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DWNTWN MBA

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Carolina Salcedo is a buyer for a Downtown department store, so when she decided to get her MBA, she obviously needed something flexible that would work around her busy schedule, which includes traveling. The stylish 30-year old (you have to be to work in fashion) picked Florida International University's Downtown MBA program.

For Carolina, it couldn't get any easier. You see, the classes are held in the same building where she works. All she had to do was go up one floor where classes are held. "It was very convenient," she says. No kidding!

Also convenient, she adds, were competitive pricing and timing. The customized program, part of FIU's Chapman Graduate School of Business, offers accelerated, full-time or part-time sessions which can be completed in 18 months. Classes are offered twice a week, after work. Carolina opted for the full-time 15-month program, and just graduated in December with her MBA, with a concentration in marketing. She says as part of the lock-step program, you start in either August or February, and take classes with the same group of people. "You go through the program together." She's made beaucoup friends. "I have a new solid network of friends, with students and professors." She's quite the networker.

And as if having classes literally a few steps away isn't enough, there are other perks, like

