



## Texas Full-Time MBA Chat for International Applicants Transcript January 5, 2012 9-10 a.m.

**Kurt Mitschke:** Welcome to the Full-Time MBA Admissions chat for international applicants. Please review the notes on the left side of the screen. We will start accepting questions at 9 am CST.

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

**Aditi:** What time do applications need to be submitted by on the Jan 23 deadline?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Applications must be submitted by midnight central standard time.

**Martin K.:** Hello, is it fair to assume that "upper division Grade Point Average" refers to 3rd and 4th year courses?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** In most cases upper division refers to your 3rd and 4th year courses, but it does include any upper level courses you may have taken prior to your 3rd year. We ask that you include an estimated calculation of your upper division GPA in the application. The University's Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) will also calculate your official GPA.

**Manab:** How many international candidates can be accepted in the Round 3, considering everybody offered in the Round 2 accepts the admit?

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** Hi Manab - Historically, the Texas MBA class profile is made up of approximately 25% international citizens. The Admissions Committee manages the admissions process to end up with around 260 students in the incoming class from all application rounds.

**Martin K.:** I will be married in Feb, should I select "single" or "married" in my application?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Martin - go ahead and select "married" since you will be married by the time you start the MBA program.

**Aditi:** How are interviews handled for international applicants? Are there phone conversations or do people have to travel to the US/Texas?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Interviews are by invitation only. If you are invited to interview, you will have the option to conduct an on campus interview in Austin, an off campus interview with one of our alumni members in your city, or with one of our admissions representatives via Skype video. All interviews types will follow the same format are treated equally.

**Martin K.:** What % of alumni work in the Austin/Houston/Dallas area post graduation?

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** Alumni population by region can be found here: <http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/Alumni/Get-Involved/Regional-Populations.aspx>

**Ivy:** Hello, is there a way that I can connect to a current Chinese student to learn more about the school? Thanks!

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Ivy - I recommend contacting our China Business Student Association - email addresses for all of our student organizations can

be found here - <http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/MBA/Full-Time/Student-Life/Student-Organizations.aspx>

**Manab:** Thanks for your reply. I would specifically like to know what percentage of those 25% of international candidates is typically selected in Round 3? I am just trying to assess my odds of getting a call. I understand that Round 3 is highly competitive.

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** Hi Manab - the information you are asking for is not available.

**Martin K.:** My future wife will be joining me on my MBA journey as a partner next fall, what % of students have partners with them?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Martin - we do not keep statistics on the number of students who have spouses or significant; however, there are always a good number of students in the program whose spouses or significant others have joined them in Austin. We have an active Students & Significant Others student organization that can be contacted via [StudentsandSignificantOthers@mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:StudentsandSignificantOthers@mcombs.utexas.edu).

**Aditi:** Are there opportunities to practice English language skills prior to the start of classes? Or does the admissions committee have any recommendations on if taking an English class for preparation?

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** McCombs offers an ESL course specifically for incoming MBAs that takes place before the Quant Bootcamp and Orientation.

**Martin K.:** Unfortunately, I was not able to visit campus and I do not believe that McCombs recruited in my area. How much is visiting campus a consideration when assessing a candidates "desire" to attend the school?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Martin - we completely understand if some applicants are not able to make a campus visit. We do not hold this against you in making the admissions decision. The campus visit is more for you to get a better idea of the campus and the culture, and to determine if Texas is a good fit for you.

**Martin K.:** Of the students that decided to participate in an internship, what % were placed this past summer?

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** Hi Martin - the Texas MBA has a work experience requirement. 99% of students participate in the summer internship in order to meet this requirement. We do not have stats on how many of those students received job offers from their internships. As of September 30 (three months post graduation 2011) 92% of graduates seeking jobs reported having an offer.

**Gouri:** Hi, I live in the US and I am currently holding a H4 visa. I will be applying for financial aid if I get admitted to McCombs. My husband will also be supporting me with my expenses once I join the college. So for the question " Expected source of financial support if you are, or will be, in F-1 or J-1 status," in the application form, should I enter "Other" from the dropdown as my choice ?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Gouri - you should pick Personal/Family as the source of funding for that question.

**Martin K.:** The McCombs website has the 2009-2010 recruiter sample, is there an updated list for 2010-2011?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** The list posted on the website is just a sample of employers, and did not change significantly from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011. This year (2011-2012) we have had a number of new companies start recruiting at Texas.

**Martin K.:** Can you confirm that McCombs does not have a grade non-disclosure policy. That is, marks are disclosed to recruiters.

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** McCombs does not disclose grades to recruiters. However for certain jobs (investment banking, consulting) recruiters will want to know GMAT scores and grades. Students interested in these careers will self-report this information on the resume.

**butterfly:** Hi, how open are you to older applicants with 10+ years work experience?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** We have no limits on work experience and are looking more at the quality and progression of your experience, rather than the quantity. We are also looking for you to explain in your application why you are interested in getting an MBA at this point in your career, and why it is the right next step for your future goals.

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

**Martin K.:** How can we confirm that a letter of recommendation has been completed?

**Jolene Ashcraft - Associate Director of MBA Admissions:** Martin - you can monitor the status of your recommendations online. When you log in to your Texas MBA application, click on the Application tab at the top, then click on the "Application Submitted" link. On the next screen (in Section 4) you will be able to see whether your recommendations have been submitted or not (and what date they were submitted on). If you have not yet submitted your application, you will click on the Application tab, then click on the "Continue Application" link to check on your recommendations.

**butterfly:** Thanks for your reply Jolene. I want to get into my family business (India) after the MBA - what is the admissions committee's view on family businesses?

**Sharon Barrett, Associate Director MBA Admissions:** Applicants come from many different backgrounds and have a variety of future goals. Working history in a family business and a future goal to work in a family business is not unusual.

**Kurt Mitschke:** WE'RE GOING TO WRAP UP THIS SESSION NOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT DID NOT GET ANSWERED TODAY, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [TEXASMBA@MCCOMBS.UTEXAS.EDU](mailto:TEXASMBA@MCCOMBS.UTEXAS.EDU). THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR ONLINE CHAT!