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# Competitive Strategy

Creating and sustaining competitive advantage

Competitive advantage is not only difficult to achieve it's also a challenge to maintain, especially in times of uncertainty and change. Gain the insights you need to build your organization's competitive strategy and develop powerful long-term action plans.

In a highly collaborative learning environment, you'll learn how to leverage top Kellogg faculty members' latest thinking on how to remain competitive in challenging markets. You'll gain practical insights from in-depth examination of the experiences of other leading companies and why certain strategies fail and others succeed.

As you work with fellow like-minded participants, you'll explore how best to apply those insights to build a solid foundation for your own profitability and growth. You'll sharpen your analytic skills, learn how to capitalize on growth opportunities and avoid strategic mistakes. You'll leave with a clear articulation of your organization's competitive advantages and a powerful, long-term action plan for making the most of your competitive strengths.

"Simply an outstanding and stimulating course [that] provide[s] an insightful (economics-driven) manner of assessing and defining competitive strategies."

COO, BLOOMBERG BNA

#### In-person

Sept. 9–13, 2024 May 12–16, 2025 Sept. 8–12, 2025 \$10,450\*

# Key benefits

- Develop and sharpen your analytic strategy skills
- Learn to apply leading-edge frameworks to your business
- Gain valuable insight from the successes and failures of respected firms and the issues they face looking forward

# Who should attend

- Leaders of family enterprises and entrepreneurial firms
- Mid-level to senior executives responsible for strategic planning, general management and acquisitions
- Managers of marketing, operations and other functional areas who aspire to take on strategy-focused responsibilities
- Cross-functional teams engaging in their strategic planning process

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\* Your in-person program fee includes accommodations, meals and course materials. Dates and program fees are subject to change.

## Program content

#### **Fundamentals of competitive strategy**

- Learn analytical frameworks for strategy formulation
- Understand the economics of value creation and capture

#### **External environment analysis**

- Explore the market forces underlying industry profitability and firm performance
- Learn modern game theory approaches for competing effectively with a small number of rivals
- Understand industry evolution and optimal responses to growth opportunities and shakeouts
- Identify winner-takes-all markets a different battle

#### Internal profitability analysis

- Articulate and evaluate competitive advantage
- Assess the long-term sustainability of competitive advantage
- Develop resources and effective capabilities for strategic investments
- Capitalize on growth opportunities through strategic positioning and fit

## "The program illustrated succinct, incremental methods and frameworks that will significantly help my strategy role."

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# The faculty

For this program, Kellogg has assembled an outstanding faculty panel of groundbreaking researchers, awardwinning authors and editors, and advisors to government and major corporations, all committed to delivering a rewarding learning experience.

#### Jeroen Swinkels

Academic Director; Richard M. Paget Professor of Management Policy; Professor of Strategy

Daniel Barron Associate Professor of Strategy Meghan Busse Associate Professor of Strategy

**Thomas Hubbard** Elinor and H. Wendell Hobbs Professor of Management;

Professor of Strategy; Faculty Director of Insight Please note:

Faculty is subject to change.



#### Your learning experience

Whether you choose to join us in-person or in a live virtual format, you'll be immersed in a rich learning environment that fosters personal growth. You'll be guided through a transformative experience with our world-renowned faculty and active engagement with your peers.

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