

**Transcript of the November 3, 2009 UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School
Admissions Questions Chat**

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Welcome to UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School Admissions Questions Chat! My name is Julie Wiley, and I am one of the Assistant Directors of MBA Admissions. I am joined today by Lisa Beisser, Senior Associate Director of Admissions; Shandra Jones, Associate Director of Admissions; Peggy Tate, Assistant Director of Admissions; and Sharon Moore, Records Room Manager. Please ask any questions that you may have!

harshgupta: Hello is anybody from admissions committee here

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: We are all here and welcome your questions!

LisaBeisser: Yes, several of us are here from MBA Admissions

nitin kachhwaha: hello everyone!!

Matthew Spencer: Hello, I wanted to know how heavily undergraduate GPAs are weighed in the admissions process.

LisaBeisser: Matthew Spencer: GPA is one of several components we look at. Combined with the GMAT score it gives us a sense of an applicant's ability to handle the coursework. But of course, we also need to see great work experience, interview, etc.

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: hello-i have a few questions -does an above average GPA compensate for a below average GMAT score

AdmissionsShandra: BRANDON EUGENE BELK: Every component of the MBA application is evaluated separately and as a whole, relative to the contents of the entire application. We utilize the GMAT, GPA and course history to determine your preparedness for the academic rigor of the program. So although there is no direct scoring or relationship between GMAT and GPA in application evaluation, we will look for other evidence in your application of academic preparedness if you are lacking in some other area.

Ian Lieberman: General Question - It is looking like I am going to be a bit rushed in making the December deadline. I have not ruled it out, but might need to push back to the January deadline. Would you recommend I take all steps necessary to make the December deadline or just put together my most complete application in January?

Sharon Admissions: Ian Lieberman: Hi Ian, Jan. deadline will be fine. It is better to have a well prepared application than to rush and submit it by an earlier deadline.

Steve: does being subjected to disciplinary probation while in college, despite being several years ago, disqualify you from admission?

LisaBeisser: Steve: Certainly not an automatic disqualification. But obviously we'd need to understand what the issue was, when it was, etc. There is an essay where you can explain the circumstances.

Matthew Spencer: Thank you very much for your response. I also had another question to do with international students. How will interviews be handled for applicants who are overseas?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Matthew, we certainly offer telephone interviews for international candidates. Information about interviews can be found on our website: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/interviewsVisits/index.cfm>.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Just to let all participants know, we recently posted some Frequently Asked Admissions Questions and Answers. You can access this transcript by clicking on: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm>

Ciara: hello - Is it really necessary to have post graduate full time experience? If you have had full time work experience but as an intern and just for a summer is that taken into consideration as well?

Peggy--Admissions: Ciara: We believe that work experience after graduation makes your MBA experience more valuable. We certainly look at your internship experience as part of your overall application.

Sanjeet: Hello,I wanted to know more on the weightage of GMAT scores in the application?

AdmissionsShandra: Sanjeet: Refer to my earlier response to BELK regarding weight of GMAT and other factors in the application

Sanjeet: Thanks a lot Shandra

Tom Atwater: Hello, my question is regarding the employment history section of part 2. Does this need to be in more of a paragraph format regarding the Nature of Business and Responsibilities, or is it ok to put it in bulleted form like one may have in his/her resume?

AdmissionsShandra: Tom Atwater: Regarding the employment history - bullet format is fine. I would suggest you start off with a resume format and elaborate underneath each section. Bullet points are fine - prose is not necessary.

Tom Atwater: Great thank you Shandra.

Sumit Garg: Hello - wanted to know the process of evaluation for fellowships/scholarships. Do we have to have any separate application for it? How does college communicate it back to us.

LisaBeisser: Sumit Garg: There is no separate fellowship application. Everyone who applies by deadline 3 (January) is automatically considered for a fellowship.

Sumit Garg: thanks Lisa

Madhu: I thought, if I complete part 1 of the application, I can schedule an interview. But, when I went into the page to schedule one, it said no visits possible this time. What is the interview policy this time?

Sharon Admissions: Madhu: Interviews are done by invitation only this year. We do offer visits only and this should be available online. Contact deepa.nair@unc.edu our interview coordinator if you have more questions.

