beginning of their second clinical year.

### **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

It is essential that students adopt and exhibit self-directed responsibility for their mastery of knowledge and skills. It is the policy of the Methodist University PA Program that a student maintains a minimum score of 75% on each examination or written assignment. Any performance less than a 75% is interpreted as not obtaining competency. In addition, the PA Program follows the grading system for course grades as stated in the "School of Graduate Studies" section of this catalogue. Specific policies regarding academic standards and remediation are presented in the Didactic Year and Clinical Year manuals. It is the student's responsibility to maintain the required academic standards and to initiate the necessary interventions to resolve deficiencies in any area of study. The physician assistant program faculty and staff will offer guidance to a physician assistant student experiencing academic difficulties, but it remains the responsibility of the student to achieve competency. Probations, suspensions, and/or dismissals for academic reasons are executed by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and are reflected on transcripts. The academic appeals procedure is outlined on pages 12-13 in the "School of Graduate Studies" section of this catalogue.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

#### **Technical Standards for the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program**

Any applicant who plans to enter the physician assistant program at Methodist University must possess certain skills that will enable them to master the educational and clinical content of the program within a reasonable time frame. These skills are required by a practicing clinician to improve patient health, prevent morbidity and mortality and improve and expand treatment goals that encourage the greatest patient motivation and cooperation within their resources. These skills also provide for periodic revision and appropriate discontinuation of treatment plans once goals have been achieved. Methodist University welcomes specific inquiries from potential students with disabilities regarding required technical skills and

how completion of those skills might apply to their unique situation. A determination will be, however, made by the physician assistant staff as to whether the individual is qualified for admission to the program and if reasonable accommodations can be made. Federal law prohibits programs from making inquiries about specific disabilities prior to admission. Applicants who are selected for admission must be prepared to meet the educational and technical performance standards in order to complete the program. Students who are unable to accomplish these skills will not be allowed to continue in the program.

### **Minimum Technical (Performance) Standards**

**Critical Thinking.** All students must possess the intellectual, ethical, physical, and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and to achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty. The ability to solve problems, a skill that is critical to the practice of medicine, requires the intellectual abilities of measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Candidates for the program must be able to perform demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences.

**Communication Skills.** A candidate should also be able to speak, to hear, and to observe patients in order to elicit information; to describe changes in mood, activity, and posture; and to perceive nonverbal communications. The candidate must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written forms.

**Visual Ability.** Candidates must also be able to observe a patient accurately, both at a distance and close at hand. This ability requires the functional use of vision and somatic sensation.

**Hearing and Tactile Abilities.** Candidates should have sufficient motor function to elicit information from patients by palpitation, auscultation, percussion, and other diagnostic techniques.

**Motor and Fine Skills.** A candidate should be able to execute movements reasonably required to move from area to area, maneuver in small places, calibrate and use large and small equipment, position and move patients, and provide patients with general care and emergency treatment.

**Interpersonal Abilities.** A candidate for the PA Program must possess (1) the emotional health required for full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities; (2) the exercise of good judgment; (3) the prompt completion of all responsibilities required for the diagnosis and care of patients; and (4) the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, families, and colleagues. The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program considers for admission those students who possess the academic and professional promise necessary to become outstanding healthcare professionals. Methodist University and the PA Program do not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national and ethnic origin, or disability.

### **Professional Conduct**

The Methodist University PA Program expects students to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner at all times. Students are expected to adhere to the *Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession Policy of the AAPA* (adopted May, 2000). (These *Guidelines* appear in Appendices of the PA Program's Didactic Year and Clinical Year Manuals.) Any departure from these *Guidelines* constitutes professional dishonesty and/or unprofessional behavior. Confirmed cases of professional dishonesty and/or unprofessional behavior will be grounds for dismissal by the PA Program's Professional/Academic Standards Committee.

### **Random Drug Screening**

Random drug screening may be conducted anytime during the course of study at the discretion of the Academic/Professional Standards Committee.

## **FINANCES**

### **Physician Assistant Program Fees\***

The annual tuition for the Physician Assistant Program is:

Didactic Year (4 semesters): \$9415/ semester for a total of \$37,660

Clinical Year (3 semesters): \$9415/ semester for a total of \$28,245

There is a \$1000.00 student reservation fee (non-refundable) due upon acceptance. There is also a \$53 Student Activity Fee (includes admission to cultural events, use of the PAC and Nimocks Fitness Center,

and voting in student body elections) a \$63 Mandatory Student Health Insurance Fee, and a \$135 graduation fee.

\*Fees subject to change.

### **Additional Expenses for the Physician Assistant Program**

Major additional costs for the Physician Assistant Program will include the purchase of medical textbooks (for the didactic and clinical years), medical equipment (such as a quality stethoscope, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, sphygmomanometer, lab coats, patches, name tags, etc.), computer, computer software and printer, and travel expenses during the didactic and clinical year for clinical assignments or rotations. These additional costs are estimated to be in the range of \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Residential PA students will incur additional charges for meals and room rent, as specified in the Finances section of the undergraduate *Methodist University Academic Catalogue* (page 237). Cost for living expenses may vary for each student.

### **Payment and Billing Policy for The Physician Assistant Program**

It is the policy of Methodist University that all previous semester charges must be paid before new semester charges can be processed. Deadlines for paying new semester charges in the Physicians Assistant Program are 30 days prior to the start of classes.

