

Q: How does UCLA Anderson stand out from other top MBA programs?

A: We believe UCLA Anderson stands out for four main reasons:

- **Unparalleled Career Preparation:** We have one of the [world's best career centers](#) that places [100% of students](#) seeking an internship. [Over 50% of our graduates pursue Technology or Consulting careers](#) and the remainder enter a wide variety of different career paths.
- **Collaborative Culture:** The UCLA Anderson culture is [very collaborative](#) and students support each other in and outside of the classroom, through learning teams for classes, our Anderson Career Teams for industry-specific career prep, and within our 50+ clubs.
- **Location in Los Angeles:** LA is home to hundreds of thousands of companies across a variety of industries from [tech](#) to [consulting](#) to [finance](#) – from [large Fortune 500 corporations](#) to [smaller tech startups](#) in Silicon Beach just 15 minutes away from UCLA. Our location allows students to pursue part-time internships year-around so they can graduate with more than just one internship.
- **Academic Preparation:** Our curriculum with [115+ electives](#) and [15 specializations](#) is designed to be [flexible](#) so you can tailor and customize your classes to fit your own career interests.
→ **Our MBA program is now STEM-certified!**

Q: What types of careers do UCLA Anderson MBAs pursue and what are some of the top hiring companies, especially for international / Israeli students?

A: Our MBAs pursue a diverse array of careers, with [30% going into Technology](#) and [20% in Consulting](#).

Top hiring companies at UCLA Anderson include [Amazon](#), [Google](#), [BCG](#), [Bain & Co.](#), and [EY](#) (all of these have recently hired our international students):



Recent Israeli graduates have worked at some of these above firms, as well as at [Intel](#), [Cisco](#), [Autodesk](#), [Paramount Pictures](#), [Amgen](#), [Sony Pictures](#), [Danaher](#), [tech startups](#), and more!

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Q: What are the benefits of your school's location in Los Angeles?

A: Our location in the heart of Los Angeles, one of the most vibrant cities in the world, is a key strength of UCLA Anderson. Southern California's diverse economy [features almost every major industry in organizations of all sizes](#), providing students countless opportunities to engage with companies. LA is also the home to [one of the biggest tech hubs, Silicon Beach](#), which has both startups and leading companies like [Google](#) and [Facebook](#).

Due to our location, [industry experts are able to easily come into the classroom as lecturers](#) to share real-world knowledge and advice, and participate in networking and mentorship opportunities.

There are many neighborhoods to explore, and our mild climate with easy access to outdoor activities from the mountains to the beach offers a great backdrop to complete your MBA studies.

Los Angeles also has a [very strong Jewish community](#) and the [second largest Israeli citizen population among US cities](#), which offers great professional and social networking opportunities.

[>> Click here to view a Day in the Life of an Anderson MBA <<](#)

Q: What is the UCLA Anderson campus like?

A: Anderson is in the heart of the UCLA campus, with [easy access to all that our prestigious university has to offer](#), including options to take other program's elective courses, our world-class recreational center, large student union with many restaurants, museums, and beautiful open grassy areas and hills.

The Anderson complex is made of 6 main buildings, most of which are connected and center around a [common courtyard](#) where our students meet, eat lunch, and participate in networking events.

Our [newest building, Marion E. Anderson Hall, opened just months ago!](#) This high-tech building is the hub of student life and includes vast common areas, meeting and event rooms, study spaces, and active-learning classrooms. It is also the home to a [new career center with modern recruiting facilities](#), including spaces for large corporate events and private interview rooms.



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Q: What are you looking for in an ideal candidate?

A: Our admissions process is very holistic, as we seek to compile a comprehensive picture of you, your goals and your potential across career, academics, contribution, and fit:

- **Career Potential:** How prepared are you to achieve your goals and have you made your case that they are attainable? Through your application, resume, and recommendations, we will look at your career progression, performance and transferable skills, as well as your career goals.
- **Academic Potential:** To help ensure that you will succeed in our rigorous curriculum, we will take into account your school, grades, courses, and major, along with your test scores (GMAT or GRE, and TOEFL or IELTS). We have no minimum test score/GPA requirements.
- **Contribution Potential:** We will look to your prior involvement and/or leadership during undergrad, in the workplace, and/or through your community, as well as how you would like to be an active member of our UCLA Anderson community and beyond.
- **Fit:** We look for students whose values align with the culture of the program and will thrive in our community. At UCLA Anderson, our students all share the core qualities as future leaders with the desire to [share success, think fearlessly and drive change](#).

