

Q: What is special about your MBA program? In addition to its' excellent reputation, what differentiates it from other Top MBA programs?

A: INSEAD MBA is 10 months of intensity. There is no dominant culture with 90+ nationalities. You will learn from your peers who are very different from you in addition to the general management skillset from INSEAD world-class faculty. INSEAD is a research-based institution, and you can study on 4 continents.

Q: Are there any recent changes in the programs or in the admission process?

A: No. There is an online application form with essay questions, you will need to prepare the GMAT or GRE, select two professional recommenders and prove your English level. You have some video questions to complete after submitting your application and interviews are managed by alumni.

Q: Has the COVID-19 situation have an impact on getting accepted to the programs at your school? Is there any other impact candidates should be aware of?

A: There has not been an impact on the acceptance rate. The fit for the Programme, represented by the 4 admissions criteria will determine your acceptance. We accept both online and in person GMAT/GRE.

Q: Can you share some details about the atmosphere in the school? Amongst the students? Between students and faculty? How do students spend their free time?

A: Students are very busy from morning until night and students describe the atmosphere as being a very supportive safe space. Students typically collaborate rather than compete with each other and there is a non-disclosure policy for grades. Students fill their time with academics, career related coaching sessions, recruitment and club activities, conferences, library study, national weeks and social activities. Each student at INSEAD is different and will make choices according to what they are looking to get out of the programme.

Q: Can you share some details about the area the school is located in?

A: INSEAD's Europe campus is in Fontainebleau, 45 minutes south of Paris. The campus is surrounded by the beautiful Fontainebleau forest. The Asia campus is located 15 minutes from the centre of Singapore. You can also, if you wish, visit our innovation hub in San Francisco.

Q: Can you share some details regarding job opportunities and summer internships for students in your school?

A: Students are successful in getting jobs with top recruiters across sectors. We produce employment statistics each year which can be found on INSEAD's "In The Know" website. There is a two month break in the January intake in July and August when many students complete internships. We do however see similar numbers of offers from the August intake where there is no internship – students go straight through in 10 months and graduate in July.



Q: What is it that you are looking for in a candidate? Who will especially enjoy this school? who will be a good fit to the school?

A: There are 4 admissions criteria. Academic capacity, Leadership Potential, International Motivation and Ability to contribute.

Q: One most important piece of advice for an applicant based on your experience?

A: Be yourself. Tell us about your memorable experiences and your positive contributions to others. You will need time to draft and redraft the essays.

Q: What NOT to do in the admissions process?

A: Don't avoid talking about what you have learned from failures. You are not expected to be perfect. Please check your essays for spelling and grammar errors.

Q: Are later rounds worth considering?

A: Yes, you will have the same chances in all rounds.

Q: GMAT and importance as a % of the candidacy? What is the minimum GMAT you are looking for?

A: Academic capacity makes up 25% of the overall assessment. This is made up of your GMAT/GRE score and your academic transcripts. Although there is no official minimum GMAT. 80% current students score 670-750.

Q: Is there anything you'd like our candidates to know regarding the admissions process?

A: All applicants will go through a rigorous 10-week process and will be assessed in the same way.

Q: Any tips for Israeli applicants considering applying to your school?

A: Make sure your application is of the best quality that it can be. Take your time to prepare properly for the GMAT. It's much better to prepare well for a first attempt and to be happy with your score.

Q: Can you tell us more about funding – scholarship/fellowship options in your school?

A: Yes, there are diversity, need-based and merit-based scholarships. Please take a look at our financing page and scholarship portal for full details.

Q: Can you share some information about partners who are joining the student- Employment options for him/her? What are the visa requirements?

A: Roughly 30% students come with a partner or children. It's a good idea to talk about your MBA plan with your partner to understand how they will spend their time during your MBA year. They are welcome to come to campus with you but will need work authorization if they intend to work. They will have a partner badge and will be able to access the campuses. They will also have access to the library and gym. Partners can get involved in club activities and guest speaker events. There is also a partner programme with activities just for partners.