### **Refund/Repayment Policy on Withdrawals from the Physician Assistant Program**

Students withdrawing from the Physician Program will be responsible for payment of tuition as follows:

#### **Time of Withdrawal (15 week semester)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Refund Amount</b>
1 – 4	90%
5 – 8	60%
7 – 12	30%
> 12	0%

Students withdrawing from the University are subject to refunding of financial aid monies to the sources from which the funding was received, according to the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 for calculating the return of unearned Title IV funds. Any remaining funds are returned to the student. For details, contact the Financial Aid Office.

### **Financial Aid**

Financial aid information is available through the Office of Financial Aid. It is the student's responsibility to seek out that information. Please see Financial Aid in the School of Graduate Studies section of this catalogue (page 18).

## **MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES COURSES**

### **DIDACTIC COURSES**

#### **PHA 500 MEDICAL ETHICS**

2 s.h.

The purpose of this seminar is to integrate the learning of medical ethics, morality and the legal issues surrounding medical ethics, beginning with the didactic phase of PA education through the clinical phase of PA education. The goal is to provide topics relevant to the PA student's area of training and expand those topics as the student's understanding and experience in medicine matures.

#### **PHA 501 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ORIENTATION I**

1 s.h.

In this course, students will trace the history of medicine and the development of various medical professionals to include physicians, nurses, allied health workers, and the physician assistant. The student will be introduced to the development of medical education in the United States and become familiar with issues challenging the PA profession today. Students will also be introduced to the various roles in which

Physician Assistants practice to include rural health, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and the military PA. Several topics such as sponsoring and governing professional organizations, state licensing, national accrediting boards, hospital staff credentialing, home health care, care of the homeless, inner city health care, and North Carolina laws governing physician assistants will be examined. Students will also learn how to gain access to medical literature and resources to include books, computer software, on-line programs, and medical periodicals. Students' critical interpretation of the medical literature begins with participation in the Prescriber's Letter journal club. The course also explores stress management, time management, PA organizations (AAPA, NCCPA, PAEA, and NCAPA), and the PA as a life-long learner.

**PHA 502 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ORIENTATION II** 2 s.h.

Continuation of PHA 501. This course introduces students to and encourages the exploration of medical practice issues. In addition to practice issues, major "hot topics" in healthcare are reviewed. Topics to be discussed include medical economics; management skills and the decision making process involving the small medical practice; dispensing laws; medical insurance; Medicare; Medicaid; administration and staffing; medical malpractice; the medical chart as a legal document; billing and coding, the impaired practitioner, drug enforcement administration (DEA), and organ donor services. Genetics in Primary Care, Complementary and Alternative medicine (CAM), as well as Healthy People 2010 issues will also be reviewed. Students will have the opportunity to enhance professional skills to include medical record dictation. Within the course, students are encouraged to continue to integrate learning from other courses within the curriculum as they add to their knowledge of the role of physician assistant in healthcare. Time is allotted in this course to cover other relevant topics dependant on curricular needs.

**PHA 507 HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION I** 2 s.h.

PHA 507 presented in lecture and seminar format is designed to provide students with didactic and "hands on" instruction to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to elicit a comprehensive history and perform a complete physical examination. Discussions and demonstrations will introduce the appropriate use of diagnostic equipment, interviewing techniques, cultural awareness, patient rights and confidentiality. The student will be introduced to the concept of the patient / clinician relationship. The course will cover each organ system concentrating on the historical questions and examination techniques that are specific to each. The student will be taught to recognize and differentiate normal from abnormal physical examination findings and to record and orally present their findings in an organized manner. Skills in constructing a complete H&P and SOAP note will be developed. Students will have ample time to practice the techniques on their classmates.

**PHA 508 HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION II** 3 s.h.

This course is designed to develop the skills and techniques needed to perform a complete physical examination. Physical examinations will be performed under the supervision of the clinical staff. Students will continue to develop their skills in critical thinking and patient care assessment applying them to obtaining and documenting a comprehensive history and physical exam. Students will be expected to spend additional time outside of class practicing physical examination skills and conducting assigned history and physical exams in the clinical setting.

**PHA 509 INTRODUCTION TO LABORATORY MEDICINE I** 2 s.h.

This course will introduce the student to the techniques and procedures used in the medical laboratory. Emphasis will be placed on the tests and procedures performed by the various departments within the laboratory (hematology, chemistry, pathology, etc.). Student will become familiar with normal ranges of lab studies and concentrate on the interpretation of abnormal values and causes for such values and causes for such values in selected laboratory procedures.

**PHA 510 PHARMACOLOGY I** 2 s.h.

This course is designed to present the fundamental mechanisms of action of the various classes of drugs, physiology and biochemical foundations of pharmacology, bioactive agents and structure-activity relations, and drug and food interactions. The physiological actions of drugs on the major organ systems will be covered along with the properties and uses of antibiotics and related therapeutic agents. PHA 510 is designed to provide an introduction to pharmacy and to integrate pharmacological agents used in the treatment of disease processes and disorders taught in Clinical Medicine. Pharmacology courses are taught

by a board certified Doctor of Pharmacy.

**PHA 511 PHARMACOLOGY II**

2 s.h.

This course is a continuation of PHA 510 and provides integration into the body systems being taught in Clinical Medicine.

**PHA 512 PHARMACOTHERAPY**

2 s.h.

This course is a continuation of PHA 511 and provides integration into the body systems being taught in Clinical Medicine. This course is presented in case format and is designed to provide an understanding of the mechanism of drug action and the therapeutic process. The course provides students with an understanding of basic pharmacokinetic principles that will enable students to apply general pharmacologic principles to the problems of therapeutics. Clinical application of drug classes to diseases and organ systems is stressed.