David Price: Hi- I want to make the most of my experience at UNC (if admitted) outside of the standard MBA curriculum for a Marketing concentration...what else does UNC provide that I can be actively involved with and hold a possible cabinet position?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW. : David, there are numerous leadership positions available. From getting involved through the Leadership Program (where you could be involved in the STAR program - consulting with local businesses) to holding a club leadership position (for example, we have a Marketing Club), there are many opportunities available.

David Price: Great, thanks Julie.

nitin kachhwaha: Before I begin, I must congratulate KFBS for making such an informative and interactive website. One small question: I wanted to know if the trips to various career fairs, the students get to visit, are self-sponsored or does KFBS provide some support?

LisaBeisser: nitin kachhwaha: If you are referring to current students attending career fairs, treks, etc. I believe these are self-sponsored.

nitin kachhwaha: thanks Lisa. that clears my doubt

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: it says to have two recommendations, how many would you suggest we send-can we have more than 2

AdmissionsShandra: BRANDON EUGENE BELK: Two recommendations are required and should be professional in nature versus academic. If you have a third recommendation - which you truly feel adds a unique or different perspective to your candidacy, then you can submit that. I would not suggest submitting more than three recommendations however.

Rohit Makkad: Hi, I have submitted my application for 23rd Oct deadline. I understand that the process for reviewing the application will take some time. I wanted to know meanwhile if there is some positive development from my side that could add value to my profile such as promotion or good community level experience, shall I inform Adcom regarding the same or shall I wait for the application to be reviewed once?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Rohit, yes, certainly if you have any additional information for us to consider, such as change in work responsibilities or community leadership, you can send it to our Records Room Manager, Sharon.Moore@unc.edu.

Rohit Makkad: that's great. Thanks Julie.

Harsh Gupta: Good Morning. Sorry I got disconnected

Ciara: If applying through the Consortium is it necessary to also complete the UNC application? Also, which deadline should be aim for?

AdmissionsShandra: Ciara: If you wish to be considered for Consortium membership and fellowship, you must submit BOTH the Consortium application by the CGSM deadlines AND the UNC admissions application. To be considered for any fellowships offered at KFBS - including Consortium - you must submit the UNC app by the 3rd deadline in January.

Ciara: Thank you Shandra, Should we pay both application fees or just one?

AdmissionsShandra: Ciara: Yes you must pay both app fees, marking UNC as one of your 6 schools

Sharon Admissions: Ciara yes, you will have to apply to both the consortium and UNC with two application fees.

Ciara: ok

Ciara: Can I use the same recommendation letters that I submit with my Consortium application?

AdmissionsShandra: Ciara: Regarding Consortium - When you submit you Consortium application, it is sent directly to the Consortium office. You submit UNC's to us directly. We will not see any of the Consortium materials you submit when we evaluate your application for admission. Thus, it is okay to submit the same recommendations to both as long as they both address the qualities we ask recommenders about.

Ciara: Thank you

Aaron Beck: Please kindly advise whether it would be possible to submit unofficial transcripts during the application process to be followed with official transcripts if admitted.

Sharon Admissions: Aaron Beck: It is possible to submit scanned or faxed transcripts in order to evaluate your file. If you are admitted then you would be required to submit the official transcripts.

Aaron Beck: Great thanks Sharon

Charles: Is there a limit to the class size that is admitted, or can it vary depending on the demand and applications received?

Peggy--Admissions: Charles: Our typical class size is 275-280, regardless of the number of applications.

Harsh Gupta: I have done my research about my MBA this year and UNC fits quite perfectly.

Spencer Merritt: If you cannot make a deadline is it best to submit as soon after that deadline as you can? Are applications reviewed as they are received?

LisaBeisser: Spencer Merritt - As long as you apply by our January deadline you are fine. There is really no competitive difference between the Dec and Jan deadline. However, the March deadline is notoriously competitive, so don't wait that long.

Matthew Spencer: I have a bit of a specific question. For the entrepreneur concentration, many of the studies skills courses were intriguing to me and I wanted to know realistically how many I would be able to take.

