

**University of Texas at Arlington Executive MBA Program Spearheads
Adaptation of an Ethics Oath for EMBA Students**

UTA becomes first EMBA graduate program in Texas to adapt ethics oath

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Dallas/Fort Worth –(July 29, 2009) – The [University of Texas at Arlington’s Executive MBA program](#) announced the development of an ethics oath. An ethics oath is a public declaration to uphold integrity, honesty, dignity and honor in one’s professional business career, much like the oaths doctors and lawyers are required to take before they become licensed. After learning of the recent student-led ethics oath initiative at the Harvard graduate business program, Jim Ellis, Executive Director of the UTA EMBA program, decided to take the idea further and developed a school-mandated ethics oath for Executive MBA students.

With the implementation of this oath, UTA will join the ranks of the Columbia School of Business, which adapted an “honor code” in 2007, as well as Harvard and the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona. UTA will be the first EMBA graduate business program in Texas to adapt an ethics oath.

“This is a great step for our EMBA program at the University of Texas at Arlington, and for business schools nationwide,” said Dan Himarios, Dean of the UT Arlington College of Business. “Because of the current issues on Wall Street, it’s essential that future business leaders understand the importance of ethics...we want to be sure that our students will uphold standards of integrity and honesty in their careers and be able to serve the business community with their skills, rather than exploit it.”

The Executive MBA program’s December 2009 graduates will be the first class to take the oath.

“The students are completely behind this,” said Jim Ellis. “We couldn’t do this without them; I’m proud to see so much support on the part of our EMBA students.”

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About the University of Texas at Arlington’s EMBA Program

[UT Arlington's DFW Executive MBA Program](#) is the only 15-month, classroom-based business school EMBA program in the state of Texas. In addition, it is the only Texas program with a large China EMBA connection and the only Texas program offering a graduate certificate in Asian Business Studies. The program is AACSB internationally accredited. Courses are offered on alternating weekends in downtown Fort Worth at UT Arlington’s Fort Worth Center.