

Policy on Selective Admissions to the EIU MBA Program

Any applicant with a GMAT total score of at least 550 and a GPA of at least 3.2 will be granted admission to the MBA program provided their other application materials do not provide evidence that reflects negatively on the quality of their application. These admission decisions will not involve the School of Business Graduate Committee.

If an applicant does not meet the requirements for automatic admission to the MBA program, he/she may still be granted selective admission to the MBA program.

The minimum requirements to be considered for selective admission to the MBA program are:

- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 calculated over the entire undergraduate degree or from the last 60 hours of undergraduate work if necessary.
- Submit official GMAT scores, taken within the past five years (minimum GMAT score is 400-Verbal 18, Quantitative 20, Analytical Writing 2).
- Score at least 1,000 points based on the following formula: $(200 \times \text{GPA}) + \text{GMAT total score}$.

Selective admission decisions will normally be made by the Coordinator of Graduate Business Studies.

The Coordinator of Graduate Business Studies can request that selective admission decisions be made by the School of Business Graduate Committee when it is believed that the interest in applying to the MBA program is at a high enough level to make it difficult to keep the class size of core MBA classes at 29 students or fewer.

The School of Business Graduate Committee will use the following criteria to rank candidates:

1. The quantity and quality of the employment experience of the MBA applicant will be the most important factor used in determining rank orders.
2. The applicant's GMAT scores (total, verbal, quantitative and analytical writing), undergraduate GPA (as determined by the Graduate School), and the formula score $(200 \times \text{GPA} + \text{GMAT total score})$ are quantitative factors, while the applicant's goal statement and references are qualitative factors that will also be considered as secondary factors in determining rank orders.