

Proposed Changes to Master of International Business (MIB) Admissions Standards

Rationale for change: In line with proposed curricular changes to the program, the targeted market of applicants will be required to have some work experience or a standardized test score as well as an undergraduate degree. The program is aiming to increase student quality and remain competitive among other similar programs.

Exceptions: The program will continue to use the holistic, portfolio approach (approved in AY 2015 – 2016, Bulletin #5) when evaluating an applicant. Standardized test scores may be required of applicants to strengthen their portfolio. The requirement of an interview along with work experience and area of undergraduate study will provide valuable information to the likely hood of an applicant's success in the program.

Catalog Description

Current	Proposed
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<p>To be eligible for admission to the MIB degree program in the Chapman Graduate School of Business, students must:</p>	<p>To be eligible for admission to the MIB degree program in the Chapman Graduate School of Business, students must:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or related area (e.g. Marketing, Finance, and International Business) or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university or the equivalent for institutions outside the U.S. Selection for admission will also take Graduate coursework (partial or degree completion) into consideration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a Bachelor's degree <u>in Business Administration or related area (e.g. Marketing, Finance, and International Business) or equivalent degree</u> from an accredited college or university or the equivalent for institutions outside the U.S. Selection for admission will also take Graduate coursework (partial or degree completion) into consideration. <u>Applicants from a diverse array of academic disciplines, such as business, economics, humanities, science and technology, law, and international</u>

- Applicants with an upper division grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a GMAT 550 or GRE equivalent are desirable.
- Have demonstrated four years of professional full time work experience (without GMAT or GRE score) OR two years of professional full time work experience WITH GMAT or GRE scores.

In addition, students are required to submit:

1. A CV describing current and past positions responsibilities, highlights of leadership and management experience and if any, applicants' demonstrated accomplishments in the application of quantitative and analytical skills.
2. Statement of purpose (short essay) to attend the program and how it fits within your personal and career goals. The essay will be evaluated for applicants' effective and succinct writing skills.
3. Two letters of recommendation from employers and/or faculty members who can attest to applicants' motivation to succeed in MIB program at FIU.

Candidates' with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. An Interview may be required by invitation only prior to the final selection.

- International graduate student applicants whose studies were completed outside of the U.S. must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by presenting a minimum score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on paper-based version or 213 on the computer based version of the test of English as a Foreign Language) or 6.5 overall on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional documentation to augment and strengthen their application portfolio. Examples of documentation include: Master's degree in any discipline except an MBA, a degree in Law, professional certifications (i.e. CPA, CFA, SHRM, etc.), GMAT or GRE scores, specialized

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- Applicants with an upper division grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 ~~and a GMAT 550 or GRE equivalent.~~
- Have demonstrated ~~four years of professional full time work experience (without GMAT or GRE score) OR~~ at least three years of professional full-time work experience.
- Applicants may be required to submit a competitive GMAT or GRE score to strengthen their portfolio.

In addition, students are required to submit:

1. A CV/resume describing current and past positions responsibilities, and highlights of leadership and management experience ~~and if any, applicants' demonstrated accomplishments in the application of quantitative and analytical skills.~~
2. Statement of purpose (short essay) that describes why you want to obtain an advanced international business education, and how the MIB program fits within your personal and career goals. ~~to attend the program and how it fits within your personal and career goals.~~ The essay will be evaluated for applicants' effective and succinct writing skills.
3. Two letters of recommendation from employers and/or faculty members who can attest to applicants' skill and motivation to succeed in the MIB program at FIU.
4. Applicants will be required prior to the final selection to either 1.) participate and pass an Interview with the MIB leadership team or 2.) submit a five-minute video where the applicant is physically visible throughout the video. Additional instructions for uploading and content will be provided at the time of selection.

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Admissions at the graduate level are competitive and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.