

## Rice MBA Admissions Online Chat Session September 21, 2011

GAdalierc0078a: Hi, and thanks for this opportunity to ask you questions. I believe that you have rolling admissions for those applicants submitting before deadlines. What is your timeframe for interview invitations and admissions decisions?

blazard(Admissions Bran): Welcome everyone!

bguest(Admissions Ben): The MBA for professionals program has rolling admissions, but the MBA Full-time program decisions will be delivered 6 weeks after the deadline

Crobinsaa84c5: When you say decisions, does that include interview requests as well as rejections/admissions?

Aberzombie1892: Thanks for having this chat. How does Jones view prospective students with professional doctorate degrees? Also, how is Jones responding to the changes in the job market for MBA candidates (Programs/Outreach/etc.)?

ayonde: Hello, Are profiles evaluated on rolling basis within a deadline? or are all the profiles accumulated till a deadline and reviewed together ?

izy28: Good Morning, I have a B.S in Biology and a degree in Chemistry.. What do i have to do to get into the MBA program ?

anibalem: Hello, Ben, I would like to know what is the GRE average of admitted candidates

blazard(Admissions Bran): GAdalierc0078a....We do not offer rolling admissions for the full-time program. The deadline and decision dates are structured. If you apply before the deadline, your application will be reviewed but the interview notifications will be released one week before the first deadline.

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): Hello Welcome to the Rice Admissions chat. We have several admissions staff and students available to answer your questions.

blazard(Admissions Bran): Anibalem...We do not accept the GRE test. We only accept the GMAT

rdesai.pharmd@gmail.com: Good morning. My question was regarding MBA - P. Typically how large is the cohort for the evening/weekend program?

hitesh\_nangrani: hi, can you tell me if Rice has an exchange program? ... I couldn't find information about this on the website

anibalem: Ok... how many applications do you receive each year?

DGutierrezfa68e2: What are the options to finance the MBAP Evening?

mophle: Hi, what's the minimum GMAT score a candidate need to be consider?

PGarg3494ea: what are the prospects of admission of an engineer with 3 years of work ex, and 650 GMAT as an international student?

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blazard(Admissions Bran): Corbinsaa84c5....Interview invitations are given within the 6 week turnaround. Decisions will be given on the decision date for full-time students

Crbinsaa84c5: Thanks!

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): We have an exchange program with INCAE in Costa Rica.

afazin: Good Morning, my question is for any MBA Professional student, do you typically have a commitment everyday (class, group meets, etc)?

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): DGutierrezfa68e2: Hi, it really depends. If you're a US citizen or permanent resident, then the Department of Education has student loan options.

MBrandt-Lyonse626d0: What is the typical part time weekend class size?

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): @hitesh : The international trips recently has been to South America, China, and India for the winter

blazard(Admissions Bran): Morphle....We do not have a minimum GMAT score requirement. The average GMAT score based on the last incoming class is 676

craigcostello: Hello. I am Australian living and working in Houston on an E3 work Visa.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Aberzombie1892 we evaluate masters and doctorate degrees as part of your application, and in most cases additional degrees and certifications add value to your candidacy.

craigcostello: Can you please confirm that i can also study on this Visa? thanks

cvb.bala: Hi Good Morning. As an international applicant I would like to know if you give a TOEFL waiver under any circumstance.

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): In the spring there are sometimes trips to Mexico or Costa Rica and I believe there is one extra trip this year in the early part of the summer to China

hitesh\_nangrani: Hi Amit, can you give me some information on the international trips?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): Hitesh- There is also an exchange program with IPADE in Mexico City. Both last for 6 weeks and students typically go in the second year.

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): Each trip is unique but for the most part you get to visit companies in the countries your visiting

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): Hitesh- I participated in the trip to South America. We went to Chile, Brazil, and Argentina. We visited a variety of businesses and several business schools.