**PHA 513 LABORATORY MEDICINE II**

2 s.h.

This course is a continuation of PHA 509 with special emphasis on laboratory studies of body systems and their interpretation. A pathophysiological basis for laboratory medicine data interpretation will be provided.

**PHA 514 PHYSIOLOGY**

3 s.h.

The course is intended to give the physician assistant student the opportunity to acquire the basic knowledge with which to understand the physiological processes involved in treating various medical and surgical conditions and correlate these processes with information learned in anatomy, pharmacology, laboratory medicine & clinical medicine courses.

**PHA 515 EMERGENCY MEDICINE I**

2 s.h.

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of various acute care situations the student might encounter to include life-threatening illnesses and injuries and those illness/injuries which have high mortality or morbidity. The course will be presented as a series of lectures as well as practical exercises in the emergency department. During the course the student will become certified in basic life support. The emergency medicine courses are taught by board certified emergency medicine physicians and emergency medicine physician assistants.

**PHA 516 EMERGENCY MEDICINE II**

2 s.h.

This course is a continuation of PHA 515.

**PHA 519 FUNDAMENTALS OF SURGERY**

2 s.h.

This course is designed to prepare the students for their clinical rotations in surgery. The students will be instructed in specific areas of surgical intervention, in both trauma and medical illness cases. Student will receive instruction in specific disease entities and topics which stress the evaluation, treatment and monitoring of the surgical patient both preoperatively and post-operatively. Surgical courses are taught by board certified surgeons.

**PHA 521 HEALTH PROMOTION / DISEASE PREVENTION**

2 s.h.

This course is designed to familiarize the student with methods and concepts of community and public health issues and the principles and guidelines of preventive health practices. A wide range of variables will be discussed to include lifestyles, nutrition, cultural diversity and socioeconomic factors. In addition, students will be provided basic skills and knowledge in epidemiology. Students will also review the U.S. Surgeon General's report, Healthy People 2010 in order to become familiar with the department of Health Human Services population health initiatives. The course will emphasize the role of the physician assistant as a health educator.

**PHA 522 BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE**

2 s.h.

The purpose of this course is to establish an understanding of psychotic illness, affective disorders, characterological problems and psychiatric manifestation of occult illness. The course will review how environment and interpersonal relations can affect emotional states so the student can apply these to issues

of chemical dependency and forensic psychiatric issues. Board-certified psychiatrists and clinical psychologists teach the course.

**PHA 524 CLINICAL SKILLS I**

1 s.h.

Presented in laboratory, workshop, video demonstration, and lecture formats, this course focuses on acquiring the skills necessary to function as a Physician Assistant in diverse medical settings. Various skills will be taught, including those needed for sterile technique, giving injections, performing and interpreting electrocardiograms, performing phlebotomy, and other diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures required in the office and hospital settings.

**PHA 525 CLINICAL SKILLS II**

1 s.h.

This course is a continuation of PHA 524, but is expanded to include the reading and interpretation of various imaging studies, and performing such functions as establishing and maintaining a sterile field, suturing, wound care, scrubbing, gowning and gloving for surgery, endotracheal intubation, ACLS, etc.

**PHA 528 GERIATRICS**

2 s.h.

This course concentrates on diseases and disorders of older patients with an emphasis on health maintenance and preventive measures. The course is further designed to explore the various psychosocial changes involving this age group and how patients and clinicians deal with these changes. How aging patients differ with certain disease and disorders from younger patients is discussed.

**PHA 529 HUMAN GROSS ANATOMY/CADAVER DISSECTION**

4 s.h.

This course is designed to give the Physician Assistant working knowledge of human anatomy as a basis for all future understanding of physiology, disease processes, diagnostic radiology, surgical and traumatic conditions and interventional therapy. The anatomical and embryological developmental processes that underlie common diseases and affect common therapeutic maneuvers will be stressed. Dissection of human cadavers will be utilized in addition to clinical lectures in this intensive course.

**PHA 530 PEDIATRICS**

2 s.h.

This course is designed to provide physician assistant students with an understanding of the diagnostic and therapeutic processes as they relate to the specialty area of pediatric medicine. Each major system is presented individually, with a review of its embryonic development, anatomy and physiology. The curriculum will provide physician assistant students with an understanding of the epidemiology, etiology, pathophysiology, symptoms, clinical presentations, diagnostics, and treatment of common pediatric diseases. Special emphasis will be placed on primary prevention, screening, immunizations, well-child check-ups, and the early recognition and intervention of suspected child abuse.

**PHA 541 RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS**

2 s.h.

This course provides students with an overview of the major kinds of research methods, research design, internal and external validity of research findings and the research process (including review of the medical literature on a topic and preparation of a research manuscript), Emphasis will be placed on the actual work involved in writing a research review. Student participation is mandatory in this class.

**PHA 572 ENDOCRINOLOGY**

2 s.h.

This section consists of 11 lectures complimented by textbooks readings focusing on the most common diseases and disorders of the endocrine system. Emphasis is placed on the most clinically relevant aspects of each disorder including clinical presentation, most appropriate laboratory and imaging evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Pertinent anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology are also briefly reviewed for each disorder.

**PHA 573 GASTROENTEROLOGY**

2 s.h.

This course teaches the PA student about the structure and function of the GI tract, GI tract pathology and recognition of key signs and symptoms of GI disease. The student will learn the appropriate physical exam and laboratory tests needed to evaluate and treat GI disease. The application of specific treatment modalities will also be taught.



**PHA 574 CARDIOLOGY**

3 s.h.