Harsh Gupta: I am quite curious about projects you have for someone who is looking into technology based firm.. I did look up into your student clubs. But unfortunately the pages weren't available.

Harsh Gupta: I am keen to know more about projects that are available in the technology domain.

Amit: Hello, Could you please clarify on the availability of The North Carolina EXTRA MBA No cosigner loan for international Students for the 2010 academic year

Sharon Admissions: Amit: Contact our financial director Susan Brooks, susan_brooks@unc.edu for information on the MBA loans.

Amit: Thanks for the contact Info Sharon...

Ian Lieberman: Does KFBS offer region specific connectivity with alumni from a recruiting standpoint (i.e. - Banking in NY, VC in RTP, or Tech in California)?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Ian, through the career clubs, they will make destination trips as you suggested, as well as making connections through the Career Management Center.

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: is there some type of assistance to find employment/paid internships while attending Business school or scholarships

Jyotirmoy Jena: Greetings. Thank you for organizing this. I was wondering if there is any positive indicator to the continuance of the Extra MBA loan assistance for the program beginning Aug 2010.

Harsh Gupta: can you help me get in touch with someone from the Business Technology Club.

Harsh Gupta: i did try your ambassador program was unable to get a response.

Harsh Gupta: can someone from the admissions committee help me to get in touch with the right person.

AdmissionsShandra: Harsh Gupta: The student club pages were experiencing some technical difficulties, so I would suggest that you check back for more information (president name is Jason Dean). I would additionally suggest that you contact professors directly whose research mirrors that which you are interested in. Finally, check the Kenan Institute and STARS Projects for other opportunities to participate with current companies on tech issues.

Harsh Gupta: Yes I did check the STARS program and it was one of the key areas that made me believe in UNC

Harsh Gupta: Thanks for the advise on talking to professors. But I would also like to chat with one of the students in the club.. preferrably the one leading the effort from the student's side.

Harsh Gupta: can you guide me to someone.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, we started a new MBA Ambassadors Program this year, which allows prospective students to connect with current students. Please click on <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/programs/MBA/interviewsVisits/Ambassadors/index.cfm>.

Harsh Gupta: Julie I have tried your link multiple times with this message "We're sorry... The page you requested cannot be found. You may use the navigation buttons above to learn more about Kenan-Flagler Business School."

Jeet: I am trying to get in touch with a current student and am facing the same issue. The link does'nt work

AdmissionsShandra: Harsh Gupta: You may wish to try the site again later otherwise utlize the other resources I suggested above in addition to reaching out to current students.

Jeet: Thanks Shandra.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, I am not sure what is wrong, but you can always contact mba_info@unc.edu to be connected with a student of interest.

Molly: Harsh - If you remove the period at the end of the link it works.

Harsh Gupta: I would request if you can provide me an email address. Regret to say I have also send emails to some of the present students. But unfortunately have had no response.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, try mba_info@unc.edu

Harsh Gupta: Thanks Julie. Will send out an email to that address too.

nitin kachhwaha: Regarding Interview: Are Alumni and Telephonic interview given the same weightage? Would the alumnus not have a different perspective than the admission committee?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Nitin, all interviews are weighted the same in terms of how your interview was conducted, that way no particular interview method is more advantageous. We understand that not all applicants are able to travel to campus, which is why we offer alumni and telephonic interviews.

nitin kachhwaha: thanks julie!!

Megan: i together with my family just moved to NC. it will be less than a year (11 month) for me to actually physically living in north carolina. can I pay state tuition if accepted?

LisaBeisser: Megan - It's hard to say. There is a residency board and you have to make your case to the board to see if you are considered a resident for tuition purposes. Living in the state for at least 12 months prior to school is one of the basic conditions but not the only one.

Megan: thanks lisa. can i have the residency board contact info?

LisaBeisser: @Megan - Here is the link for residency information and requirements
<http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Tuition/residency.cfm>

Matthew Spencer: I have a question regarding the GMATs. Is a higher analytical score often favored by the admissions staff, or a higher verbal skill? Which is more common? And finally, does it depend on the field that you are intending to enter into?

