Admission Requirements

Applicants may apply online and must meet all prerequisite requirements at the time of matriculation into the program. Prospective students must hold a minimum of a four-year bachelor's degree or an acceptable foreign equivalent from an accredited institution before classes begin in the fall. Applicants for admission will be evaluated on their academic record and potential for leadership as demonstrated in submitted application materials including:

- Official transcripts from all institutions attended to obtain undergraduate degree (with English translation if needed)
- The GMAT or GRE are not required but strongly recommended for applicants with a GPA under 3.3. While these tests are not required, the admissions team is looking for evidence of strong verbal and quantitative skills.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Two essays
- Resume
- Accounting Coursework Verification Form
- Official TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS (international applicants)
- $150 application fee
- A personal interview (by invitation only)

Next Steps

- Schedule a Personal Consultation
- Connect with an Ambassador
- Attend a Webinar
- Attend an On-Campus Event
- Apply

Coursework Requirement

Minimum coursework to apply: The following courses must be completed or in progress at the time of application submission:

- Financial Accounting
- Managerial Accounting

We recommend these courses are taken at your 4-year university, university extension, or community college program. You are responsible for demonstrating how you will meet the above requirements as part of the application process.

Fall Applicants: The following courses will need to be completed before the program begins in fall:

- Intermediate Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting II
- Individual Taxation or Federal Taxation
- Auditing

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MPA Class of 2020

APPLICANT POOL & CLASS SIZE
Applications Received 595
Class Size 139

ACADEMIC PROFILE
Average GPA 3.48
Average GMAT 633
Average GRE 333
Average TOEFL 97
Domestic 55%
Age Range 20 - 45

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
64.4% Business Administration
22.7% Economics
9.5% Humanities
1.5% Engineering
1.5% Other

UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED (139)
UC Irvine 20.1%
Other UC Schools 21.6%
Other CA Schools 15.1%
Other US Schools 28.8%
International Schools 14.4%

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