



## Wharton Q&A

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

**A:** The Wharton MBA is special because of the personalization provided to our students and because of the large and accessible network. Our curriculum emphasizes an intensive, flexible core in general business education, plus the depth of 19 majors and breadth of nearly 200 electives. From a curricular perspective, this wide variety allows the Wharton MBA to be tailored to individuals and makes the experience one that, whatever a student's aspirations are, will provide them with the tools they need to develop. It's this environment that also creates a dynamic community and ultimately allows students to foster relationships as they join the largest alumni network of any business school.

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

**A:** The new flexible Childbirth and New Parents Accommodation Policy has gone into effect for MBA students this year, allowing students to work closely with their academic advisors within the flexible curriculum to complete their degree without delaying their graduation timeline while meeting the demands of students delivering a child and new parents. Wharton has also just announced the Wharton AI & Analytics Initiative, a new interdisciplinary endeavor focused on the application of AI and analytics to fuel business innovation. All MBA students will receive ChatGPT Enterprise licenses starting this fall and a new AI major will be rolling out soon.

**Q:** Given the ongoing conflict in Israel and the pro-Palestinian demonstrations on campuses worldwide, how will these factors impact admissions for prospective Israeli students? Additionally, how can you reassure Israeli students who may be worried about studying in your university in the current unstable and challenging situation?

**A:** Our university's leadership is dedicated to fostering an environment of inclusivity, diversity, and academic excellence. While we acknowledge the complexities of the current situation, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide a supportive and enriching educational experience for all students, regardless of their background or nationality.

Rest assured that we prioritize the safety and well-being of all our students and have measures in place to ensure a secure campus environment. Additionally, our university offers various support services and resources to assist students in navigating any challenges they may encounter during their academic journey.

Ultimately, our focus is on providing you with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities needed to thrive in your academic and professional pursuits. We encourage you to reach out to our admissions team if you have any specific concerns or questions regarding your application or the current situation. We are here to support you every step of the way and are committed to your success as a member of our university community.



**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:** Wharton is the second largest MBA program, with about 864 students in each class. While this is a big place, we're really mindful about making each class feel like a small community. The largest class a student will take will be limited to no more than 72 students, and there are many opportunities for students to engage with each other and faculty, putting the skills learned in the classroom to work in clubs, conferences and research opportunities.

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

**A:** Wharton is located in the University City neighborhood of Philadelphia, a large neighborhood where four other universities are located. The city of Philadelphia itself is the 6th largest city in the United States, but at just 150 square miles, it's easily commutable by bike, public transportation or, in many areas, by foot. It is the kind of city where you feel like a local after your first week. It's walkable, affordable, big enough but not too big, and rich in culture and diversity. Wharton also takes advantage of a student life office and programming space in the city center, which is closer to where the majority of MBA students live during the program.

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

**A:** Wharton's MBA Career Management team is dedicated to connecting students with a wide range of employers from the Fortune 500 to start-ups. Wharton's MBA Career Management team helped 650+ companies make offers to Wharton students, and helps students leverage and build upon previous professional accomplishments and provide personalized support on the journey to achieve internship and full-time success.

**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 seek to enroll a diverse class each year, representing different professional and personal experiences and interests, varied global exposure and citizenships, and numerous identities and backgrounds. For all candidates who apply, we are looking to learn about their achievements and promise in the MBA classroom, Wharton community, and their future career. We encourage candidates to reflect and articulate in the appropriate parts of their application their abilities and potential in those three areas.

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

**A:** Your essay is an opportunity to be genuine and thoughtful and allows the Admissions Committee to get to know you on both a professional and personal level. We encourage you to be introspective, candid and succinct. Most importantly, we suggest you be yourself.

**Q:** What NOT to do in the admissions process?

**A:** We want our candidates to do what is best for them personally, professionally, and academically.



Our students come from a wide range of universities, backgrounds, and companies, and there is no one right path to an MBA. The Committee evaluates each application carefully, looking at many dimensions. These include such quantifiable indicators as GMAT/GRE, academic transcripts, and TOEFL scores (where applicable). These dimensions also include less precisely measured qualities such as initiative, leadership, fit with our program, ability to co-create an MBA experience, strength of professional recommendations, clarity and scope of essays, and strength of undergraduate academic coursework.

**Q:** Are later rounds worth considering?

**A:** Absolutely! We strongly advise candidates who know they are ready to apply to submit their application in the first and second round. Space in the class becomes more limited for round 3 applicants, resulting in more competition. For those applicants interested in our JD/MBA or join MBA/MA Lauder degree in International Studies, applications are only accepted in rounds 1 or 2 due to program start dates.

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

**A:** There is no minimum GMAT score. Our office's admissions philosophy is "read to admit" – GMAT or GRE scores are used alongside college academic achievement and rigor, among other factors, to assess a candidate's ability to be successful at Wharton.

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

**A:** Our read to admit philosophy as an office means that we focus on identifying and building upon the greatest strengths in each candidate's application. As a candidate, you cannot expect to be perfect across all areas; highlight and develop the skills and knowledge you have and share how your experiences and goals can align with the Wharton MBA.

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

**A:** Most application tips are the same regardless of where a candidate applies from. With that said, Israeli candidates' mandatory military service is rare within the global application pool – there are only a few countries with compulsory military service – and sharing skills, responsibilities, and knowledge developed from those experiences, in addition to those skills and knowledge developed in your professional experiences, are powerful indicators of future achievement at Wharton.

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

**A:** Every applicant is considered for merit-based fellowships and no additional application is required for any of our fellowships. There are some other funds beyond those given during the admissions process that can be attained during the first and second year of the MBA, including need-based student experience funds.

**Q:** Can you share some information about partners who are joining the student?



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**A:** Wharton features a vibrant Partners Club, a networking and social club, designed exclusively for all significant others of Wharton MBA students. The club organizes social, cultural, and informational activities for its members and aims to provide a smooth and welcoming transition to Wharton.