

Frequently asked Questions - General

Is the University of Guelph an established and accredited university in Canada?

The University of Guelph is a fully accredited member of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC). Although universities are provincially regulated and funded, the AUCC accredits universities as legitimate. It determines who can and cannot be admitted to membership following site inspections and evaluations.

The MBA program offered at the University of Guelph is fully accredited through the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies.

What are the admission requirements?

The minimum admission requirements are:

- A four-year undergraduate degree or its equivalent (from a recognized university or college) with an average of at least a B- (70-72%) in the last two years of study AND at least three years of industry related experience including supervisory and managerial responsibility.

OR

- A general (three-year) degree and/or a diploma and/or an acceptable professional designation AND at least five years of industry related experience showing progressive increases in supervisory and managerial responsibility.

In some cases the admissions committee may ask for a Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT).

Can I apply without an undergraduate degree?

Applicants without an undergraduate degree are welcome to apply, but require significant industry experience and a demonstrated commitment to continuing education in order to be accepted.

Does work experience have to be industry related?

Participants in the program engage in class and group discussions about management problems within their industry. For these discussions to be effective and contribute to learning, each participant requires a significant level of knowledge of the issues and conditions within an industry.

What about the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)?

Generally the GMAT is not required, but the Admissions Committee reserves the right to request an interview of an applicant and/or a Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT).

Is TOEFL required?

TOEFL is required for any student whose first language is not English.

The minimum scores are:

Paper: 550

Computer: 213

Internet: 89 (no category less than 21)

Notwithstanding, the Admissions Committee reserves the right to request an interview of an applicant.

How long is a TOEFL score valid?

A TOEFL score is valid for two years. When submitting your score, please ensure that the valid date will cover the application and admission period. The score must be valid at the time the offer of admission is signed.

Can referees submit a letter of reference instead of completing an "Assessment of an Applicant" form?

Although the University of Guelph prefers the form to be completed and signed by the referee to ensure all information is provided, we will accept a signed letter of reference on appropriate letterhead. In most cases, applicants arrange for their referees to submit both the "Assessment of an Applicant" form and an attached letter.



Graduate Studies Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Are there any scholarships or grants? What about student loans?

Please visit the "How to finance your MBA" page of the web site for more information (<http://www.mba.uoguelph.ca/mba-how-to-finance.shtml>).

Frequently asked Questions - Online MBA

What is online learning?

Online education courses allow university students in degree programs the flexibility to study at home, at work, or while traveling the world, according to your own schedule - there are no classes to attend. Online education courses are taken online via the World Wide Web. This innovative format creates a highly interactive, engaging and supportive learning environment.

How long will it take to complete my program?

The program is normally completed within 24 months although those who qualify for credit for prior academic work may require less time to complete. Students deferring or experiencing a break in their studies have a maximum of six years to complete the MBA program.

When does the program start?

The online MBA program commences in May/June with the first on campus component.

When and where are the on campus components held for the online format?

On campus components are held at the University of Guelph, located in Guelph, Ontario each June for one week.

How are online courses delivered?

All courses are designed, developed and delivered using the "Desire to Learn" platform. Course materials, readings, assignments, discussions and teamwork are online. Courses may also be supplemented with textbooks.

Courses are delivered sequentially and generally are eight weeks in duration. There are small breaks between each course and two scheduled breaks at Christmas and during the summer.

How much time will I have to study on a weekly basis?

Students are expected to devote 20 to 25 hours of study per week to participate in the program.

Do I need to be online at the same time as everyone else in my course?

You can choose the time of day or night to log onto your course's web site. Your course timeline, materials, and instructions are waiting online for you to read whenever you need to. Our asynchronous computer conference system means that you can read messages from course mates and post messages for everyone else to read without having to be online at the same time as anyone else. All the messages are there waiting for you when you click on a conference. You will want to log on at least once each day to keep up.

What is the application deadline?

Applications are processed on a continuous basis and program enrollment is limited. As a result, candidates are advised to apply early. In exceptional and limited cases, late applications may be considered.

Is there an application fee?

The application fee for the online program is \$150.00 CAN made payable to the University of Guelph.

How and when am I notified of the status of my application?

Completed applications are processed on a rolling basis. You will be notified in writing once a decision is made.

What do program fees include?

Program fees include: tuition, course material, and on campus stays (excluding transportation costs).

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Why is the online MBA so expensive?

The College of Management and Economics does not receive any government funding to develop and deliver its online graduate management program. The sole source of revenue is tuition fees.

These fees must cover all staffing and operational costs including such things as faculty, course development and production, marketing, program administration, technical infrastructure and support, and software costs.