PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Qualified juniors in the Wharton Undergraduate Program may apply for early entry (submatriculation) into the Wharton Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program. In this 3-year + 2-year accelerated program, students’ fourth and fifth years of study are spent entirely as part of the MBA Program. The program is designed to attract academically talented undergraduates with well-defined career goals and significant work experience. Please also note the following:

- Submatriculants are considered MBA students for purposes of registration and financial aid; therefore, undergraduate financial aid does not apply to students enrolled in the MBA Program.
- Submatriculants are permitted to double-count up to 8 courses at the MBA level toward the undergraduate degree.
- Submatriculants may use MBA courses to satisfy any remaining undergraduate requirements in unrestricted electives, business breadths, and/or the business concentration.
- Following matriculation into the MBA Program, all courses must be taken at the graduate level. No conversion of undergraduate courses to graduate-level courses will be made for courses completed prior to entry into the MBA Program. Graduate level courses taken as an undergraduate prior to entry into the MBA Program are not eligible for credit toward the MBA degree.
- Submatriculants may file for undergraduate graduation from Penn at the end of the term in which they will have satisfied all requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from Wharton. Undergraduate degree candidates may graduate at the same time as their entering undergraduate class if they complete all undergraduate degree requirements by the end of their fourth year.

ELIGIBILITY

To eligible for MBA submatriculation, applicants must:

- Have completed at least 29 CUs and have no more than 8 CUs remaining toward their undergraduate degree by the end of the spring semester of their junior year
- Have at least 2 CUs remaining toward the B.S. in Economics degree
- Have earned a letter grade in at least 19 of the 29 CUs required for application
- Have completed all Business Fundamentals, Societal Environment, Organizational Environment, General Education (including double-counting globals), and Non-business Elective courses by the spring semester of the junior year
- Must take the GMAT or the GRE no later than February of junior year

Students who externally transfer into Wharton’s Undergraduate Program as a junior (or at the beginning of their fifth semester of college work) are not eligible for submatriculation.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions decisions are made by the MBA Admissions Committee. The rigorous selection process for the submatriculation program is designed to ensure that each candidate is evaluated in terms of his/her potential academic and social contribution to the MBA community. The Admissions Committee considers the overall quality of applications including academic record—both course selection and grades, GMAT/GRE scores, work experience, letters of recommendation (2 professional and 1 academic), community service, co-curricular
activities, and application essays. Applicants must also demonstrate intellectual and professional maturity, and have superior communication and analytical skills.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Make an appointment to discuss your eligibility with an advisor in the Wharton Undergraduate Division.
2. Carefully review the information about applying and access the application via the MBA Admissions website. Note that submatriculation applicants should apply during round 3.

Please note that dual-degree students require permission of both schools to apply.

Contact Ms. Danielle DeShields with questions about the MBA program or the application process.

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