

Admission Requirements

The Professional Master of Business Administration (PMBA) program considers students' work experience, industry knowledge, management skills and undergraduate education as strengths in candidate's qualifying portfolio. Candidate's professional maturity and managerial experience are highly considered in the admission selection process because the PMBA program at FIU fosters students' ability to contribute real-world experiences to add value to the overall student learning in this competitive degree program.

To be eligible for admission to the PMBA program in the Chapman Graduate School of Business, applicants must:

1. Hold a bachelor degree or equivalent from either a U.S. regionally accredited college or university or the equivalent degree from institutions outside the U.S.; Students coming from programs where the primary degree is at the master level or higher will meet this requirement;
2. Show high promise of success in graduate studies as determined by the faculty based upon academic performance, work experience or a combination of academic and work experience;
3. Evidence a minimum score of 500 on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or similar Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score. A GMAT waiver at the discretion of the academic director is available for:
 - a) Applicants with two years of demonstrative work experience and success in completing other academic programs;
 - b) Applicants who have an undergraduate business or related degree (economics, hospitality management, etc.) with an upper division grade point average (GPA) of 3.25, or higher;
 - c) Applicants without a business or related degree having an upper division grade GPA of 3.35, or higher;
 - d) If the applicant has already completed a graduate degree from an accredited university with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0, or is entering a business master's program under a special agreement for admissions with specific foreign and domestic universities;
4. Should, in general, have a minimum upper division grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. An applicant with substantial work experience and industry/work related recommendations will be evaluated based on academic qualifications, work experience, and performance;
5. Provide a resume describing current and past responsibilities, leadership and management experience highlights and, if any, demonstrated accomplishments in the application of quantitative and analytical skills;

6. Provide a statement of purpose (short essay) describing how the program fits within your personal and career goals. The essay will be evaluated for applicants' effective and succinct writing skills;

7. When the applicant's studies were completed in non-English speaking countries, demonstrate proficiency of the English language by presenting a minimum score of 80 on the IBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the 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 (IETLS) or other university level English proficiency standards, as they are approved;

Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional documentation to strengthen their application portfolio. Examples of documentation include: master degree in any discipline other than an MBA, law degree, professional certifications (i.e. CPA, CFA, SHRM, etc.), GMAT or GRE scores, specialized leadership experience or training documentation that the applicant is part of a "fast track" or "high potential" management group at their organization, or any other similar evidence including letters of reference and recommendations.

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

For additional information about this value-added program, please contact the PMBA office at (305) 779-7897 or email pmba@fiu.edu.