

Northeastern University Launches Joint Global Leadership Degree Programs with Swinburne University of Technology

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(11-29-06) BOSTON, Mass. - Northeastern University's School of Professional and Continuing Studies is launching joint graduate degree programs with Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia.

The partnership will offer two joint master degree programs under the banner of Global Leadership with other programs to follow. The joint masters will consist of a Master of Science in Leadership/Master of Business (International Business) and a Master of Science in Leadership/Master of Accounting.

"This partnership underscores Northeastern University's international mission of providing students with global educational opportunities," said Dr. Christopher E. Hopey, Vice President and Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies, Northeastern University. "We are delighted to join forces with a leading international University, such as Swinburne, that shares our entrepreneurial spirit and concept for advanced education."

The two-year programs enable students to earn masters degrees from both Northeastern and Swinburne—two universities that are renowned for providing education that emphasizes experiential learning and practical course content, and for offering innovative programs that empower graduates to become leaders in their fields—giving them a competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

"I believe this is the first time that students will be able to study for Australian and American qualifications at the same place anywhere in the world," said Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Young. "We see this as the first step in a broader range of joint programs the universities can offer together, initially here in Australia, but long-term in the United States as well."

Students must apply to the master's program and become accepted prior to taking courses. The program will start in February 2007 and have another entry for admission in August.

About Swinburne University of Technology: Swinburne was founded to provide expanded and accessible educational opportunities to the residents in the 'outer east' of Melbourne. The university maintains a strong technology base and important links with industry, complemented by a number of innovative specialist research centers, which attract a great deal of international interest. Swinburne is one of a few Australian universities whose responsibilities span the range of programs from apprenticeships to PhDs. The university is heavily involved in international initiatives and plays a significant part in the internationalization of Australia's tertiary education system. For more information, please visit www.swinburne.edu.

About the School of Professional and Continuing Studies: Through the School of Professional and Continuing Studies (SPCS), Northeastern University offers undergraduate and graduate students innovative programs, world-class resources, a collaborative learning environment, and a dynamic educational experience. The school's associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and certificate programs enable students to integrate theoretical study and real-world experiences with the added benefit of flexible class schedules and convenient campus locations. For more information, please visit www.spcs.neu.edu.

About Northeastern: Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston. Northeastern is a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. The university's distinctive cooperative education program, where students alternate semesters of full-time study with semesters of paid work in fields relevant to their professional interests and major, is one of the largest and most innovative in the world. The university offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees through the doctorate in six undergraduate colleges, eight graduate schools, and two part-time divisions. For more information, please visit www.northeastern.edu.