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): DGutierrezfa68e2: in the case of full-time students, the Jones School offers generous scholarships that run from \$5000 per year to full tuition.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @cvb we do have a TOEFL waivers request form, please Email ricemba@rice.edu to be sent the waiver form.

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MBrandt-Lyonse626d0: Question regarding the weekend part time program:

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): Craig, you may want to contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at [oiss@rice.edu](mailto:oiss@rice.edu) to get answers on specific visa questions. The answer may differ for the Full Time vs. the MBA for Professional program as well.

hitesh\_nangrani: Thanks for the information Jennifer and Amit

riceadmissions(MBA Student Lacey): Hitesh, I went on the India trip last year. We visited many of the large American and Indian companies in Delhi and Mumbai and visited the sites

bguest(Admissions Ben): We have MANY current second year students in this chat, please ask them questions about their experiences in the program.

mophle: What is unique about the Rice MBA program and what set it apart from the rest of the MBA program out there?

TMofor6154e8: Please describe the typical day of a student in your program. Thanks!

PGarg3494ea: Hi Amit, given the current market scenario, and then recent downgrading of US credit rating, does all of this affect the prospects of placements after course completion?

hitesh\_nangrani: Can you tell me the duration of the international trips? And what else do you do on these trips apart from visiting companies?

craigcostello: Ok thanks Lolita (I would be MBA-P). I will try the OISS.

cvb.bala: Thanks Ben

Aberzombie1892: Thanks Ben. Jennifer and Lolita, thanks letter us know about the exchange program. If an applicant has less than the desired average years of work experience, what does Jones expect the student to have in exchange? Also, I see there are many international related questions. Does Jones attract many international employers and/or are students success in their international career ambitions?

PGarg3494ea: Does market scenario affect international students more, for example, to land up for jobs in North America?

riceadmissions(mbastudentJavier): The Jones School offers a generalist MBA with concentrations in Accounting, Energy, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing, Global Business, Mastering Creativity & Innovation, Management Consulting, Real Estate and Health Care.

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Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): The weekend MBAP class of 2013 is 63 students.

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afazin: MBA Current students - Have you developed relationships with alumni

Crobinsaa84c5: Does class size for the MBA full-time program stay relatively stable, or does it depend upon the applicant pool?

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): If you have asked a questions in the last few minutes that hasn't been answered please repost. thanks!

bguest(Admissions Ben): @CRobin the size of the FT class stays relatively stable at around 120 students each year. This year we have 113.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): Afazin- There are many opportunities to interact with alums formally and informally. The school puts on alumni lunches once a month and in your second year sets you up with an alumni mentor. We have easy access to alumni contact information through our alumni database.

ayonde: While Rice MBA's strength in Energy & Finance is unbeatable, what can you say about the general management program ?

riceadmissions(MBA Student LaMecia): Hi Hitesh- the average duration for the trip is 7-10 days. It ranges depending on the travel. You visit other universities in the country and go through case studies as well as key companies that help you further understand how those countries do business. I visited South America last year and the companies ranged from local oil companies to the Rio Olympic planning committee

riceadmissions(mbastudentJavier): Hello Crobinsaa, the class size usually stays pretty consistent

riceadmissions(Leah Brown, MBA Student): Hi Tmofor6154e8, nice to meet you! As a second year, full time student, I can give you an insight into my typical day. As a 2nd year, I find myself splitting my time equally between class and homework and club activities. Every day, I have 1-2 classes, typically 90 minutes each and either a group meeting to work on a team assignment or club meeting- I am the President of the Wine Club and an Officer of NAWMBA- National Association of Women MBA's. Every Thursday, the school gets together for Partio- party on the partio, where we unwind and celebrate the end of the week!

