New Admission Changes

Admission requirements to the MBA program will change in June 2017. After May 31, 2017, the index score is removed and replaced with graduation from an AACSB accredited college or university with a 3.0 GPA combined with a GMAT score of 500 and 30th percentile in both the verbal and quantitative areas. An additional unconditional admission standard is added to allow students graduating from an AACSB accredited college or university with at least a minimum 3.0 GPA and the completion of another post baccalaureate degree or professional licensure to also waive the GMAT requirement.

Proposed Changes
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The MBA Graduate Studies Committee has two alternative sets of conditions that allow applicants to be unconditionally admitted without review by the MBA Admissions Committee. The MBA Graduate Advisor reviews all applications and determines if they qualify for admission under one of these two sets of criteria. Applicants who do not satisfy any of the following sets of conditions for unconditional admission are referred to the MBA Admissions Committee for consideration.

Admission to the MBA program is based upon a score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and the record of one’s undergraduate academic performance (typically the last 60 hours of the GPA is used). A GMAT or GRE score need not be the sole criterion for determining admission to the MBA program. Multiple criteria may be used to make admission decisions. Because the GRE is scored differently, the percentile on the GRE will be matched to that of the GMAT, to convert the GRE score to a GMAT score please visit https://www.ets.org/gre/institutions/about/mba/comparison_tool.

A graduate grade point average is used when it is 3.0 or above and is based on at least 24 semester hours.

An applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate a sufficient level of skill with the English language to assure success in graduate studies as defined in the TOEFL and IELTS Test Score Minimums section under Admissions Requirements and Procedures in the Graduate Catalog.

To apply please visit https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX.
Unconditional Admission without Committee Review

Applicants qualify for unconditional admission without the need for review by the MBA Admission Committee if they meet any one of the following two sets of unconditional admission criteria:

#1: GMAT Condition

Individuals who meet each of the following two conditions are given unconditional admission:

- Applicant holds an earned bachelor's degree from an AACSB accredited college or university, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work and
- GMAT total score is at least 500 with verbal and quantitative score at the 30th percentile or higher, on both. The GRE will be accepted in lieu of the GMAT with a 30th percentile or higher on both the verbal and quantitative sections.

Set #2: GMAT Waiver Condition

Individuals who meet one of the two following conditions are given unconditional admission and have the GMAT requirement waived.

- Graduated from an AACSB accredited college or university with an earned bachelor's degree, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major and overall, and holds a current recognized professional credential or license relating to their profession (e.g., certified public accountant, certified management accountant, certified financial analyst, Professional in Human Resources, SHRM Certified Professional, etc..)
- Graduated from an AACSB accredited college or university with an earned bachelor's degree, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the major and overall, and completed another post baccalaureate degree (e.g., master's degree, JD degree/LLM degree [at an ABA accredited law school], MD degree, or Ph.D. degree [at a recognized university]).

Applicants may submit other documents (as listed in 1-6 below) as further proof of ability to succeed in graduate studies.

Probationary Admission

An applicant who does not meet unconditional admission standards or who shows deficiency in other areas may be granted probationary admission upon review by the MBA Admissions Committee. Students who are admitted on probation must earn a GPA of 3.0 their first two semesters of enrollment in MBA core coursework. GMAT scores and the applicant’s academic record (approximately last 60 hours) and items 1-6 below will be used to indicate potential for successful academic performance and identify positive indicators for a probationary admission.

1. A resume that highlights professional and personal accomplishments, linguistic abilities, computer expertise and leadership experience. Applicants with two to five years of experience are preferred.
2. Grades in specified undergraduate business and non-business courses (math, accounting, economics, statistics, for example). The focus is on the last 60 hours of coursework.
3. Educational objectives and quality of written expression of the 200 word application essay.
4. Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the applicant’s academic background and/or work experience who can assess the applicant’s potential success in graduate school.
5. General and specific program accreditation status of degree-granting institution.
6. Professional certification or licensure.

**Provisional Admission**

An applicant unable to supply all required documentation prior to the admission deadline but otherwise appears to meet admission requirements may be granted provisional admission. Complete and satisfactory credentials must be received by Graduate Admissions before the end of the semester in which the student has registered in a provisional status. Provisional admission does not guarantee subsequent admission on an unconditional basis.

**Deferred and Denied Admission**

A deferred decision may be made when an applicant’s file is not sufficiently complete to make an admission decision, or when an applicant needs to improve certain criteria to improve their competitive status for future admission consideration. For an applicant with an academic record and GMAT scores falling substantially below unconditional admission standards, and lacking sufficient evidence to indicate potential for academic success as an MBA student, admission will likely be denied. All applicant data will be carefully reviewed before an admission denial is made. The decision to defer/deny admission is not based on any single criterion.