

# Prospective Student Information

## MBA

### Overview of the Masters of Business Administration (MBA)

The MBA program is designed to develop successful and ethical business leaders with a cross-functional understanding of the total business environment and the vision to see opportunities in the global marketplace.

Students will be immersed in a culture of innovation that will prepare them to embrace and formulate new ideas. They will apply classroom theories to workplace challenges, learn to collaborate and work effectively in teams across and within functional areas, enhance communication skills, sharpen critical and analytical thinking, deepen ethical-decision making in a business context, and pro-actively anticipate rapidly changing business challenges in a global economy. Students will have the opportunity to build a supportive network of fellow students from different professions, backgrounds and nationalities.

### Curriculum

The curriculum for the MBA program can be found at the [MBA Curriculum website](#).

- **FOUNDATION:** Five (5) classes provide a solid foundation in the mandatory concepts and skillsets required for the program. Students who have successfully completed equivalent undergraduate work at an AACSB-accredited institution within the last 7 years (with a grade of “B” or better) can request to be waived from MBA 5100, MBA 5200, and MBA 5400. Students who wish to be waived from MBA 5300 and/or MBA 5800 must have previous credit in the field and pass a placement exam. All placement exams must be completed before or within the first semester of coursework.
- **MBA CORE:** A collection of seven (7) classes focusing on each of the major areas of business.
- **MBA CONCENTRATION:** Each concentration is comprised of three (3) classes that highlight the skills and knowledge required for that specialty. Students can choose to complete more than one concentration if they wish.
- **CAPSTONE CLASS:** The capstone class (1) is designed as a project based class that incorporates the material of each of the previously studied courses and is intended to be completed in the last semester.

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## Profile of a successful MBA candidate

Successful candidates to the MBA program have the following academic qualifications:

- A 4-year Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a satisfactory GPA
- An acceptable GMAT score
- Proof of English proficiency:  
(LEAP: Pass Level 4; TOEFL: 213 CBT or 79/120 IBT; IELTS: Band 6)
- An "Admission Index" score of 1100 or more:  
The Admissions Index is calculated in the following way: cumulative undergraduate GPA (on a scale out of 4) x 200 + GMAT score. If the candidate's undergraduate GPA is below 2.5 or the GMAT score is below 400 they will not be used in the Admissions Index calculation and the candidate cannot be regularly admitted to the MBA program.

## General information

- Wright State [International Gateway](#) is an international student's primary point of contact for undergraduate and graduate admissions. At their website you will find the online application and information on [application deadlines](#), visa requirements, [application checklists](#) and so on. **If you have questions about the application process, please contact International Gateway for more information.**
- All MBA applications and supporting documents (including documentation for visa requirements) should be submitted at the time of application. The application will not be processed until all the documentation has been received.
- The College of Business does not process admissions for the MBA program. **Please do not send any application materials to the College of Business.**
- [Tuition](#) information for the program can be found on the MBA Program website or the [Bursars](#) website.

Tuition is charged by the number of credit hours the student registers for each semester. There is a per credit hour rate for 1 to 10.5 credit hours, or a flat rate for 11 to 18 credit hours per semester. Most MBA classes are 3 credit hours each, and minimum full time enrollment is 6 semester hours per semester (fall and spring). International students are not required to take classes during the summer but can opt to do so if they wish.

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The current flat rate for international students is \$10,862 per semester (2014 – 2015 academic year). The current per hour rate for international students is \$1,005 USD per credit hour (2014 – 2015 academic year). **Be aware that the tuition fees for one semester will change considerably depending on the number of credit hours the student takes each semester.**

Please note that the tuition quoted on the Wright State International Gateway website as well as the tuition quoted on the I-20 issued is the *annual* tuition for minimum full time study in the USA. That is, six (6) credit hours (2 classes) in fall, six (6) credit hours (2 classes) in spring, and zero (0) credit hours in summer. **At this *minimum full time* rate, it would take approximately four (4) years to complete the sixteen (16) classes of the MBA program.**

However, if a student wanted to complete the entire MBA program in eighteen months they would take four (4) classes per semester and would be paying tuition based on the flat rate each semester, not the minimum annual tuition quoted on the International Gateway website or the I-20.

While the *total tuition expenditure* for the program would be roughly comparable between the 4-year-minimum-full-time-degree (approximately \$47,000 USD) and the 1.5-year-maximum-full-time-degree (approximately \$44,000USD), the amount of tuition paid each semester is significantly different. This is an approximate calculation using approximate tuition prices as listed for the 2014 – 2015 academic year and does not factor in the annual increase in tuition rates. Please note that these figures do not include any additional required costs or fees (international student fee, legal fee, and health insurance fee), textbooks and supplies, or the cost of living. For more information on the cost of living in Dayton, Ohio, USA, please see the estimate at the [Wright State International Gateway](#) website. Again, please note that the tuition quoted on this website is for *minimum full time study* (two semesters per year at 6 credit hours per semester). If a student plans on completing the MBA program at a faster rate (ie: less than four years), the tuition costs per semester will be higher.

- In order to secure a visa, international students must prove that they have enough personal funding to pay for their program. The tuition quoted on the I-20 is the *annual cost of tuition for minimum full time study*: six (6) credit hours (2 classes) in fall, six (6) credit hours (2 classes) in spring, and zero (0) credit hours in summer. If students are going to take more classes each semester their *actual* tuition costs will be greater.