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @ayonde, I can answer

PGarg3494ea: Given the current market scenario, and then recent downgrading of US credit rating, does all of this affect the prospects of placements after course completion? What has been placement scenario for this year pass outs?

hitesh\_nangrani: Thanks LaMecia

hitesh\_nangrani: can you tell me about the culture and the atmosphere at Rice in detail?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): Afazin- In my personal experience, I have reached out to many alums and they have all been friendly and helpful. I talk to several of them on a regular basis and they have been instrumental in my job search.

ayonde: @ Jim, I am all ears :)

TMofor6154e8: Thanks Leah

rdesai.pharmd@gmail.com: thanks Lolita. Is the healthcare specialization track available for MBAP students?

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riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): For the class of 2011, 31% went to the Energy industry, 24% to Financial Services, 18% to Consulting Services, 14% Consumer Products, 4% Pharma/Healthcare and smaller percentages were employed in Real Estate, and Technology.

AMitter2ee7f6: Do you offer deferred admission for one year in case the candidate has genuine reasons to ask for the same?

afazin: my question is for any MBA professional student, do you typically have a commitment every day between class, group meets, meeting with professors, etc?

Crobinsaa84c5: How are classes structured? Is it a typical two semester a year setup, or is it broken down further?

PGarg3494ea: what is the fees structure for international students for a two year full time MBA?

blazard(Admissions Bran): AMitter2ee7f6.....Deferrals are extremely rare and are addressed on a case by case basis

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): Hitesh- The atmosphere at Rice is great. Everyone knows each other and the faculty and staff are accessible and helpful.

adornelly: hi all

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): afazin, I apologize but we don't have any MBA for Professionals students on the chat at this time. If you would email us at [ricemba@rice.edu](mailto:ricemba@rice.edu) with you questions we can get you in touch with an MBAP counselor.

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): @rdesai: The healthcare track is the only available way to specialize as an MBAP

afazin: Thank you!

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): but it involves extra hours outside of the normal MBAP course schedule

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @ayonde - One of the best things we gain out of the program is critical thinking and management skills. We run through numerous case studies in management and organizational change that provide insight on future management endeavors. Additionally, we do a TON of teamwork, which teaches you to manage team members, and you usually rotate through to project leader a few times, so you get some experience. Lastly, we complete Leadership Workshops (called ILEs) that run through virtual management scenarios with situations you and your team have to work through and you receive excellent and immediate feedback

riceadmissions(Leah Brown, MBA Student): hitesh- I find the Rice atmosphere is truly a great community. Due to the smaller size of the full time program, you will get to know all of your classmates, and will forge close friendships with the faculty as well. The quality of the student support services- Office of Student Services, and Career Management Center, is excellent! You will find the atmosphere to be supportive and will offer you many opportunities to be involved and pursue your interests- academic or other hobbies

riceadmissions(MBA Student Rachel): Hi Crobinsaa84c5, classes are mixed between traditional semester-long courses which last 12 weeks and term courses which last 6 weeks.

izy28: Good Morning, I have a B.S in Biology and a degree in Chemistry.. Does my under grad degree matter in order for me to apply for the MBA program?

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NSubramanyaccd725: Amit - What kind of roles have been offered for candidates entering the energy industry in the last year?

adornelly: so what's the likelihood of me getting in in the fall of 2012 How much does my GMAT score have to be?

hitesh\_nangrani: Thanks Jennifer and Leah

rdesai.pharmd@gmail.com: Thanks Amit.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @aberzombie, we evaluate the quality of the work experience, not only the length. It is valuable to have progression in your experience and shown initiative. Internships & extracurricular activities can help to compensate for less than average work experience. We are located in Houston, where the second most fortune 500 companies are headquartered, so we have a large number of international companies who hire our students.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): @Izy28- Your undergrad degree does not matter and you do not need to have any business experience. I studied Spanish and was a Spanish teacher before coming to Rice.

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): Though the Healthcare track is the only official specialization currently offered for MBAP students, you are able to take any of the full-time schedule electives that you like if you can arrange it with you work schedule.