Q: What types of services and support does your career center offer?

A: UCLA Anderson's Parker Career Management Center (Parker) can help you achieve your professional goals. Parker is [top-ranked](#) amongst other top business schools according to both *The Economist* and *Bloomberg Businessweek* on student satisfaction. Parker offers an amazing array of resources, including:

- **One-on-One Career Advising:** Trained career coaches with industry expertise guide students through one-on-one meetings, with an average of 40 hours of individual career advising
- **Career Series Course:** Built into the curriculum, this series covers resume writing, networking, interviewing, and negotiating to help prepare students for corporate recruiting.
- **Days-On-the-Job:** Students have the opportunity to visit 120 companies in 20+ cities to learn first-hand about opportunities, and network with executives and hiring managers.
- **On-Campus Recruiting and Job Portal:** 150+ companies come to campus to recruit Anderson MBAs. Our internal website hosts 1,000+ exclusive job postings and customized career guides

[>> Watch how a UCLA Anderson student landed an Amazon Tech Management job <<](#)

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Q: Will there be any changes to the admission application?

We capture a comprehensive look at each individual applicant throughout our whole application -- including career, activities, academics, cultural fit, and professional and personal goals. We are excited to share that we will **only have one required essay question** in the new application:

How have events of the past year influenced the impact you would like to make in your community, career, or both? (250 words maximum)

We welcome reflection on any events that influenced you in your personal or professional lives, or in society in general, and look forward to learning about specific ways you want to leave your mark. We are interested in learning about you and your plan of action in a period of change.

Our application goes live on August 1st. Get prepared by [viewing our Application Requirements](#).

Q: Are there fellowships available and how do I apply for them?

A: UCLA Anderson awards **over \$16 million dollars** in fellowships every year, with awards ranging from \$20,000 to full tuition. Fellowships are based on the overall strength of your application, so you **do not need to submit anything additional** – you will be automatically considered. **International student loans are also available, either with or without a co-signer.**

The Financial Aid office is open to **one-on-one consultations** with prospective applicants – to set up a time to chat, please connect with the MBA Admissions office (mba.admissions@anderson.ucla.edu).

Q: What is one importance piece of advice you have for applicants?

A: Do your homework – on yourself and on our school. Ask yourself these three key questions:

- 1) Why do I want an MBA degree?
- 2) Why is now the right time?
- 3) Why is UCLA Anderson the right fit for me?

These questions should help you **tell your story throughout the whole application** of what you are currently doing, what are your professional/personal goals, and why do you feel an MBA from UCLA Anderson will help you achieve these goals. **We understand plans may change**, but we would like to know that you can focus and build a plan to accomplish your goals, whatever they may become.

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Q: What can I do more to learn about the UCLA Anderson MBA program?

A: We are excited to offer many virtual events and opportunities to learn more about our UCLA Anderson MBA program!

- **Connect with Our Students:** Our students from various professional and interest backgrounds are happy to answer your questions about our MBA program. Join them for a virtual chat or reach out whenever you have a question.
- **Attend a Virtual Event:** Throughout the summer, MBA Admissions is hosting a wide variety of events to help you learn more about specific career paths and our community. We will also host multiple events featuring our Israeli students and alumni.
- **Ask Admissions:** If you have any questions about the application or program, do not hesitate to reach out to us via our regularly scheduled Admissions Q&A: Live sessions or just by simply emailing us at mba.admissions@anderson.ucla.edu

[>> Click here to Connect with Students and Explore Virtual Admissions Events <<](#)

Q. Do you have any tips for Israeli applicants considering applying to UCLA Anderson?

A: Here are three tips for any Israeli prospective MBAs interested in our program:

- (1) **Include your military experience as a part of your career history and years of work experience:** we greatly value this experience and the unique perspective you would bring to the class.
- (2) **Attend our admissions events for Israeli prospective MBAs:** we are planning special events this whole summer especially for prospective applicants from Israel. View our [events page](#) and [fill out this short form](#) so we can keep you in the loop on upcoming events.
- (3) **Reach out to our Israeli MBA students:** they are excited to speak with you to tell you more about UCLA Anderson! To get started, connect with Mark Shikerman '21 at mark.shikerman.2021@anderson.ucla.edu.