Presented in lecture format Cardiology is designed to provide students with an opportunity to study selected diseases and disorders of the cardiovascular system. Emphasis is placed on review of the pertinent anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnostics, management, treatment and/or prevention of cardiovascular disease. Sessions on EKG and cardiac physical examination are included. Risk factors for the development of cardiovascular disease as well as preventive measures are covered. The student will also be prepared to perform a history and physical examination relevant to the cardiovascular system.

**PHA 575 ORTHOPEDICS**

2 s.h.

Orthopedics is designed to present an overview of musculoskeletal medicine. The skeletal system and joints are presented with a review of the anatomy and physiology. The course will examine the etiology, pathophysiology, clinical features, laboratory findings, diagnostic imaging evaluation, diagnostic criteria, current treatment methods, prognosis, and preventive protocols for common orthopedic problems. Lectures are organized by anatomic region.

**PHA 576 UROLOGY/NEPHROLOGY**

2 s.h.

This course consists of lectures complimented by textbook readings focused on the most common renal and urologic diseases encountered in primary care. Emphasis is placed on the most clinically relevant aspect of each disorder including clinical presentation, appropriate laboratory and imaging evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. Pertinent anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology are briefly reviewed for each disorder. Male sexual dysfunction is also addressed in this course.

**PHA 577 OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY**

2 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide an understanding of the diagnostic and therapeutic process used in common gynecological conditions and diseases of the female reproductive tract. Examples of these topics include, but are not limited to: sexually transmitted infections; abnormal pap smears; vulvar, vaginal, uterine, ovarian and breast disease; menstrual disorders and abnormalities; infertility; contraception; menopause; ectopic pregnancy; and chronic pelvic pain, infection and disorders, etc.. OB/GYN introduces the student to the continuum of obstetric care found in the primary care setting. The course will review the female reproductive anatomy & function in pregnancy and will follow the obstetrical process including the methods utilized to diagnose pregnancy, obtain initial prenatal history & physical examination; the physiologic changes of pregnancy and post-partum follow up care. Special attention will be given to the essential procedures and tests required during prenatal management, identifying the high risk gravida, and the management of common prenatal maternal complications.

**PHA 578 OPHTHALMOLOGY**

1 s.h.

Presented in lecture format ophthalmology is designed to provide an introduction to the structure and function of the eye. Examination techniques, diagnostic studies, and therapeutic modalities in primary care Ophthalmology are covered. Focus is on the clinical presentation and management of common ocular disorders seen in primary care. As the curricular schedule allows, a session, led by an Optometrist, may be scheduled, allowing students to dilate each other's eye to practice fundoscopic examination utilizing the biomicroscope and direct ophthalmoscope.

**PHA 579 OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

1 s.h.

The purpose of this course is to define the specialty of otolaryngology, enhance the PA student's ability to diagnose and treat pathology of the ENT system, to critically analyze the approach to diagnosis ENT disorders, and to develop logical and meaningful approaches to the treatment of ENT pathophysiological conditions.

**PHA 580 PULMONOLOGY**

2 s.h.

Presented in lecture format Pulmonology is designed to provide the PA student with an understanding of the epidemiology, etiology, pathophysiology, patient history, clinical findings, laboratory/diagnostic criteria, current treatment methods, prognosis, and preventive protocols for common diseases of the pulmonary system using real clinical scenarios. A review of anatomy & physiology will be presented. Basic laboratory methods such as ABG's and PFT's will also be covered. Practical clinical pharmacology

for pulmonary diseases will be stressed.

**PHA 581 DERMATOLOGY**

2 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide an understanding of the diagnostic and therapeutic process involved in caring for patients with dermatologic diseases and disorders. The course will present the epidemiology, etiology, pathophysiology, patient history, clinical findings, laboratory/diagnostic criteria, current treatment methods, prognosis, and preventive protocols for common diseases of the skin. Emphasis will be placed on recognition and initial management of dermatologic conditions. Extensive utilization of slides and pictorial dermatology CD images will be relied upon to expose the student to visual diagnosis.

**PHA 582 NEUROLOGY**

2 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide an understanding of the diagnostic and therapeutic process as applied in the practice of Neurology. The course will review pertinent anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the nervous system. Emphasis will be placed on performing appropriate patient evaluations and recognition of the presentations of common disorders of the nervous system. Review and discussion of current research topics in neurology will be a part of each lecture.

**PHA 583 HEMATOLOGY**

1 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide the PA student with the basic concepts of hematology. The basic science of hematopoiesis will be reviewed. Normal and abnormal lab studies and values will be discussed. Recommended screenings and follow up schedules will be stressed as a primary preventive medicine procedure.

**PHA 584 ONCOLOGY**

1 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide the PA student with the basic concepts of oncology. Normal and abnormal lab studies and values will be discussed. The importance of screening tests for oncologic diseases will be outlined in detail. Recommended screenings and follow up schedules will be stressed as a primary preventive medicine procedure.

**PHA 585 CRITICAL THINKING**

2 s.h.

The dual purpose of this course is to prepare students for their clinical year of study and to develop the ability to think critically about the clinical presentations of various disease states and the subsequent management of those patients. To that end, class participation is not only encouraged it is required. To adequately judge whether the student is thinking critically, the instructor must by definition be a witness to the thinking process and its effective communication in a professional setting. We are trying to create as realistic an environment as possible to match the clinical rotations and place students in various roles in “working up” each case presented.

**PHA 586 INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

2 s.h.