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): @ PGarg3494ea: HI, the fees structure is the same for all full-time students regardless of visa status. To give you an example, this year, FT students tuition is a total of \$44,000 and approximately another \$3000 for fees (ie: medical insurance, parking, etc.). Students are billed in 50% increments for Fall and Spring.

hitesh\_nangrani: Can you give me some information about the teaching methods at Rice?

blazard(Admissions Bran): NSubramanyaccd725: Please e-mail ricemba@rice.edu to receive more informaton on the roles offered to the graduate students in the Energy industry.

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): @NSubramanyaccd725: there have been alot of different positions such as corporate finance, marketing, supply chain, and others

izy28: @ Jen.. Thank You

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): but please email ricemba@rice.edu as well to get more detalis

riceadmissions(MBA Student Gilbert): @ayonde, add to Jim's points, we also have strong faculty group in marketing, strategy and entraprenureship. You will learn a lot from classes like strategy, organization behavior; marketing strategy... we have lots of activities related to many things other than energy and finance

NSubramanyaccd725: @Amit and Bran - Thanks.

ayonde: Will you see a candidate as a good "fit" for Rice MBA, who wish to pursue a General Management & Operations based MBA at Rice, and rejoin Telecommunications industry prevalent in Texas?

riceadmissions(Leah Brown, MBA Student): The teaching method is mostly case study based, but also augmented with traditional teaching methods- textbook and lecture. You will find a large focus on teamwork, learning how to work in cross functional teams to collectively learn and complete an assignment

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ayonde: Often Rice is associated with Energy & Financial services, is there any specialization available in Operations also ?

DStatef35274: What specific areas of study does the Energy track offer that the others do not?

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): Also, there will be a transcript of this chat session available on our website later this week.

adornelly: so what's the likelihood of me getting in in the fall of 2012 How much does my GMAT score have to be?

blazard(Admissions Bran): Adornelly....Your admission into the MBA program is based on your application in its entirety.

adornelly: ok great thanks

hitesh\_nangrani: Thanks Leah

orisavm2010: Good morning. I was wondering if someone could please let me know if the informational session taking place Oct. 25 from 6-8pm will provide different information that I may receive during the Diversity Preview Weekend? Does the Jones School strongly advise to attend both?

PGarg3494ea: @Salomon.. thanks.. any info on the relation between GMAT score and work experience? For example, does work experience effect the min required GMAT score?

chriskelley: Do you consider desired MBA concentration when evaluating applicants?

blazard(Admissions Bran): Adornelly...We do not have a minimum GMAT score requirement. The average GMAT for the full-time program is 676

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): @ayonde, We do not have a formal concentration in Operations. We have an Operations club that brings speakers to campus and offers treks to companies with opportunities in Operations. My Action Learning Project (ALP) was a supply chain project, so there is opportunity there as well.

DGutierrezfa68e2: How can we sign up for the diversity session on Oct 25?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Chris): @DStatef35274. Energy can focus on finance, political influence of energy, and the different types of energy that effect the market

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): For more information on the courses available in the Energy concentration please see [http://business.rice.edu/Degree\\_Concentrations.aspx](http://business.rice.edu/Degree_Concentrations.aspx)

DGutierrezfa68e2: I have a 630 GMAT with 10 years of prof exp would you advice a retake? I looking forward to apply to the EMBA for Prof

blazard(Admissions Bran): DGutierrezfa68e2: To apply for Diversity Preview Weekend, please visit the website's events section

DStatef35274: Thanks @Chris, is the focus mostly carbon based energy?

GAdalierc0078a: What are the interview options for international students?

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bguest(Admissions Ben): @ayonde, it is impossible for us to determine your fit for the program solely based on a few details, but we are a general management program and we have students joining a very wide variety of industries in Texas. Remember that fit is perceived from both sides, your fit with us and our fit with you.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Chris): it is focused on carbon base energy, but there are also alternative energy classes, and lots of forums on clean tech

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): @ PGarg3494ea: The admissions team takes a full 360 holistic view of each applicant and all factors (work experience, GMAT score, previous transcripts, etc.) are taken into account when they determine admission for an applicant. In the case of a Full-time app., these factors also are considered when determining if a student is also a candidate for a scholarship.

afazin: To be invited to the Women's preview weekend, do I need to have my application completed by a certain date? Or can I still be working on the application?

