



Business Deans

The Jesuit Promise for Lifelong Learning

Introduction

The Business Deans of the Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities (AJCU) recognize the importance of lifelong learning. Education does not end with the completion of a bachelor's, master's, or even a doctoral degree. Personal development, professional development, and development as a citizen require dedication to the ongoing acquisition of knowledge and the continual practice of applying such knowledge in exercising good judgement.

Indeed, providing our alumni and alumnae with opportunities for lifelong learning is fully consistent with the ideals of Jesuit education. In "Jesuit Values, Ignatian Pedagogy, and Service Learning: Catalysts for Transcendence and Transformation Via Action Research" Heidi Streetman (2016) notes the connection between service-learning and lifelong learning:

Service learning action research, guided by Ignatian pedagogy, uniquely sits at that nexus of reciprocal revelation, instilling in students habitual self-examination so that as they continue their work in the world, they do so wisely, with self-awareness, and with the best interests of others in their hearts. As lifelong learners who can reflect, they will reiterate the learning cycles in new ways, spiraling upward, gently pushing out boundaries, generating ripples of change towards unity in the world around them and others they meet there.¹

The promotion of lifelong learning is already identified as a goal in numerous mission statements, vision statements and related documents of Jesuit institutions. To further

¹ Streetman, Heidi D. "Jesuit Values, Ignatian Pedagogy, and Service Learning: Catalysts for Transcendence and Transformation Via Action Research" *Journal of Jesuit Education*, 4(1) 2015: Article 9.

promote this shared goal in a practical manner, the undersigned AJCU Business Deans enact the following Jesuit Promise for Lifelong Learning.

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Eligibility

Alumni and alumnae of any business program from any of the signatory Jesuit colleges or universities in the United States will be permitted to audit courses at any of the other signatory business schools for free (i.e., at no tuition expense), up to the level of their degree, provided that unfilled seats are available in the class. Holders of Bachelor's degrees in business may audit undergraduate business courses; holders of Master's degrees in business (such as the MBA) may audit business courses at the Bachelors or Master's level, and those holding doctorates from a Jesuit business school may audit any Jesuit business courses without tuition. If the alumnus/alumna resides near the host institution, this may occur in face-to-face classes; alternatively, it can occur in online classes where those are available.

Student Responsibility

Jesuit alumni/alumnae will be responsible for applying to the host institution and providing transcripts documenting their graduation from a Jesuit business program at the level of the course they wish to audits. Although tuition will not be charged, special course fees may apply in some cases, and students will be expected to purchase textbooks or other required course materials at their own expense.

Classification

Students taking advantage of this opportunity will be classified as non-matriculating guest students (or the equivalent designation at the host institution), and will not receive grades, credit, or transcripts for such courses.

Institutional Rights & Responsibilities

Except for providing transcripts as requested by their own alumni, the institutions from which the students graduated will incur no obligations under the Jesuit Promise for Lifelong Learning. The Promise involves no transfers of funds between institutions, and no credit transfers or issuances. Each host institution reserves the right to limit the number of seats available to auditors in a given course section. Applicants may not be admitted if seats are unavailable or the applicant cannot properly demonstrate graduation from a Jesuit business program. Each host institution establishes application and registration deadlines consistent with its own academic calendar.

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