

## **Tulane University Joins Leading Energy Firms to Offer Professional Training Courses**

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Three of the leading names in energy markets and education — Tulane University's A. B. Freeman School of Business, CME Group and Energy Management Institute (EMI) — will team up to offer a new series of training courses for energy and trading professionals this fall.

The two-day courses will be offered in Chicago, Houston and New Orleans and will cover industry fundamentals, the latest electronic trading software and simulations, and advanced trading strategies businesses can use to maximize value while managing risk.

Courses will be taught by professors from the Freeman School of Business, professionals with CME Group and energy experts from EMI. Freeman is one of the nation's premier business schools for the study of energy finance, risk management and trading. CME Group is owner and operator of the world's largest derivatives and futures exchange. EMI is the world's leading provider of educational programs, market data and advisory services for energy professionals.

“Over the last decade, we've put together an innovative curriculum designed to help our graduates start contributing immediately at energy, banking and trading firms,” said James W. McFarland, executive director of the Tulane Energy Institute at Freeman. “This new collaboration with CME Group and EMI will enable us to bring the one-of-a-kind electronic trading simulations we've developed at Tulane to energy professionals across the country.”

Using the latest commercial trading software from Thomson Reuters and Trading Technologies International, which features the industry's most sophisticated trading simulation platforms, students will be able to trade from more than 22 live exchange feeds, including CME Group exchanges and NYSE.

Initial course offerings include “Natural Gas Trading Strategies and Simulations,” “Oil Trading Strategies and Simulations” and “The North American Wholesale Electric Marketplace: Strategies and Simulations.” For more information about courses or to register online, visit <http://www.energyinstitution.org/Simulated-Trading>.