

Texas Executive MBA Virtual Chat Transcript March 5, 2012 12-1 p.m.

Kurt Mitschke: Welcome to the Texas Executive MBA Admissions Office Hours Chat. Please review the notes on the left side of the screen. We will start accepting questions at 12 pm CST.

Kurt Mitschke: We're ready to get started. Please use the Q&A box to enter your questions.

Amit: Hi, I may have incorrectly entered my Texas residency status. I have already submitted my application. How can I correct it now?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Amit - If you are admitted to the program, you will be required to submit the official TX Residency questionnaire. Until then, it will default to non-resident no matter what you filled out in the online application. You don't need to worry about it right now.

Bethanee: Is the March deadline the last deadline to apply for this fall?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Hi Bethanee - The final deadline is actually May 25th. Still plenty of time to apply!

Charles Waco Bankston: Hi Kurt! Thanks for having this forum for Q&A. If we are one letter of recommendation shy of a completed application package, should we wait to submit the application or go ahead and submit it? Your recommendation?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Hi Charles - yes, please go ahead and submit the online application. Your recommender can then send in the letter at his/her leisure.

Charles Waco Bankston: To waive the GMAT requirement, other than terminal degrees, what are other contributing factors in the decision to waive this requirement? For instance, 15-20 years job experience, etc?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Charles, the criteria for the test score waiver is listed here:

http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/MBA/EMBA/Admissions/Apply/TestWaiverInfo.aspx

I encourage you to get your application in ASAP so that the committee can review it for a possible waiver.

Royce D: Are EMBA students able to work on MBA+ projects, or something similar? **Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions:** Hi Royce, yes EMBA students are welcome to participate in MBA+ Projects! I am happy to report that there are many projects to choose from with a variety of industries and functional areas to choose from.

Royce D: Thanks, Shannon. What is the average time commitment for those projects? **Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions:** Royce - the average time commitment on the MBA+ Projects is about 6-8 weeks.

RT: Do many students commute or is the program just for Austin residents? **John Burrows, Texas EMBA Director:** About 40% of the students commute, which allows us to bring in a broader industry mix.

Bethanee: How many recommendations do you require? Is it better to use recommenders who are alumni of the program?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Bethanee - we require two letters of recommendation. We welcome letters from alumni and also encourage professional references as well - from those who know your work product best.

Charles Waco Bankston: Thank you. I have just submitted my application and will submit my request for waiver according to the link/instructions posted above. Approximately how long should I anticipate waiting for the admission team's decision on this waiver?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Hi Charles - most likely around two weeks. If you don't hear within that timeframe, feel free to contact me.

Amit: Besides recommendations how can we submit professional references? **John Burrows, Texas EMBA Director:** You can upload a document with other professional references if you like, or just include it on your resume.

Amit: I am not sure if I need to submit an additional essay as I am applying to two programs (Part time and Executive). The application instruction refers to providing an additional essay in case I am applying to two Austin programs.

John Burrows, Texas EMBA Director: You will need to submit the essay and indicate which program you prefer, by researching both thoroughly. If your first choice doesn't work out, we can always switch our attention over to your application to the other program.

Bethanee: How much time do students typically spend on the program outside of classes (studying, preparing for classes, etc)?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Bethanee - Students typically spend an average of 20-25 hours outside of class time studying, reading, doing group work, etc.

Amit: Ok thanks. Also is there a possibility to defer the admission for the next academic year, in case admitted due to personal situations.

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Amit - we can look into deferrals on a case-by-case basis. If you are admitted to the program this year and something comes up to cause you to ask for a deferral, we will send your application back to the admissions committee for another review for the possible deferral.

Chris Payne: Hello, I am curious if you could briefly comment on the different profiles of students attending the EMBA program as compared to the full time MBA program?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Hi Chris, the students in the EMBA program are more experienced. The average years of post-undergraduate experience is right at 14 while in our FT program, the average is usually around 5 years experience.

Kurt Mitschke: JUST WANTED TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT WE HAVE ABOUT 10 MINUTES LEFT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THIS CHAT WILL END AT 1 PM.

Anderson: I'm 52. Will that work against me? I think I would still greatly benefit from the program, but just want to hear your input

John Burrows, Texas EMBA Director: Our minimum years of experience is 5 years, and we have no maximum. At 52 you would be older than our average, but definitely not the oldest. As long as

you are willing to learn from those with less experience than you, and share what you know, greater experience is an advantage.

Chris Payne: Shannon, thank you. I am also interested to understand if there are typical industries the EMBA students represent and also which are the primary industries they may be targeting upon graduation.

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Chris - since 40% of the EMBA students come in from outside Austin, there is a very diverse industry representation in the class. Typical Austin industries are represented in the program as well - high tech, etc. To see the current class profile, please visit: http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/MBA/EMBA/Admissions/Class-Profile.aspx

Post- MBA target industries are varied as well.

Chris Payne: I would likely be a commuter to the program, is there an on campus residence or hotel available for EMBA students?

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Chris, a lot of the people commuting to Austin for the program choose to stay at the AT&T Conference Center here on campus (where classes are held). Students would have to arrange and pay for their own hotel room and the current cost is around \$100 per night at AT&T (not sure if this price will go up or not in future years).

Shannon Chapman, Senior Associate Director of Admissions: Thanks so much for participating, everyone! Feel free to email me if you have any additional questions!

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Kurt Mitschke: WE ARE GOING TO WRAP UP THIS SESSION NOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT DID NOT GET ANSWERED TODAY, PLEASE EMAIL US. OUR NEXT ONLINE EVENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAM WILL BE THE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS WEBINAR ON APRIL 3. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR ONLINE CHAT!