Presented in lecture format this course is designed to provide an introduction to the medical aspects of immunology. The course presents an overview of commonly encountered infectious diseases covered in detail by organism and by system. The etiology and prevention of infectious diseases is also presented. Pathophysiology, laboratory evaluation, and clinical diagnostic techniques are stressed. Drug therapy and public health measures for the treatment of these diseases are also covered.

**PHA 590 HISTORY AND PHYSICAL III**

2 s.h.

PHA 590 continues with the practice of medical interviewing and history taking, medical information documentation, record-keeping, and patient-care skill building as presented in PHA 507 and PHA 508. Presented in lecture and small group format, this course is designed to provide students with didactic and “hands-on” instruction to continue to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to perform comprehensive physical examination. Students will also continue to present their findings orally and in written form. Within small group sessions, students will practice physical examination skills on each other to continue to gain familiarity with “normal”, but emphasis will be placed on using a critical thinking process to develop differential diagnosis and formulate treatment plans based on given abnormalities.

## CLINICAL COURSES

### **PHA 551 INTERNAL MEDICINE-PRIMARY CARE**

8 s.h.

During this eight-week rotation, students participate in the direct care of patients in an internal medicine setting to include evaluation, assessment, and treatment. The rotation includes in-patient and outpatient care. Students are assigned to one or more preceptors during the rotation and are required to take call with those physicians. Students are required to participate in hospital and grand rounds, clinical conferences and management decision sessions.

### **PHA 552 OBSTETRICS-GYNECOLOGY**

4 s.h.

This four-week rotation is designed to provide the students with an opportunity to develop proficiency and the special skills needed to assess the obstetrical and gynecological patient. Outpatient gynecology care, exposure to diagnostic techniques and procedures, family planning, early cancer detection, prenatal assessment, and care of the obstetrical and postpartum patient are some of the components included in this rotation. Students will be involved with both inpatient and outpatient care. This rotation is offered contingent upon availability of suitable OB/GYN training sites. If such sites are unavailable, an alternative arrangement will be made to meet other clinical rotation needs.

### **PHA 553 PRIMARY CARE-PEDIATRICS**

4 s.h.

The pediatric rotation allows students to have an intense exposure to the problems encountered in primary care pediatrics. The rotation concentrates on developing skills in well child preventive care, assessment of growth and development, common pediatric illnesses, recognition of symptomatology of the abused child, and care of the newborn. It also allows students to become familiar with ancillary professional services providing overall care and evaluation of children. Although students accompany the pediatrician on inpatient rounds the primary emphasis is in the outpatient setting. This rotation is four weeks in length.

### **PHA 554 FAMILY MEDICINE I**

4 s.h.

This initial rotation in family medicine is the first of three four-week rotations in family medicine. In this course students develop their skills in linking basic science knowledge and course studies from the didactic phase of the program to the various aspects of clinical medicine. It also encourages them to develop and improve their data collection, interpretive, and communication skills, and become proficient in the performance of essential examination techniques, clinical skills, assessment, and methods of treatment of patients within the primary care setting. Students will also be involved with the community health centers and rural health clinics to become more familiar with the role these health care entities play in the maintenance of health in the community. Students are involved with the various functions for the community health centers/rural health clinics and will gain exposure to the health care issues which are especially relevant to the rural/medically underserved areas. Community/Rural health is implemented within the Family I and II clinical rotations.

### **PHA 555 FAMILY MEDICINE II**

4 s.h.

This rotation is an extension of Family Medicine I and permits students to extend their skills in family medicine. At least one of the three rotations will be done in a rural clinic setting if feasible. Students will also be involved with the community health centers and rural health clinics to become more familiar with the role these health care entities play in the maintenance of health in the community. Students are involved with the various functions for the community health centers/rural health clinics and will gain exposure to the health care issues which are especially relevant to the rural/medically underserved areas. Community/Rural health is implemented within the Family I and II clinical rotations.

### **PHA 556 FAMILY MEDICINE III**

4 s.h.

This rotation is an extension of Family Medicine I and II. It is designed to offer students additional experience in the care of geriatric and long-term care patients under the supervision of family medicine, internal medicine, or geriatric preceptors.

### **PHA 557 EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

4 s.h.

During this four-week rotation, students develop their emergency management skills in an emergency

department setting. These skills include those necessary for the appropriate triage, stabilization and initial management of trauma and non-trauma patients. Special emphasis is given to the recognition and initial stabilization of life-threatening illnesses and injuries and those with a high instance of morbidity.

**PHA 558 PSYCHIATRY**

4 s.h.

This four-week behavioral science rotation is designed to build on the students' didactic knowledge in behavioral science by introducing them to the diagnosis and management of common neuropsychiatric disorders.

**PHA 559 ORTHOPEDICS**

4 s.h.

Orthopedics is a four-week rotation, during which the student has the opportunity to work with several orthopedic surgeons and orthopedic physician assistants. The rotation is designed to introduce the students to the assessment and management of traumatic and sports related injuries as well as diseases of the musculoskeletal system. The student will also scrub in for orthopedic surgeries during the course of the rotation.

**PHA 560 SURGERY**

4 s.h.

The four-week surgery rotation introduces the student to the fundamental principles of operative general surgery. It allows the students to become proficient in their surgical skills and in the assessment and management of surgical problems. Other topics commonly covered during this rotation include wound care, trauma requiring surgical intervention, evaluation of the acute abdomen, peri-operative fluid and electrolyte balance and surgical infectious disease.

**PHA 565 ELECTIVE I**

4 s.h.

During this four week rotation students will be able to select from the following medical specialties and sub-specialties, to include: Allergy/Immunology, Alternative/Complementary Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Hematology-Oncology, Neonatology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Rheumatology, and Urology. Additional specialties may be selected for approval by the Program.