MBrandt-Lyonse626d0: Are there any admissions events for the weekend program in San Antonio

NSubramanyaccd725: Would the curriculum and time on hand allow us to pursue multiple concentrations? For example, Energy and Management consulting?

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): International students may of course have in person interviews if they are in Houston. Otherwise, telephone and Skype interviews are available for all non-local applicants and do not negatively impact your application at all.

blazard(Admissions Bran): DGutierrezfa68e2: The average GMAT score for the MBA-P is 626. Your current score is competitive. Retaking the test can only help your application become more competitive with the current application pool, as the average is based on the last incoming class.

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): NSubramanyaccd725: you can concentrate in more than one

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @NSub - yes, you can pursue multiple concentrations, but you may be pressed for time on the classes required

riceadmissions(MBA Student Gilbert): @NSubramanyaccd725, sure. You can take up to two

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): the difficulty though increases though since some classes may not cross over

PWeib35d55: Do you have the minimum TOEFL/IELTS score?

AMitter2ee7f6: What percentage of students in the full time MBA program get to do internships (paid or unpaid) ?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @afazin, you do not need to have a completed application to apply for Women's Preview Weekend. If you would like to conduct your admissions interview while you are here, it would be helpful to have a completed application.

DStatef35274: @ Chris - I haven't looked at the catalog, is energy storage a common topic?

PGarg3494ea: thanks Salomon, for the info..

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riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): @AMitter All students get internships and the great majority are paid internships.

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): @ PGarg3494ea: your welcome!

blazard(Admissions Bran): PWeib35d55: We do not have a minimum TOEFL/IELTS score. The average based on the last incoming class is 100ibt (TOEFL) or 7.0 (IELTS)

AMitter2ee7f6: That is great. Thanks...

DGutierrezfa68e2: Thanks Admissions Bran

ayonde: @ Ben, I understand that, my purpose is to determine the fit factor from my end "If Rice MBA is a fit for me" As I am inclined towards a strategy based General Management MBA, but keeping in mind the market sensitivities. I wish to enroll into a program that allows me the flexibility to change or pursue a specific concentration after completing 1st year of MBA, this way I wish to increase resiliency and minimize risk.

PGarg3494ea: where do we find the transcript of this chat on Rice's website?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Chris): there is a class that discusses energy storage, the class is called competition in a carbon constrained world. Additionally storage is an issue discussed in other classes as well

DStatef35274: @ Chris - Thank you

bguest(Admissions Ben): We offer 9 different concentrations, and your second year of the program is 100% electives. The second year you can decide to concentrate on up to two of the 9 available.

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): We currently do not have any events planned in San Antonio. However, if you are in the military we will be attending the Service Academy Career Conference in San Antonio in November.

PWeib35d55: yes, I got it, thanks bran

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NSubramanyaccd725: @Amit, Jim, Gilbert - Thanks.

MGuptacc6660: Hi, Thanks for the chat session. I wanted to know - is a FT MBA student also allowed to take up courses of his interest in other institutes of Rice University? For example, if i want to study more on environmental policy and law, can i take courses (if available) at School of Natural Sciences ?

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): @ PGarg3494ea: the transcript will be posted on our website and an email will be sent out to all participants once its up.

blazard(Admissions Bran): PGarg3494ea: The transcript should be available on the website by the end of the week. You will receive an e-mail informing you that it is available.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @MGupta, yes.. and I believe John has done it

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riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @MGuptacc6660: - Yes! John will be a good person to answer as he has taken a few classes

riceadmissions(MBA Student John): @Mguptacc6660 You are allowed to take courses outside of the MBA school. I took Sequence Stratigraphy through the Geology department taught by a great adjunct from Exxon. You are allowed to apply a limited number of external credits (taken at Rice) towards your MBA.