LisaBeisser: Matthew Spencer - It depends. Mostly we're looking for a strong, balanced score. But of course, since an MBA program is very analytical, we often specifically are looking to see a strong quantitative portion of the GMAT. And it depends on the individual applicant. If we have concerns about verbal/communication skills in an applicant (due to essays or interview, for example), we may pay more attention to the verbal component of the GMAT.

Matthew Spencer: My apologies, I typed that in wrong. I meant are higher quantitative scores more favorable than higher analytical scores.

Matthew Spencer: Thank you very much for the information

Madhu: Is Enrichment Concentration taken in parallel to the career concentration?

AdmissionsShandra: Madhu: An enrichment is different from a concentration. We currently offer the Sustainability enrichment, to which any student in any concentration can participate. That allows all of our students to take advantage of our expertise in the field and understand the impact of sustainability in various contexts.

Abey: hello - I am planning to apply for the December 4 deadline , and have received an interview invite. When would you recommend me to schedule Interview ? I was able to see that last date to schedule an interview for Dec4 deadline is Jan 25

Sharon Admissions: Abey: you need to schedule the interview as soon as possible before or after the deadline. Jan. 25 would be fine.

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: is there a suggested length for essays

Peggy--Admissions: BRANDON EUGENE BELK: The recommended length for each essay is in the application directions.

Jeet: Hi team.

Spencer Merritt: Concerning in-state tuition is there any way to see previous rulings on residency? I am a lifelong NC resident living out of state for three years since undergrad

and plan on moving back to NC after BschooL. I would imagine that is a pretty common situation.

AdmissionsShandra: Spencer Merritt: No, statistics on previous rulings is not generally available. However I can tell you that classification as an in-state student for admissions purposes is determined by reviewing your status 12-months to the day from the first day of class. You must have established the criteria for in-state residence for tuition purposes by that date. Check out the website to follow for specifics:

<http://gradschool.unc.edu/student/residency/>

Amit: Hi, I secured a score of 680 on the GMAT (44-Quant 40-Verbal)..Considering the typically high GMAT scores from the indian applicant pool will my score be a cause of concern..Would you suggest me to retake the GMAT to improve on my Quant score?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Amit, last year the median score of the incoming class was 690. If you have concerns about your score, you can always retake it to try to get your score closer to the median of last year's entering class. We only consider the higher score.

Amit: Thanks... If I apply for the Dec 04 Deadline and Provide an update to the Admissions comitee of a better GMAT Score by Dec10-Dec15 will the revised score be taken into account?

Sharon Admissions: Amit: If we receive the higher score by the date of the admissions committee review then we will take the higher score into consideration.

Amit: Thanks for the Info

Sharon Admissions: Amit: Dec. 15th should be fine to get new GMAT score in. You can send us a scanned copy.

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: i'm not sure if i saw answer to questions concerning assistance to find employment/paid internships while attending Business School

LisaBeisser: BRANDON EUGENE BELK - The intensity of the program precludes employment during business school. Of course, for all students there is a summer internship between the first and second year of the program.

Madhu: having good quant score and studied calculus, but not microeconomics and accounting- Do I need to write the optional essay ?

LisaBeisser: @Madhu - I would write the essay since you have not taken micro or accounting. We look to see the incoming students have had exposure to all four of the courses we mention.

Ian Lieberman: Sorry to ask the same question again, but I have not seen a response posted...Does KFBS offer students region/industry specific connectivity with alumni from a recruiting standpoint (i.e. - Banking in NY, VC in RTP, or Tech in California)?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Ian, I did answer that question but apologize that you did not see it. The career clubs will sponsor destination trips to certain cities/alumni, as well as making alumni contacts through the Career Management Center.

Ian Lieberman: Thanks Julie. Trying to do a couple things at once here. I appreciate the feedback.

Harsh Gupta: I am really looking forward to communicate with someone from this field as I am quite sure of UNC after reading about the leadership development techniques, entrepreneurship concentration the only thing that I need is such experience in a technology firm.

Krystal: Do admission decisions only go out on the actual decision date or can they go out before?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW. : Krystal, it is not a rolling admissions process, therefore all decisions for each deadline go out on the specified release date.