**PHA 571 CLINICAL RESEARCH**

6 s.h.

This course requires that students complete a clinical research project and/or a research paper in a selected aspect of primary care medicine. The project and paper topic must be pre-approved by the Program Director and be consistent with the guidelines as directed by the program. For this purpose, students are assigned to a core faculty member, or to a clinician, who will mentor them during the preparation and completion of their clinical research project and/or paper. The completed project/paper must be submitted to the PA Program faculty no later than the deadline date designated in the Clinical Year Manual.

**MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010 – 2011**

**Didactic Year I Class of 2012 & Didactic Year II Class of 2011** *(Subject to change for curricular purposes)*

**Fall Semester 2010:** **August 30 – December 10, 2010**  
 August 30 & 31: New Student Orientation (Class of 2012)  
 August 30: Didactic Year II Classes begin (Class of 2011)  
 November 25 & 26: Thanksgiving Holiday Break  
 December 6 - 10: Final Exam Week  
 December 13 – 31: Winter Break

**Spring Semester 2011: Class of 2012** **January 3 – April 15, 2011**  
 January 17: MLK Holiday  
 April 22: Good Friday Holiday  
 April 11 - 15: Final Exam Week  
 April 18 – 29: Spring Break

**Summer Semester 2011: Class of 2012** **May 2 – August 13, 2011**  
 July 4: Independence Day Observed  
 August 8 – 12: Final Exam Week  
 August 15 – 26: Summer Break

**Fall Semester 2011: Class of 2012** **August 30 – December 10, 2010**  
 August 29 & 30: New Student Orientation (Class of 2013)  
 August 29: Didactic Year II Classes Begin – Class of 2012  
 November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Holiday Break  
 December 5 – 9: Final Exam Week  
 December 12 – 30: Winter Break

**Clinical Year Class of 2011** *(Subject to change for curricular purposes)*

**Spring Semester 2011:** **January 3, 2011 – April 22, 2011**

**Summer Semester 2011:** **April 25, 2011 – August 12, 2011**

**Fall Semester 2011:** **August 15, 2011 – December 2, 2011**

**Anticipated Graduation:** **December 17, 2011**

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The Professional MBA at Methodist University offers a Master of Business Administration degree with a focus on Organizational Management and Leadership. The mission of the program is to provide a graduate education that develops further knowledge of modern American business with an appreciation of its power and institutional structure. We seek to develop within our students an expertise in business skills at a level that will enable graduates to serve and lead their enterprises effectively.

The Professional MBA at Methodist University is focused on filling advanced educational needs of business leaders.

**Degree awarded:** M.B.A., Master of Business Administration with a focus in Organizational Management and Leadership.

### **FINANCES**

#### **Tuition, Fees and Expenses**

For the 2010-2011 academic year, which covers five academic terms (Fall Term I, Fall Term II, Spring Term I, Spring Term II, and Summer Term, the tuition is \$850.00 per course. Tuition includes class fees, but does not include textbooks and additional class materials, travel, accommodations if needed, or purchase of a laptop computer with WIFI capability. Tuition/fees for the 2011-2012 academic year are subject to change.

#### **Non-refundable Fees**

The \$100 graduate application fee and \$135 graduation fee are nonrefundable.

#### **Payment and Billing Policy for The Professional MBA at Methodist University**

It is the policy of Methodist University that all previous semester charges must be paid before new semester charges can be processed. Deadlines for paying new semester charges in the MBA program are 30 days prior to the start of classes:

Fall Term I and Term II 2010—July 20, 2010

Spring Term I and Term II 2011—December 7, 2010

Summer Term 2011—April 13, 2011

Fall Term I and Term II 2011 —July 12, 2011

#### **Refund/Repayment Policy on Withdrawals from The Professional MBA at Methodist University**

Fees for the program include tuition. Because non-refundable costs must be paid in advance of classes starting, a full refund of fees paid can only be made prior to six weeks before the first weekend of a term.

Those students withdrawing from the program after this date will be refunded the following percentages of the fees for the term, according to the University's MBA program institutional refund policy based upon the date of receipt of the written withdrawal notice:

31-42 days prior to the first week-end session	90%
1-30 days prior to the first week-end session	75%
Seven business days after the first week-end session	50%
Eight business days after the first week-end session	0%

Students withdrawing from the University or those reducing their course load below a certain level will be subject to a reduction or cancellation of their financial aid. Withdrawing students are subject to refunding of financial aid monies to the sources from which the funding was received, according to the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 for calculating the return of unearned Title IV funds. Any remaining funds are returned to the student. For details, contact the Financial Aid Office.

### Financial Aid

Please see the Financial Aid section in the School of Graduate Studies section of this catalogue (page 18). Also, MBA program applicants can consult The Professional MBA at Methodist University Web site, [www.methodist.edu/mba/tuition2.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/mba/tuition2.htm), for financial aid information.

## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

### Application Material

An application packet can be downloaded from The Professional MBA at Methodist University Web site at [www.methodist.edu/mba/application2.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/mba/application2.htm) or by contacting the Program Coordinator directly at (910) 630-7493.

### Requirements for Admission

1. **Bachelor's Degree** - from a four-year accredited college or university with a recommended overall GPA of 3.0 or better before the start of the first term of the program.
2. **Demonstrated competencies** – If the undergraduate degree is not in business, competencies may be demonstrated by college credit or passing grades on CLEP exams in management & organization, marketing, statistics, economics, and financial & managerial accounting. See program coordinator for specific pre-requisite course requirements
3. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. **The preferred candidate will have three years of professional experience** – Professional experience in fields other than business will be considered on an individual basis.
5. **GMAT or MAT** - Completion of the GMAT or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) within five years prior to admission. Acceptable scores in conjunction with past educational and work experiences will be considered (scores required by the interview date).
6. **Three letters of recommendation** - One letter of the three must be from the applicant's immediate supervisor at work.