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- The College of Business supports the CPT and OPT work authorization plans sponsored by the federal government. This program allows qualified graduate students the opportunity to work off campus in their field of study during their program (CPT), or after their graduation (OPT). For more information on the CPT and OPT programs, please visit the [University Center for International Education](#) website.
- Qualified international students are eligible for the [Graduate Assistantships](#) (GA) and [Graduate Tuition Scholarships](#) (GTS) offered by the College of Business. These are usually awarded for a period of one academic year from fall through summer. The GA award covers tuition remission and a monthly stipend for fall and spring, and only the tuition remission for summer. In order to be eligible for these awards, the student must already be regularly admitted to the MBA program and meet all of the listed criteria. Applications for the GA and GTS are available at the College website and should be sent to the College of Business with all required documentation before the listed deadline (March 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming academic year).

## Applying to the MBA program

1. Submit an online application to the MBA program to [Wright State University International Gateway](#) before the [application deadline](#).
2. Pay the \$40 application fee.
3. Upload all required supporting documents as listed on the [Application Checklist](#) including:
  - Photocopy of passport information page
  - Complete official academic record (English) from each college/university attended
  - Official confirmation of a bachelor's degree
  - Documentation of financial resources
4. Have an acceptable GMAT score forwarded directly from the Graduate Management Admission Council. The GMAT must have been taken within the last 5 years. Note: it could take up to two (2) weeks for Wright State University to receive your official score.
  - GMAT WAIVER: The GMAT requirement is only waived for students who have already achieved a Master's Degree (or higher) from an accredited *American* institution. No consideration is given for previous work experience. If you are requesting a GMAT waiver, please note that on the "personal comments" section of your application (example: "requesting GMAT waiver due to MS degree in Chemistry awarded from OSU in 2006").

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If you have a graduate degree (masters or above) from an *international school* and you wish to petition to have the GMAT requirement waived, you will need to submit an [Admissions Petition](#) to the Graduate School *in addition to* your application through Wright State International Gateway.

- PROVISIONAL ADMISSION: In some circumstances, high academic achieving applicants (minimum 2.8 cumulative undergraduate GPA) can be admitted provisionally without the GMAT. They will be able to take MBA classes for one semester before having to submit their GMAT scores. **If the GMAT score submitted at the end of the first semester is not satisfactory, the student may face dismissal from the program, despite already having taken one semester of coursework.** If you are interested in provisional admission, please note that on the “personal comments” section of your application (example: “requesting provisional admission due to cumulative undergraduate GPA above 2.8”). Approvals for provisional admission are granted on a case by case basis.
- GRE SUBSTITUTION: If you have taken the GRE instead of the GMAT those scores can be used in the Admission Index calculation provided they are recent, and they meet the specified criteria on the MBA website. Please indicate this in the “Personal Comments” section of the application (example: “requesting GRE scores to be used in place of GMAT score”).

5. Have your official proof of English proficiency (TOEFL: 79/120 IBT or 213 CBT; IELTS: 6; PTE: 57) forwarded directly from TOEFL/IELTS/PTE.

- LEAP PROGRAM: If you have not passed a language proficiency exam you can apply for the intensive English training program called “LEAP” that we offer at Wright State University. General information about the LEAP Program can be found at the [LEAP website](#). Students who pass LEAP level 4 are waived from the language test.

Students admitted to the LEAP Program can also receive conditional acceptance to the MBA program pending the successful completion of LEAP level 4 and all the other stated requirements. **Please note: if you are going to apply for the LEAP Program, your application instructions may be different than those listed here.** You will have to submit an [online LEAP application](#) at the same time you submit your application to the MBA program. Please contact the LEAP program for additional information. Also, please note that you intend to complete the LEAP program on your application to the MBA program.

6. Wait while your application is processed. Once all the documents listed above are *received* it may take several weeks to process your application. You will be notified of the admission decision. If you have any questions about your application please check the status online, or follow up with the International Gateway office for more information.

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## I have been admitted... Now what??

1. If you are admitted to the MBA program, you will receive an admissions letter from the Graduate School and further instructions from International Gateway. Read and follow all the instructions carefully.

This package will include your “I-20 Certificate of Eligibility” (or DS-2019) and I-901 SEVIS number. It will also give you more information about the mandatory “Check In” and “Orientation Session” at Wright State University. There should also be information on optional airport pick up service and housing at the University included in this package.

- While you are still in your home country, you will also want to have your local doctor fill out and certify your [Medical History Form](#) (in English) because if you cannot prove that you have received the required immunizations, you will have to have them at Wright State University and there will be a fee for each immunization.
- You will also receive a letter from the [Raj Soin College of Business](#). Read this letter carefully as well. As soon as you arrive in Dayton, make an appointment with an Academic Advisor to go over your program and sign the required paperwork in order to register for your first semester.

2. Arrange a visa appointment at the American Embassy in your home country and bring all your required [documentation](#) for the interview including (but not limited to) your passport, letter of admission from Wright State University, proof of SEVIS fee payment, and proof of financial support. Note: an I-20 invitation from Wright State University does not guarantee a student visa.

3. If you are granted a student visa, please make arrangements to arrive in Dayton Ohio in advance of the mandatory “Check-in” and “Orientation Session” for international students as outlined in your admission package.

### **MBA Advising Office**

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