NSubramanyaccd725: What is the typical team size and composition for an ALP?

riceadmissions(MBA Student John): This is applied on a case by case basis and requires approval.

MGuptacc6660: Thank you John. That is quite helpful :-)

afazin: for current students - What support is available to you when you are struggling with content you are have no background in?

DStatef35274: @Bran - Bran where are you from?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): Team size is normally 5-6 people, same goes for ALP teams

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): @NSub <http://business.rice.edu/ALP.aspx> has more information on ALP

LCortez087c6c: hello I am 31 years old, international student , which program do you recommend MBAP or MBA full time?

ayonde: @ Amit, can you please share your profile prior to joining Rice MBA? Has Rice been able to provide a personal & professional transformation? If yes, How ?

riceadmissions(mbastudentJavier): afazin, the school provides several tutors for free for most of the classes. These tutors are usually second year students that got A's on the classes.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Chris): @afazin there are TAs to help students with the core classes. They are free and very available to schedule time to work with any problems

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): Your core teams are put together by the Office of Student Services through a thorough analysis of your background, interests, and strengths. You will be placed on an ALP team by the project you choose

afazin: Thank you, that is really great to know.

AMitter2ee7f6: Will someone submitting an application early in the first round get any preference to others submitting applications just before the deadline of the same round?

riceadmissions(MBA Student Gilbert): @afazin, and you can always talk to professors for any question and concern

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): @ayonde: I did more marketing, strategy, business development for a system integration company prior to the Jones school ... my focus is going to be more in corporate finance, planning or business development for an energy company

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ATalwara29db5: Is the concentration of energy sector restricted oil & gas and renewables or is the power sector also included?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @LCortez, the programs philosophies are based on the student's career objectives. The FT program is for career changers. The MBA for Professionals is more for career accelerators. Choose the Full-time if you want to devote all your extra time to finding a new career, where Professional students are looking to move up in either the company where there are currently or their current industry.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Chris): there are power related classes as well

wbernits: I would like to apply in the first round but plan on retaking the GMAT several weeks after the deadline. Will I be able to submit a new GMAT score later in the process and still have it considered?

ayonde: What values does Rice MBA instigate in their students, which separate Rice MBA graduates from graduates from other MBA programs?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Amitter all applications in each round, regardless of their submission date, will be reviewed the same.

blazard(Admissions Bran): wbernits...If you will be retaking the GMAT test after you submit your application, your application will be placed on hold until we receive your new scores.

LCortez087c6c: thanks Ben, what about the age

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AMitter2ee7f6: Thanks again Ben

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Lcortez, Age is not a factor at all in the admissions process. The average age of both programs is around 28-29 years old

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jennifer): @ayonde, Jim would be a great person to answer that question. He is our class president.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @ayonde, I can answer

MBrandt-Lyonse626d0: Lolita, what is the average age of the weekend part time program? Also- how long has the weekend program been in place?

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): AMiller, there is no distinction between early R1 applicants and regular R1 applicants. Depending on application volume for the round, late applications may be pushed to R2, but this wouldn't have any impact on consideration for admissions, only on the timing of your decision.

blazard(Admissions Bran): MBrandt-Lyonse626d0...The average age for the MBAP-E is 28 and MBAP-W 29

adamera: Does Rice have classes that start in Spring?

Imurrah(MBA Admissions Lolita): Average age for the MBAP weekend is 29 and we've had the weekend program for 3 years.

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blazard(Admissions Bran): adamera...We only offer fall intake

NSubramanyaccd725: @Jim, Jennifer - Thanks.

AMitter2ee7f6: Thanks Lolita

adamera: what's the average GMAT score you need for a Part time MBA i.e MBA for professionals

blazard(Admissions Bran): Please feel free to repost your questions if they have not been addressed

ayonde: may I know the mid 80% range for GMAT score also ?

riceadmissions(MBA student Amit): 623 is avg GMAT score for the MBAP class of 2013

NSubramanyaccd725: For the second recommendation should I go for a client, ex-supervisor or peer?