### Selection Process

The application review committee will screen all applicants. Those determined to be the most qualified candidates will be offered an interview at Methodist University. Criteria used by the interviewers in their evaluations include the amount and quality of professional experience, emotional and intellectual maturity, ability to communicate verbally and in written form, specific motivation toward pursuit of a career in business, management potential, interpersonal skills, and evidence of strong study skills.

### Mandatory Student E-Mail Policy for MBA Students

Please see the section "Mandatory E-Mail Policy for Graduate Students" on page 15.

### **Classification of The Professional MBA at Methodist University Students**

1. Full-Time Students: Those enrolled in any term for 6 s.h. or more.
2. Part-Time Students: Those enrolled in fewer than 6 s.h. per term.

### **Academic Standing**

All students in The Professional MBA at Methodist University program must demonstrate continuous satisfactory progress toward graduation. In order to maintain acceptable academic standing, a student must meet the following standards. First, a student must have a 3.0 or better GPA in the program in order to graduate. Second, a student must have a GPA in the program of 3.0 or higher after 12 hours of coursework. If a student's program GPA falls below a 3.0 before 12 hours of coursework are completed, the student will be placed on academic probation. A student must then raise his/her program GPA to 3.0 or higher by the end of the next academic term in order to be removed from academic probation. If the student does not meet this criterion, then he/she will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one academic year and must re-apply for admission after the period of suspension has ended. Third, a student must not make more than one course grade of *C+/C*. If a student receives a second grade of *C+/C*, that student will be suspended from the program for a minimum of one academic year and must re-apply for admission after the period of suspension has ended. Upon readmission, if a student who has received two *C+/Cs* in the program receives a third *C+/C*, that student will be dismissed from the program without opportunity for readmission. Fourth, a student must not make a course grade of *F*. If a student receives one grade of *F*, that student is automatically dismissed from the program, without opportunity for readmission. Probations, suspensions, and/or dismissals of students are executed by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and are reflected on transcripts.

### **Course Load**

The standard course load each term is 6 semester hours per term.

### **Dropping/Adding Courses**

Students are not permitted to make changes in courses later than the deadline specified for that purpose in the MBA program academic calendar.

1. A student may drop or add a class during the first two class days of the term.
2. A student dropping a class after two class days as specified in the MBA program academic calendar will be awarded a grade of *WD*.
3. A student properly withdrawing from the institution after two days as specified in the MBA program academic calendar will receive a grade of *WD*.

### **Grading System**

Grades are assigned in The Professional MBA at Methodist University program following the "Grading System for the School of Graduate Studies" on page 10.

## **STUDENT OPTIONS**

### **Pass/Fail Option**

If a student wishes to exercise a pass/fail option for one (and only one) course in the program, the student must notify the instructor and the Registrar after receiving permission from the Director of the MBA program.

### **Transfer Credit**

Nine credits of graduate classes for courses equivalent to those in The Professional MBA at Methodist University program will be considered for credit, and must be approved by the Program Director and the Registrar. Each of these classes must have been taken at an accredited institution within the five years immediately prior to admission to The Professional MBA at Methodist University with a minimum grade of *B* in each course. A transfer grade cannot replace a grade earned at Methodist University. All students are expected to take two courses offered each term. The only exception will be a student who has transfer credit for one of the courses offered in a specific term. An appropriate adjustment will be made in the term tuition for a student who has been granted transfer credit for one of the courses offered during a term.



### **Visiting Student Letters**

At the time a student completes his/her first class at Methodist University, he/she is considered, for enrollment purposes, a Methodist University student. In order to receive subsequent academic credit at Methodist University for course work taken at another institution after becoming enrolled, the student must obtain written approval from the Program Director and the Office of the Registrar in the form of a visiting student letter. A total of six semester hours of credit may be awarded in this fashion. Online course credit will not be accepted if The Professional MBA at Methodist University is offering an equivalent course online. A visiting student letter will not be issued to replace the grade of a course previously taken at this institution.

### **GUIDELINES/AIDS FOR STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES OR DISABILITIES**

Please see the sections "Disability Services," "Tutoring Services," and "The Writing Center" on page 22.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE COMPLETION**

**Core Courses:** MBA 500, MBA 505, MBA 510, MBA 520, MBA 535, MBA 540, MBA 545, MBA 550, MBA 555, MBA 570, and MBA 599 (**36 semester hours**)

#### **Requirements for Graduation**

1. Completion of all course requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Good standing in character, conduct and financial obligation to the University and recommended by the faculty for graduation.
3. Filing a Declaration of Intent to Graduate form in the Office of the Registrar before the deadline specified in the academic calendar and paying the graduation fee. If a candidate fails to qualify after filing the Declaration of Intent to Graduate form and fee but qualifies at some later time, he/she must submit another application for graduation. If a candidate fails to file his/her intent by the deadline, a late filing fee will be charged.

### **THE PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY COURSES**

#### **MBA 500 ADVANCED MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING**

3 s.h.

This course emphasizes the use of accounting information for internal planning and control purposes. Participants learn how to evaluate business performance and make strategic decisions in management. Major topics include cost behavior, concepts of opportunity costs, cost-volume-profit models, cost allocation, budgeting, and cost variance analysis. Course activities include lecture, problem sets using computer applications where applicable, and industry-specific case studies.

