

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

A: The Oxford MBA is an intense, one-year programme designed to empower you to lead with purpose. Our programme is built around two cross-cutting themes that relate to the world-scale challenges shaping today's business environment: Entrepreneurship and Global Rules of the Game. These are explored in distinct integrative modules during the University's three terms. Following the wider University of Oxford's three-term structure, the Oxford MBA year is divided into modules allowing you to focus on your core courses and chosen electives.

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: Covid-19 has not had an impact on getting accepted into the program. Since Covid-19 we have seen a significant increase on the number of people wishing to join the MBA and we are back to running a fully in person program.

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: We have a multicultural, friendly, and collaborative school. Our class is very international with 94% of the candidates representing more than 70 nationalities. When you become an Oxford MBA student at Saïd Business School, you are paired with a University of Oxford College, providing you with both an academic and a social community. You will mix with students from various programs across the University; attend lecture series, cultural events, access sporting facilities, attend formal dinners and more.

There are over 400 registered clubs and societies representing areas such as entertainment, arts, language, politics, as well as sports that you can become involved in. The Oxford college system encourages you to mix with other students and Faculty from a whole range of different disciplines. As a member of one of Oxford's 38 colleges or 6 private halls you can immerse yourself in both the academic and social community.

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

A: Said Business School is in the heart of Oxford, England. Enjoy century-old pleasures such as punting, visiting Britain's oldest museum – the Ashmolean, walking through the misty Christ Church Meadow, or drinking at the pub where C.S. Lewis and J.R.R Tolkien worked and met.



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

A: Whether accelerating, transitioning or exploring your career options, the School attracts a broad number of MBA employers who engage regularly with us. These include: Google, Boston Consulting Group, Amazon, McKinsey, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, ACTIS, CDC, Admiral Group, Johnson & Johnson, Facebook, Bain, EY Parthenon, to name a few. A dedicated team of career coaches and industry advisors work with you directly – through one-to-one coaching, group workshops and co-curricular programmes. You can access practical sessions, through document appraisals, preparation advice and mock interviews. You will receive experienced support on how to approach exploring your career options and develop your strategy, no matter which career route you are considering.

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: We are looking for students who challenge the norm. We want MBA students who aspire to lead with purpose, with the passion and drive to meet the demands of the future. When you join Oxford Saïd, you make a commitment to dealing with some of the most important problems in the world. That's what we're about. Our goal is to have impact to transform people, businesses, and society.

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

A: Prepare, have a strong plan on what you want to get out of the MBA as it's just 12 months and they can go very quickly. Think firmly about your career plan post MBA and how you will achieve them. Do your research about the school, electives, co-curricular activities and be authentic.

Q: What NOT to do in the admissions process?

A: Don't leave your application to last minute, don't come unprepared to your interview. Read and understand the requirements and use the resources on the website.

Q: Are later rounds worth considering?

A: Yes, but it is highly competitive to get in, we always recommend people to prepare to apply as early as they can, as the number of places on the MBA are limited as well as the scholarships and funding opportunities.

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

A: We look for a minimum of 650 GMAT, the current median is 690. However, we look at your application in a holistic way and the GMAT will not be the only factor to be taken into consideration when assessing your application.

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

A: Submit with plenty of time before the deadlines. If you are looking for scholarships or funding, do your research and prepare early. We have many options available but there are deadlines we must follow so it is important to be familiar with them. <u>https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/oxford-experience/scholarships-and-funding</u>



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

A: The same advice we give everyone, be authentic, be prepared, be yourself.

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

A: The Saïd Business School has several scholarships to award to students accepted onto our MBA program. The University, its colleges and supporters have over 1,000 scholarships available to graduate students. Equally a wide range of scholarships are available to Oxford Saïd students via associated bodies and organizations. These are detailed on our Scholarships and Funding webpage. https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/oxford-experience/scholarships-and-funding

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

A: If you are planning to bring your family, you can access lots of support and advice to help you find a place to live, choose a nursery or schooling for children, and to explore funding options.

We provide a supportive, stimulating environment to help make your time here enriching and memorable for you and your family. We organise social activities throughout the year for partners and families, including a welcome reception at the beginning of the academic year. Many colleges have houses and flats for families and couples. Please contact the individual college directly to see what is available. The Graduate Accommodation Office also has a selection of accommodation for couples and families. There are several parenting organisations, and many people join the <u>Oxford University Newcomers' Club</u>, which offers useful advice and information about living in Oxford. The club organises a packed programme of events, including special visits to historical sites not normally open to the public. There is an informal coffee morning every Wednesday and numerous groups that meet weekly.

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