Harsh Gupta: Also i wanted to know if everyone interested in the MBA Entrepreneurship Club gets to be a part of it or is there a criteria for it?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, there is no criteria to be part of the Entrepreneurship Club. Also, we will be having a future chat on the Entrepreneurship Concentration. You can also view the transcript from last year's Entrepreneurship Chat: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm>

Harsh Gupta: Thanks Julie. What is the criteria to be a part of the Student Teams Achieving Results (STAR) program?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, there is an application process for the STAR program, but most students who apply are able to participate.

Harsh Gupta: Thanks Julie. You have been great guidance. I am looking forward to some form of communication with some from the - MBA Entrepreneurship Club and the Business Technology Club

Harsh Gupta: Can you help me with someone who is a part of both these clubs?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: harsh, I suggest that you find the MBA career club leadership page on our website, where the club leaders and their contact information is listed.

sriram: Sriram: you there?

AdmissionsShandra: Sriram: was there a question? If so, would you please re-send.

Abey: Apologize for asking again - am planning to apply for the December 4 deadline , and have recieved an interview invite. When would you recommend me to schedule Interview ? I was able to see that last date to schedule an interview for Dec4 deadline is Jan 25

Sharon Admissions : Abey: yes before Jan. 25th you need to have the interview.

Matthew Spencer: If I were to apply for early decision and was not accepted, would my application go directly into the second round or would I not be able to get in?

LisaBeisser: Matthew Spencer - If you apply to early action, you could be admitted, denied or waitlisted on the decision release date. If you are waitlisted, you would be evaluated again with the next round of applicants.

nqn5441: Essay 4 states: Kenan-Flager has five core values: excellence, leadership, integrity, community and teamwork. If you could add one value what would it be and why? Be sure to explain how you have lived this value. Does the question ask to write about one of the Kenan Flager core values?

AdmissionsShandra: nqn5441: The essay question #4 asks you to think of an additional or new core value you would add and why.

nqn5441: Thank you.

Will Ly: is there a general cut off for the verbal GMAT score?

LisaBeisser: Will Ly - Not really. A low verbal GMAT score could be offset by other aspects of the applications (essays, interview, recommendation, etc.), so there is no absolute minimum. It is considered with the rest of the package.

Jeet: I will be applying in round 2(Dec 4th) and will be submitting my application shortly. How do I initiate the interview process?

Sharon Admissions: Jeet: interviews are by invitation only this year. Once you submit part I of the application then your application will be reviewed for an interview.

Jeet: Thanks Sharon. I look forward to the oppurtunity.

Emily Dorman: Hello. I am applying for a dual MBA/MPH at UNC. Can you tell me what MPH foci are compatible with the MBA curriculum?

smita arora: Hi, I shall have two years of professional work experience by the time the session starts in 2010. I have secured a 700 in GMAT. But as my work ex is much less compared to most other applicants, what are the prospects that I make it to Kenan-Flagler in 2010? Moreover, do I still stand a good chance to get a scholarship?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: smita, the merit scholarships are considered automatically if you apply by the 3rd deadline, and the criteria consists of an overall strong application in all respects. As far as the two years work experience that you have had, it really depends on the type of work experience you have had - the job progression, leadership, management, etc. as balanced with the rest of your application.

smita arora: thank you

Tom Atwater: Sharon, is there a general time frame that the interviews are sent out once you have submitted part 1 of the application?

Sharon Admissions: Tom Atwater: the applications are reviewed and invitations sent out on a weekly basis.

Will Ly: is there a site with a class profile regional breakdown/percentages?

AdmissionsShandra: Will Ly: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Apply/profile.cfm> or check out MBA.com to compare multiple MBA programs

ashwini: I gather that there is a student representative in the Career Management Center Advisory Board, could you please let me know the responsibilities of the student co-ordinator?

LisaBeisser: @ashwini - There is an entire board of students who advise and meet with the Career Management Center. It is called the Career Advisory Board (CAB).

ashwini: Does the advisory board help students with prep for the interview process or are they involved in co-ordinating with the recruiting firms?