#### **MBA 505 BUSINESS ETHICS**

3 s.h

This course surveys applied topics relating to business ethics, and provides a conceptual framework for thinking about and discussing these topics. This framework has three parts or "themes": (1) Corporate Social Responsibility; (2) Relationship of Law and Ethics; and (3) Individual Ethical Decision-Making. Class time will be used to explore applied topics with reference to these three themes.

#### **MBA 510 MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS**

3 s.h.

This course covers efficient resource allocation and the application of the analytical tools of economic theory to decision making by managers. The curriculum is designed to show students how to use various tools comprising the economics of effective management for the profit-maximizing firm. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to calculate and apply price elasticity, employ a statistical regression analysis, perform cost analyses, and display competency in other areas of managerial economics.

**MBA 520 ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

3 s.h.

This course provides a working knowledge of the tools and analytical conventions used in the practice of corporate financial decision-making. Students will analyze fundamental decisions that financial managers face in capital budgeting, cost of capital, dividend policy, long-term financing and mergers, and working capital management. Course activities include lecture, problem sets, and case studies.

**MBA 535 BUSINESS LAW**

3 s.h.

This course surveys the organization and theory of the American legal system and its relationship to business, including contracts, agency, tort and criminal law, employment law and the ethical dilemma facing businesses in today's environment.

**MBA 540 ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP**

3 s.h.

Students will explore historical and contemporary leadership and organizational behavior theories. Related cases and hypothetical situations will be analyzed. The course will draw on behavioral scenarios to understand organizational effectiveness and change processes that can be used to improve organizational performance. Teams will be utilized throughout the course for presentations of cases.

**MBA 545 ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR**

3 s.h.

Students will explore historical and contemporary leadership and organizational behavior theories. Related cases and hypothetical situations associated with the focus industries will be analyzed. The course will draw on behavioral scenarios to understand organizational effectiveness and change processes that can be used to improve organizational performance. Teams will be utilized throughout the course for presentation of cases.

**MBA 550 MARKETING MANAGEMENT**

3 s.h.

Successful organizations match the objectives and resources of the firm with the needs and opportunities of the target markets. The focus of the course is how marketing contributes to the delivery of value to individual and business consumers at a profit in management. Emphasis is placed on the managerial activities of strategic planning, market and competitive analyses, customer behavior evaluation, value assessment, market segmentation, targeting, positioning, and marketing mix decisions.

**MBA 555 OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT/GLOBAL BUSINESS**

3 s.h.

Conducting business outside the United States involves a unique set of challenges. Diverse cultures, laws, languages, and currencies add to the complexity of putting together and managing international business ventures. This course will help you prepare for these type of activities by exploring a number of questions which focus on various aspects of international business. The primary vehicle for accomplishing this will be class discussions built around presentations by both the instructor and students as well as cases dealing with a range of issues, countries, and industries.

**MBA 570 APPLIED BUSINESS STATISTICS**

3 s.h.

The student will examine the application of statistical analysis, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis in business decision-making. The course will focus on the utilization of statistical methods as applied to business problems and operations. Descriptive statistics, probability and random variables, sampling and statistical inference, regression analysis, chi-square analysis, and analysis of variance will be investigated. Students will use a statistical software program.

**MBA 599 CAPSTONE**

6 s.h.

This course will be individually tailored to each student, considering the student's career goals and academic interests. Students will be required to take the Master of Business Administration Major Field Test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) as part of the Capstone course.

**THE PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010 – 2011**

July 20            Fall 2010 payments due to Business Office

**2010 Fall Term I Dates:**            August 20-October 15, 2010

**2010 Fall Term I On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Aug. 20-22        Sep 11            Oct 8-10

Aug 22            Deadline for dropping a class

**2010 Fall Term II Dates:**            October 22- December 17

**2010 Fall Term II On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Oct 22-24        Dec 3-5

Oct 24            Deadline for dropping a class

Nov 1            Registration deadline for Spring 2011 classes

Dec 7            Spring 2011 payments due to Business Office

**2011 Spring Term I Dates:**            January 7-March 4

**2011 Spring Term I On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Jan 7-9            Jan 22            Feb 25-27

Jan 9            Deadline for dropping a class

**2011 Spring Term II Dates:**            March 11-May 6

**2011 Spring Term II On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Mar 11-13        Apr 29-May 1

Mar 13            Deadline for dropping a class

Mar 28            Registration deadline for Summer 2011 classes

Apr 13            Summer Term payments due to Business Office

**2011 Summer Term Dates:**            May 13 - July 8

**2011 Summer Term On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

May 13-15        June 24-26

May 15            Deadline for dropping or adding a class

May 19            Application deadline for 2010-2011 students

Jun 10            Admission acceptance/rejection letters sent from committee

Jun 24            Intent letters & reservation fees due from 2011-2012 students

Jul 8            Registration deadline for Fall 2011 classes

Jul 12            Fall 2011 payments due to Business Office

**2011 Fall Term I Dates:**            August 12-October 7

**2011 Fall Term I On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Aug 12-14        Sep 30-Oct 2

Aug 14            Deadline for dropping a class

Sept 9            Last date to submit Intent to Graduate form for 2010-2011 students for December graduation

**2011 Fall Term II Dates:**            October 14-December 9

**2011 Fall Term II On-Campus Instruction Dates:**

Oct 14-16        Dec 2-4

Oct 16            Deadline for dropping a class

Dec 6            Spring 2011 payments due to Business Office

Dec 10            Graduation 2:00 pm

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