Early Career MBA  
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Q: I’m a business graduate, what are my options for MBA in USA  
A: There are many options for students interested in pursuing an MBA in the US. I encourage you to research schools based on your interests. If you’re looking for an Early Career MBA, for example -- there are several to choose from: Willamette MBA, Rollins College in Florida, Simon (Rochester), etc.

Q: what GMAT score do i need for admission in US universities?  
A: GMAT scores accepted by MBA programs in the US have a wide range. Typically -- a school will have a policy. For example, in Willamette MBA, we require a retake for GMAT scores below 500. Our average score is closer to 600, though.

Q: Does Willamette rank about top MBA programs in the world, in the U.S.?  
A: While rank is important to consider, it’s also important to know that there are many different systems of ranking and each of them is quite different! Having said that, Willamette is included on the Forbes Best Business Schools list, as well as the Beyond Grey Pinstripes (which is for MBA programs that feature ethics and sustainability)

Q: Hi, how much score in GMAT is required to get admitted that will get me a scholarship?  
A: Regarding GMAT scores, I always encourage students to research the MBA program they would like to apply to; but I can tell you that at Willamette MBA, our policy is to require a retake for students who do not score at least a 500. Our average is typically around a 600, which would be much more competitive for admission consideration.

Q: what about language tests? its well known that TOEFL is accepted in US and IELTS more in UK, Europe and Australia. What if I prefer IELTS and I have taken it. Or to apply to US University I should take TOEFL?  
A: It is becoming more common for schools in the US to also accept the IELTS. For instance, Willamette MBA does accept the TOEFL or the IELTS during the admission process. Our minimum score required is a 6.5 band on the IELTS. Or an 88 on the iBT TOEFL.

Q: Are companies eager to hire early MBA graduates for managerial positions? Could you give some examples?  
A: Great question! We have seen a good number of our early career students become quite successful after the MBA program. Since they can show that they have had real-world experience during the MBA program, they are also quite successful in the job market. For example, almost 90% of our graduates last year (which included early career students) accepted a job offer within 6 months after graduation. They accepted jobs at companies such as Nike, Deloitte, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and many other companies.
Q: But is 600 enough for scholarship? Because I am not financially solvent enough to pay about 45 thousand dollars at once.
A: At Willamette, we do offer merit-based scholarships that range from 10% to 90% of tuition. These are based on the overall application package, so while GMAT is important, we also look at all other factors in the application.

Q: like migration, climate change, health, demography, service management, social welfare
A: Willamette MBA covers a wide range of topics related to "sustainability," which involves many of the topics you described. Many of our MBA students are seeking careers in sustainability that would help affect some of the topics you listed.

Q: What advantages do US MBA programs have against European?
A: While location is important to consider, you need to explore MBA programs on "fit" -- or what is best for your career goals. Many European MBA programs have gone to the one-year model, while many US MBA programs are still traditionally 2 years. Other than that, there is a lot of variety between MBA programs in Europe and in the US, and even between MBA programs within each of those geographical areas!

Q: what MBA will be appropriate for me?
A: You need to explore MBA programs based on "fit." There are a lot of MBA programs to choose from, so I recommend you do some research on what is available and what best matches your career goals.

Q: are there any other fellowship’s like Muskie program that cover all tuition fee + living expenses in USA MBA
A: I am aware of some fellowship programs, including Muskie and Fulbright that award scholarships that include tuition and living expenses. It is important to remember that these fellowships are quite competitive and you will need to apply early. Also, these programs often times place you in a degree program, so sometimes you do not have a say in precisely where you get placed.

Q: what is minimum work experience (in months or years) should have the candidate to be accepted to MBA program?
A: Each MBA program is unique in how much work experience they require. Willamette MBA is unique, because we do not require any previous work experience for our Early Career MBA program. However, other MBA programs do require anywhere from 2 years or more to apply.

Q: Would you please clarify what are the other factors?
A: Other factors we consider in the application process and for merit-based scholarships are: undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation, application essays, interview, TOEFL or IELTS (for international applicants) and overall "initiative."

Q: what are the job prospects for the students having MBA on sustainability? i mean who hire them?
A: The trend is moving away from jobs specifically in "sustainability." Actually, companies who want to
move towards sustainability are really looking for MBA's within specific functions. For example, they may hire someone in their marketing team to focus on "sustainability" initiatives. Companies are looking for "change agents" to understand how to apply sustainability to certain functional areas within an organization so that they can move towards greater sustainability.

Q: Is there any opportunity for part time job to bear my expenses?
A: current immigration regulations allow international students to work up to 20 hours per week on campus. The average student will earn about $2000 USD per year which can help with personal expenses.

Q: What is the average GPA on 4. I have 3.80/4.00 is it enough?
A: The average GPA of incoming students to Willamette MBA last year was a 3.3 out of a 4.0. We look at all the factors within the application to make the admission decision.

Q: let's say candidate gets 90% scholarship can he/she apply to additional scholarship to cover rest 10%?
A: Willamette University MBA does not provide full tuition scholarships. It is important to understand that most of our students have additional personal funding that they use to cover the remaining tuition and living expenses.