LisaBeisser: Ashwini - We have a peer counselor program and they help students with the interview prep.

ashwini: Thank you so much

Will Ly: is supervisory experience a must on the application?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Will, supervisory experience is not a must. However, we would like to hear about any team, leadership or management experience you have had both professionally and in the community.

Steve: Thanks!

Megan: can i find the newly release class 09 job placement somewhere?

AdmissionsShandra: Megan: The updated placement stats should be on our website shortly. We, and our peer schools, post the 90-day post-graduate stats around late-October or early-November.

Tom Atwater: Ok, thank you Sharon.

Will Ly: Shandra, there is no domestic class breakdown I suppose?

AdmissionsShandra: Will Ly: Yes, you can find that information both on our KFBS website and mba.com

Will Ly: thanks shandra, i found it in the brochure

AdmissionsShandra: Will Ly: Great! So glad you found it.

ryan fogelberg: Hello, are there figures on the percentage of applicants that will be interviewed?

LisaBeisser: Ryan fogelberg - No we don't have percentages yet. This is our first year doing interviews by invitation, so we don't know yet how many we will interview. I suppose it depends on the pool of applicants that we see.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW. : For those of you who recently joined the chat, please be advised that we do have a transcript of Frequently Asked Admissions Questions and Answers, posted on our website: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm>

Tom Atwater: If we are planning on attending an MBA fair like Inside the MBA, should we bring anything like a hardcopy of our resume?

AdmissionsShandra: Tom Atwater: You are welcome to bring a copy of the resume, however it is neither required nor expected. We process most of our documents electronically. If you have been invited to interview with an admissions staff member while they are traveling, you absolutely should bring a copy of the resume.

Tom Atwater: Ok thank you Shandra.

nitin kachhwaha: This is a little out of context - How many applications have you received in Round 1 of the admission process? Has there been a substantial change from last year?

Sharon Admissions: nitin kachhwaha: we are slightly down from last year for early action round, but it is early in the season to determine if it is a substantial change from last year.

nitin kachhwaha: okay. Thanks Sharon.

Harsh Gupta: Also I did see IBM and Intel as a part of the hiring companies. Do they also provide internships?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, internship-hiring companies change from year to year, and it is too early in the season to know. Please check back for our Career Search Chat, which we will host in the coming months.

Molly: If you don't have previous experience in all four courses you mentioned (like financial accounting) would the Analytic Skills Workshops be considered suitable to cover them, or would you recommend I take a class as well?

LisaBeisser: Molly - ASW is a must if you haven't had some of the courses, but actual classes prior to business school are even better. ASW is meant to be more of a refresher

namambo: hello

Amit: Could you please elaborate on the parameters that are used to evaluate fit at Kenan Flagler?

AdmissionsShandra: Amit: Most schools will tell you that fit is difficult to define. However, to understand whether this program is a proper fit for you (and vice versa) you should have done adequate research on the programs offered, the schools strengths and weaknesses, the culture and community characteristics, etc. Those are some of the elements of fit which we take a look at.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: We have approximately 15 minutes left in the chat, so please let us know if you have any unanswered questions.

Will Ly: should part 1 be sent well in advance than the part 2 deadline date? is this a big concern?

LisaBeisser: Will Ly - I would recommend you submit Part I as soon as you can. Once we have your Part I, we have enough information to know whether or not we will offer you an interview invitation. So it's important to do Part I early so we know you're out there.

Will Ly: thanks lisa!

Martin: will you entertain the request for a toefl waiver for a student from a not native english speakin country

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Martin, applicants do not need to submit the Toefl if they earned an undergraduate degree or graduate degree at a US college or university, or if your total education was conducted in English in a native English speaking country.

Martin: Thanks Julie. But if the student dint meet both the criteria and he is been living in a english speaking country for two years and his medium of instruction in undergraduate is English from non native english speaking country

Martin: will toefl can be waived under these circumstances?

AdmissionsShandra: Martin: You must submit a TOEFL test score if your education was received in a country for which English is not an official language. If you received an undergraduate degree abroad in non-English speaking country but later received a graduate degree in US (or other), then TOEFL would be waived.

