



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

OUR MISSION: Expose students to Business fields through curricular enhancement, mentoring relationships, and educational experiences - providing insight to His calling in their lives

THE PROGRAM

The School of Business and Entrepreneurship (SOBE) at CVCA is a two-year curriculum designed to groom high school students to be successful, impactful Christians in an under-graduate Business program. The curriculum touches on the major business disciplines and allows students to dive deeper into areas of interest through individualized projects, guest lectures, Jterm or Mterm internships, and mentoring relationships with area universities and companies.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must apply for acceptance into the SOBE during the first semester of their sophomore year.

1. Submit a SOBE application with teacher references.
2. Interview with the SOBE Chair.
3. Once accepted into the SOBE, schedule classes with the Guidance Office.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass each class with a C+ or higher to continue in the program. Students need to complete exams.

Introduction to Accounting and Business - Junior Year (0.5 credit)

Principles of Marketing - Junior Year (0.5 credit)

Strategic Entrepreneurship - Senior Year (0.5 credit)

Business Management - Senior Year (0.5 credit)

Mentoring (1 hour per month)

Students will participate in a mentorship program with business professionals from the area to build relationships and prepare students for the business world.

Internships (40 hours)

Students will complete a 40-hour internship coordinated and approved by the Business Department. The internship will occur in the time frame after a student's junior year and prior to spring break of his/her senior year.

Schools of Distinction provide an innovative opportunity for CVCA students. **Designed for juniors and seniors**, the two-year curriculum exposes students to professional fields and potential majors. This program is in addition to CVCA's already rigorous college prep curriculum.

The Mission of all Schools of Distinction:

"To expose our students to professional fields through..."

- Curricular enhancements (extra classes in a specific field)
- Mentoring relationships (monthly meetings with a Christian in a specific field)
- Experiential learning (internships, shadowing, competitions, guest lecturers, projects, etc.)

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JTERM/MTERM

Students will have opportunities to spend time in their desired field of business through partnerships with local companies. Opportunities for Business classes, trips, and leadership experiences will also be offered to SOBE students.

FEES

SOBE is \$300 per year. Once accepted into SOBE, a student's position in the program is only confirmed with complete payment within three weeks. Unconfirmed positions may be offered to other candidates on the list. Fees include mentoring, internship program, guest speakers, specialized instruction, materials, and one-on-one training.

DISTINCTIONS

Students who complete all SOBE requirements receive the following distinctions:

Business Cord at Graduation: Students receive a traditional drab cord for graduation.

Transcript Designation: Students receive a special distinction on their transcript.

MENTORSHIPS

Every SOBE student has the valuable experience of being mentored by a business person currently in the field. Many individuals offer their time and expertise. Mentorship criteria:

- Mentorships begin during a student's junior year and continue through graduation from the SOBE.
 - Once a month, students will spend an hour with the mentor discussing the mentor's work (with a biblical worldview).
 - Mentors and mentees will pick either books to complete or work through some additional curriculum that is designed to enhance the classroom learning.
 - It is desirable that time spent during the mentorship lead to a more meaningful internship.
 - The primary desire is that conversations be in person, but could be by phone if necessary.
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INTERNSHIPS

Every SOBE student will participate in an approximate 40-hour internship prior to graduation. Internships have the following criteria:

- The internship will occur between the summer after the student's junior year and spring break of the student's senior year. (An optimal time is during Jterm or Mterm.)
 - Student are required to spend 40 hours with a mentor (or equivalent) at his/her place of employment.
 - The student will have a daily log and reflection page to fill out each day of the internship.
 - The expectation is that students are engaged in a meaningful project while participating in the internship. Our desire is that students will do business work that would provide significant insight into a career as a business professional.
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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES and COMPETITIONS

The SOBE will provide unique hands on learning opportunities for its members. This includes creating and pitching marketing plans to local businesses with the potential to have their marketing materials adopted and displayed, creating their own businesses from idea to prototype and pitching to potential investors with the potential to have their own start-up businesses funded, and serving in an executive role to run one of our two businesses that have local, national, and international reach.