DStatef35274: How long is the MBAP program?

MGuptacc6660: Do students get summer internship opportunities in Climate Change filed? And also, what about the jobs in the same area ??

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): @ayonde, At the Jones School, we feel the quality of students truly sets us apart from our competitive schools. We embrace and strictly adhere to our Honor Code and Student Mission Statement. The strongest qualities found in my classmates are that they Act with Integrity, Value the Differences in Individuals, and Strive for Excellence, the three core goals of our Student Mission Statement. There are only 4500 Rice MBA alums in our 30 year history, so we work hard to guard our reputation and spread the value of the Jones School.

riceadmissions(MBA Student Gilbert): according to Princeton Review, Rice University ranks #1 for "Happiest Student" and "Best Quality of Life"

RGuzman Gomeza04ed2: Hi Lolita! Are you sending the full conversation via email? I would like to review, since I am unable to fully participate due to time restrictions. Thanks!

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ayonde: @ Jim, Thanks a lot !

riceadmissions(MBA Student Jim): Of course!

PSilvace6d1d: Hello everyone!

AMitter2ee7f6: On an average how many students do we have per class at Rice?

riceadmissions(MBA Student LaMecia): PSilvace6d1d: Hello

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Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): All of our programs are 2 years,

blazard(Admissions Bran): NSubramanyaccd725...You second recommendation should be from someone that can strongly attest to you professional qualities

afazin: current students - Did any of you do any preparation before starting the program to ready yourself for being back in the classroom setting? (ex. read specific business books, etc?)

riceadmissions(MBA Student Maria Alejandra): Hi MGuptacc6660: You can target your summer internship in any industry that is of most interest to you and will advance your post-MBA career goals. The Career Management Center is a key resource in helping you identify potential opportunities. Networking events and conferences will also allow you to establish contacts at different organizations of interest to you.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): The chat transcript should be available on the website tomorrow.

bguest(Admissions Ben): Full time program each year has around 120 students, then two sections are created of ~60 students, so your biggest classroom size will have 60. Electives then become much smaller in the second year.

AMitter2ee7f6: Thanks Ben

MGuptacc6660: Thank you Maria. :-)

riceadmissions(mbastudentJavier): @afazin, I recommend you start reading the class readings and books as soon as possible

tjserena7: how can we find the class reading list ? Is it posted on Jones' website?

NSubramanyaccd725: Thanks Bran.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): We'll wrap up in about 15 minutes. If you have a question that hasn't been answered feel free to repost.

bguest(Admissions Ben): Class reading lists are provided to admitted students a few months before Immersion and classes begin. We have an online collaborative course system where resources are provided.

RGuzman Gomeza04ed2: I submitted my application to the Energy Finance Summit. When should I expect a response?

tjserena7: thanks Ben.

riceadmissions(mbastudentJavier): @tjserena7, once you get accepted to the MBA you will be granted access to the OWL-space where the teachers post the class readings and also the books required for the classes

bguest(Admissions Ben): RGuzman, October 1st is the application cut off for REFS, so you will right around then.

tjserena7: thank you Javier.

chriskelley: Are internships only available to FT students in the summer?

RGuzman Gomeza04ed2: same date for Diversity Weekend?

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PSilvace6d1d: My name is Pedro and I am from Sao Paulo, Brazil. I talked to Ben here in Sao Paulo at the Top MBA tour and I have plans to apply for Full-Time program 2012 Can I ask you a question about admissions: is it necessary to 1 of the letters of recommendations to be from a current employer?

bguest(Admissions Ben): Yes. MBA for professional students will be working during that time at their current jobs. CMC resources are not provided to help find MBA for Professionals internships.