Martin: Thanks Shandra. It was helpful

Emily Dorman: Can anyone tell me what UNC MPH programs can be combined with an MBA at Kenan-Flagler for a dual MPH/MBA?

LisaBeisser : @Emily Dorman - The two degrees that you can combine with the MBA are the MHA and the MSPH. Here is a link to more details about the dual degree:

<http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Academics/dualDegrees.cfm>

Emily Dorman: Lisa, thanks so much.

Harsh Gupta: Julie regret my lack of knowledge here but are there any programs/projects that link the MBA school with the Engg school that help in combining technology with business?

Harsh Gupta: Come up with some kind of prototypes?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, I am not aware of any specific courses, but you are able to take university graduate-level classes while obtaining your MBA.

Harsh Gupta: I meant while one is in the MBA school. Is there a way to create a business startups with the bright and innovative ideas from the students from the Engg School?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, there are opportunities through the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Kenan Institute. For example, the Launching the Venture class gives university students and staff to work together to launch business ideas.

Harsh Gupta: Thanks Julie for your time and patience to answer my queries. I am really lookino UNC. Looking forward to chatting with someone from the Business Technology Club. I am quite confident that I would be applying to UNC. Thanks for your best wishes :).
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KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Harsh, good luck to you in your application process!

Harsh Gupta: Thanks Julie. Will do my best.

Krystal: I am not sure if you answered this or not. I'm sorry if you have. I keep getting kicked out of the chat. Do admission decisions only go out on the actual decision date?

Sharon Admissions: Krystal: admissions decisions go out to everyone on the deadline date.

Krystal: Thanks!

Amit: What are the Unique Offerings that Kenan Flagler has with respect to its Marketing Concentration?

Peggy--Admissions: Amit: We have a dedicated person in CMC for the marketing concentration. We also have highly regarded professors such as Valerie Zeithaml in this area.

Amit: Thanks for the Response

nitin kachhwaha: Teaching methods used at KFBS - found this in Businessweek - Case study:35% Experiential Learning: 15 % Lecture: 20% Simulations: 10% Team Project: 20%. Are these statistics correct?

LisaBeisser: @nitin kachhwaha - Yes, that sounds about right.

nitin kachhwaha: That is wonderful. Thanks Lisa.

Sanjeet: Sharon Admissions: LisaBeisser: AdmissionsShandra: Thanks for organizing the chat session. It was extremely informative.

Roscoe: What would someone need to do to compensate for a low GMAT score? Can you please give an example (previously accepted applicant) who got a below average score but was able to gain acceptance?

LisaBeisser: @Roscoe - There are a few things that could offset a low GMAT score. If the quantitative portion of the GMAT is low, then a strong GPA (ideally in a quant-heavy subject) would help. Also, quantitative professional experience would help. If it's the verbal portion of the GMAT that we're concerned about, then a good interview and strong essays would help offset that.

Roscoe: Thanks Lisa.

namambo: KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.,am trying to figure out,how this system is working:?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: @namambo - this chat seems to be going just wonderfully! the new chat software is working smoothly!

Sonia: What about the scholarships available? Are they means or merit based and do international student get an equal consideration? What percentage of students get scholarships in a batch ?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Sonia, we offered merit scholarships to approximately 22% of the incoming class. The fellowships are merit based, and we look at an overall strong application. You just need to apply by our third deadline.

Sonia: Thanks Julie. Also, can you tell me something about resources for someone looking to make a career in the strategy/ management consulting domain ?

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Sonia, we have a designated staff member in our Career Management Center who works with consulting students. The Consulting Club is also an excellent resource.

nitin kachhwaha: I would request everyone in the chatroom to go through the KFBS videos available in YouTube. They are very helpful to understand the values and curriculum at KFBS.

AdmissionsShandra: nitin kachhwaha: Thanks, Nitin!

Tom Atwater: Thanks for all the answers, you all have been very helpful. Best of luck to everyone.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Thanks, Tom, and to all others on the chat. You can direct any unanswered questions to mba_info@unc.edu, or review our Frequently Asked Admissions Questions

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Tom - oops, the rest of my answer to you did not go. Here is the link for the frequently asked admissions questions transcript: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm>

Tom Atwater: Oh thank you Julie.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Also, the transcript from this chat will be posted within the next 2 weeks at the same link, <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm>

Roscoe: What are the study abroad programs available? Which countries and how long? Would it be possible to study abroad for an entire semester?

