DeVos MSOL Program FAQ

How long is the program?

The coursework can be completed in 24 months. There are approximately eight courses per year. Your Admissions Advisor(s) will assist you with the enrollment calendar and highlight the unique benefits of the program.

How many credits and courses do I need to take to graduate?

To earn your MSOL degree, you must complete 30 semester hours of credit and achieve a 3.0 or higher grade point average. This translates to 10 courses to complete the degree. You can review the course curriculum for more details.

Do I have to attend any on-campus classes?

The MSOL degree program is offered entirely online with no campus visits required.

Can you tell me about the “classroom?”

DeVos faculty use a variety of methods to share materials, have students interact, and to be able to monitor the student’s progress throughout the course. One of the benefits of completing your degree online is flexibility. A few courses may require specific log-on times for certain activities or assignments, but most courses have assignments and due dates; however, in most cases, when the student logs on to complete them is determined by the student. Some assignments and assessments may only be available for a limited time (such as a 48-hour period), so they must be completed at some point within the designated time.

Do I have to be a “techie” to take online classes?

It’s helpful to be familiar with computers. You should be technologically savvy – able to send and receive information, research, and communicate with others.

At minimum, you need access to a computer that can access the internet, preferably with a high-speed connection. You should have access to email, and word processing, presentation, and other applications needed to perform a variety of educational functions. If you get stuck, NU has a help desk that can answer questions and help resolve problems. The help desk link is available in each of your courses.
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What does an average week look like for a student enrolled in the online MSOL program at Northwood University?

The program is designed for the working professional who must balance the demands of work, home, and study. On average, most students spend 15-20 hours each week studying, participating in the online class activity, and collaborating on discussion boards, as well as working on team projects and preparing individual assignments.

Can I take more than one class at a time?

We have carefully structured the program to optimize your success as a business professional and online student. Students will take one course at a time so that they can place their complete focus on one subject area while building on the knowledge they have obtained from previous courses.

Do you offer the same high quality curricula and degrees on-campus?

All DeVos graduate programs offer the same content and rigorous academic standards regardless of the delivery modality. Our online programs are typically taught by the same professors who teach on campus – faculty members of the DeVos Graduate School, with terminal degrees and real-world expertise in subjects they teach. There is no distinction between on-campus and online students.

Will my diploma specify “online” degree?

No. You will receive an official, traditional diploma from Northwood University. Both your diploma and university transcripts will be exactly the same kind as those of students who earn their degrees on-campus.