riceadmissions(MBA Student LaMecia): afazin: During the summer the full-time students participate in a summer course that is led by the career management center. This helps prepare your resumes and cover letters for networking and future internship searches. For the classroom, students participate in a pre-term session called Immersion which are designed to help prepare you for the classroom experience and future topics you will discuss. However, if you desire or feel you need additional p

bguest(Admissions Ben): Hola Pedro! Glad to see you here. It is not necessary to have a letter of rec from a current employer.

riceadmissions(MBA Student LaMecia): preparation, you may pursue activities that you think will help you best prepare  
afazin: Thank you.. that is very helpful to know.

riceadmissions(MBA Student LaMecia): you are welcome.

bguest(Admissions Ben): the admissions committee understands that some applicants will not have informed their current employer that they are planning to leave for an MBA program. However, it would be beneficial in your application to mention how you chose your recommendation providers if none are from your current employer. It will help to prevent any confusion on our part.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): We'll be wrapping up in about 5 minutes. Any last minute questions?

MGuptacc6660: Can an extra recommendation (besides the 2 primary recommendations) be an overkill?

PSilvace6d1d: ok, thanks!

bguest(Admissions Ben): an extra recommendation is permitted. If you have a situation where a third recommendation can add another positive perspective to your candidacy and your professional ability, then feel free to submit. More than three is overkill.

chriskelley: If accepted, will scholarships/grants be offered simultaneously?

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): The deadlines for fall 2011 applications are Nov 7, 2012, Jan. 9, 2012, Feb. 20, 2012, April 2, 2012, June 4, 2012 (MBAP only)

PSilvace6d1d: ok.. and there is another thing: my current employer who will write one of the letters probably is moving from my city to start her own business..

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Chriskelly the admissions letter would have the scholarship award listed

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): Chris, all full time applicants are considered for scholarship at the time of application. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be notified in your admissions letter.

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RGuzman Gomeza04ed2: Thanks Lolita and Ben! Hope to see you at Summit or Diversity Weekend! Roberto

MGuptacc6660: Thank you Ben. I will keep that in mind.

riceadmissions(MBA Admissions Salomon): @chriskelley: the financial aid process is separate from scholarships and generally begins around mid-April for the same academic year

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Pedro, the letter of rec from your supervisor who may be moving is not a problem. The person who writes the letter can be a former supervisor.

MBrandt-Lyonse626d0: Is it possible to set up a meeting with a member of the MBAP admissions team?

tjserena7: If I submit application first round, about when will I hear the result from you?

bguest(Admissions Ben): The most important factors in letters of recommendation are that they can evaluate you on a professional level, and for your sake they give a positive review.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): Applications completed by the Round 1 deadline will receive decisions by December 16. Completed applications include all transcripts, GMAT scores, and other required supplemental material by the deadline.

blazard(Admissions Bran): MBrandt-Lyonse626d0...Perspective MBAP students are recommended to participate in a class visit. During the visit you will have an opportunity to meet with a current student and visit a class. The current student will assist you with any inquires that you may have regarding the MBAP program.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): We'll be wrapping up now.

tjserena7: Thank you Lolita!

bguest(Admissions Ben): @MBrandt you can schedule a time to come in and speak with a counselor for the P program, or we can set you up for a phone conversation or email.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): thank you for joining us today.

blazard(Admissions Bran): Thank you to everyone for joining us today

PSilvace6d1d: thank you!

tjserena7: Thank you all. The chat is quite helpful.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): If you have any further questions please feel free to email us at [ricemba@rice.edu](mailto:ricemba@rice.edu) or call us at 888-844-4773, or 713-348-4918.

MGuptacc6660: Thank you all. The session was quite helpful.

bguest(Admissions Ben): But like Bran said, the class visit is preferred for the most thorough experience.

orisavm2010: Thank you. All this information has been helpful.

Imurrah(Admissions Lolita): If you will be in the Houston area and would like to arrange a class visit or meet with an admissions counselor please email [ricemba@rice.edu](mailto:ricemba@rice.edu).

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afazin: Thank you all for taking time out of your day, this has been very helpful and informative.