AdmissionsShandra: Roscoe: There are a slew of international opportunities students can and DO participate in every year. The link to the program descriptions is: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Academics/ip.cfm>. Every year, more than half of our students participate in an opportunity.

Roscoe: AdmissionsShandra: it appears the link does not work.

Roscoe: RE: study abroad programs

AdmissionsShandra: It has worked for all of us in the room. If clicking does not work, try copy/pasting into your browser window.

Roscoe: I got it to work. Thank you.

namambo: hello,im from zambia in Adfrica ,currently pursuing my final year in social science courses,what would it take for me to be accepted in the MBA programme

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: @namambo - please see our link for admissions requirements: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Apply/requirements.cfm>

Rohit Makkad: Thanks Julie and other moderators for such an informative session.

nitin kachhwaha: Thanks to the Admission Committee and moderators for arranging this session. have a nice day!!

Will Ly: thank you all

smita arora: thanks everyone. it was a very informative session.

Amit: Thanks to the admissions Committee for this Informative session... Have a great day ahead!

Chase Gardaphe: how much of an emphasis is put on the PHD program compared to the MBA program? Will students in the MBA program be taught by the same professors?

AdmissionsShandra: Chase Gardaphe: The PhD program, like that in many other disciplines, is quite small and selective. PhD students are taught by and interact and research with the same professors as the MBA students. For more information, check out: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/PhD/>

Chase Gardaphe: Thanks. Also, how long after graduation are the career services available?

Peggy--Admissions: Chase Gardaphe: Career Management is available as a resource after graduation. We also have a dedicated person dedicated to alumni career support.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: We have five minutes left in the chat. Does anyone have a last minute questions?

Beth: How much does work experience weigh into the admissions decision?

LisaBeisser: @Beth - Work experience is a fairly significant part of our decision. In the classroom, having students with significant experience adding their perspectives to the class discussion, so it's very valuable.

BRANDON EUGENE BELK: thanks for all the help-have a great day

Ian Lieberman: Thanks for the informative chat session. I'm glad it worked out this time.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: Ian, thanks to you and all others who joined us previously, for your patience!

namambo: id like to know about scholarships awarded to international students

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: @namambo - we are looking for an overall strong application in terms of GPA, GMAT, essays, recommendations, work experience, community leadership, interview, etc.

Beth: Given high achievement in other areas, have you ever admitted students directly out of undergrad?

AdmissionsShandra: Beth: Given the value that past experience has in the classroom and team experience in graduate school, it is strongly recommended that you have at least 2 years experience before applying to the MBA program. There may have been exceptions in the past, but those would truly be outliers with otherwise outstanding experience to draw upon.

Beth: OK, thanks

Sonia: Thanks a lot Julie Shandra, Lisa and everyone else for the informative session. I look forwarding to interacting wit some current students.

nqn5441: How many copies of each recommendation letter does school need?

LisaBeisser: @nqn5441 - Usually the recommendation is online. So you don't have to submit copies. But if you are requesting paper recommendations, we just need one copy (in a sealed envelope, signed by the recommender).

nqn5441: Thanks Lisa

Michael: What's the best way to compensate for a lower GPA? Does any factor weigh in more than another?

AdmissionsShandra: Michael: The Admissions Committee looks for an overall well-crafted application that demonstrates preparedness for the academic rigor of the program, life and community with other full-time students, and the career search process. So offsetting the GMAT or GPA can be done through every other aspect of your application (essays, etc). Likewise, other ways to demonstrate academic strength would include classes taken since school and work experience.

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW. : Thank you all for joining us today. We hope this session was helpful to you in answering any admissions questions that you had!

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: If you have any additional questions, please email them to mba_info@unc.edu.

Rohit Makkad: really appreciate your efforts. thanks

KFBSAdmissionsJulieW.: This concludes the Admissions Chat. Thank you again for joining us.