

MBA Admissions Chat Session

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SRahman23f84a: Hello

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Hello. Welcome to the Rice MBA Admissions chat. We'll get started in about 10 minutes.

SRahman23f84a: Ok

rknowles: hello

PKumar9ff06f: hello everybody

TVarghese8b848e: Hello... everyone

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Hello! We'll get started in about 5 minutes.

SRahman23f84a: cool

VGoyal7bc80e: Hello every one.

PKumar9ff06f: hello

CAguerob22b1c: Hi everyone!

VGoyal7bc80e: Hello Evan, it was nice talking to you yesterday.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Evan): Hey Vivek, I enjoyed our conversation as well. Let me know if you have any questions.

VGoyal7bc80e: yes sure.

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Hello. Welcome to the Rice MBA Admissions chat session. We have several staff and current student available to answer any questions you may have.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): Hello everyone and thank you all for participating

PKumar9ff06f: hello Ms bran

simongonz: Hello

SRahman23f84a: Hello M Bran

SRahman23f84a: *Ms Bran

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): I am a second year full time student, so anyone have questions about the full time program?

PKumar9ff06f: ya i have

SRahman23f84a: yes I do. in case a student has both an undergrad and a masters degree, which programs gpa is more important?

simongonz: me too

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Our final full time application deadline is April 4, 2011.

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PKumar9ff06f: i want to know is there any constraint regarding the minimum GPA requirement during grads for admissions to full time MBA??

CAguerob22b1c: Hey Brandi, Can you share with us in what ways has the program met your expectations?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): stand by - Ben is taking the GPA questions

SRahman23f84a: ok

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): We do not have a minimum gpa requirement. The Average GPA for the last class was 3.36.

PKumar9ff06f: actually i am from india and also we have percentage system on a base of 100

PKumar9ff06f: so how to convert it in 4.0 scale?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @SRahman Neither GPA is more important than the other in the admissions process. We will look at classes you took in each program to help predict your potential to perform well in the core course work. The undergraduate GPA is hat we average for the class to report to publications.

PKumar9ff06f: ok

SRahman23f84a: I see

simongonz: how does the program interacts with other programs or schools within the university? there is a joint MBA with environmental assessment and decision making that lasts for 3 years, but am wondering if is possible to complete it in less time ? Or to take electives in other schools

PKumar9ff06f: and as 4th April being last deadline for MBA program for international students, does the scholarship opportunities are drastically reduces for them in this round??

SRahman23f84a: does the GMAT score help offset a low undergraduate gpa?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @CAguerob- The program has met my expectation in many ways. I was expecting to be challenged, to learn from the experiences of very smart people (classmates and professors), and to have access to an awesome group of professionals (alumni & visitors).

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): There are many other expectations that have been meet/exceeded.

bguest(Admissions Ben): There is a GPA calculation tool through WES (open in a new browser)
<http://www.wes.org/students/igpacalc.asp>

PKumar9ff06f: i had an opportunity to interact with Rice Team in Delhi on Jan 2011 and i found the experience very good

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ SRahman - the admissions process looks at your application as a whole and considers GPA, GMAT, and work experience in equal proportion

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): We admit students and award scholarship in all rounds of admission.

CAguerob22b1c: Great, so what can it be one of the things that you wish the program would do better?

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blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): simongonz...The curriculum is structured and the MBA/MS program can't be fast tracked. you will be required to complete the program in the specified time

VGoyal7bc80e: I do see a lot of Indian students present here. Can you please give some idea about how many Indian students do you taken in one batch of full time mba.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Evan): Simon - There are joint programs with the engineering and medical schools. As a student, you are able to attend events at other various programs. Last year, I went to several events at the Baker school for public policy and at the engineering schools. There is also the Rice Alliance which is a program that incorporates both undergrads and grads at Rice that is technology and business focused. As far as classes go, you can take classes outside of Jones but this is not feasible until your second year.

TVarghese8b848e: I am an international applicant. I submitted in R3(on 02/21), but still have to send my transcripts, what round will then my application be considered? Also can I send a scanned transcript to ricemba@rice.edu in the meanwhile?

SRahman23f84a: GOOD

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): All.....Please note that if you click on any links provided, they will take you out of the chat. Please copy and paste all links in a new window

simongonz: thanks Evan

maccar: I would like to apply for MBA for Professionals evening program but it requires 9 Saturdays for program. Due to religous beliefs I would not be able to attend Saturdays. Would I be able to make an adjustment to replace those Saturdays?

PKumar9ff06f: what are the oppportunities for exchange program with other universities in Rice MBA??

smedina(Admissions Salomon): @PKumar9ff06f: As we get closer to the end of the admissions rounds, naturally funding availability reduces and scholarships may become a bit more competitive during review. Our admissions scholarship committee, however, does work to manage the funds so that availability is as equitable as possible.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): maccar, there is also a professional evening program. Have you looked into that program?

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Your application remains incomplete until we receive your transcript. At this point, it may be moved to the next round of admissions.

PKumar9ff06f: what are the oppportunities for exchange program with other universities in Rice MBA??

SRahman23f84a: what is a good GMAT score?

keatinsc: Hi - I am working on my application for the MBA for Professionals program and had a question on the recommendations. I understand that there is a requirement to have 2 recommendations, if 1 recommendation is not from your immediate supervisor. However, is there any objection to sending 2 recommendations, if one will be from your immediate supervisor?

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bguest(Admissions Ben): @Vgoyal Each year we have approx. 30% international students which in a class size of ~120 would be around 36 students from countries other than the US.

SRahman23f84a: What is a good GMAT score?

maccar: Brandi, that is the one I am referring to. In the details it says that 9 Saturdays are required...which I don't know for what.

VGoyal7bc80e: thanks Ben, do you have any statistics for India.

rknowles: how does the dual concentration option work at rice university, and if there is a current student on the panel taking the dual concentration approach, how has the experience been?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): CAguerob - I've been very pleased with the program overall. There is a lot of flexibility, particularly in the second year that allows you to customize a program that suits your academic and professional needs. All programs are different, and I would encourage you to choose a program where you feel like you have the best fit from an academic, professional, and social perspective.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @PKumar - There are exchange programs that you can do in Costa Rica and Mexico. There are many other opportunities for International trips (just short of 2 weeks) as well.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): PKumar- Rice has an exchange program with a business school in Costa Rica, every year I hear that it is a wonderful experience from students that have gone

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Average GMAT scores for the last class was 672.

PKumar9ff06f: thanks patra

simongonz: i am mostly interested in concentrating in finance and management, but keep as much space for environmental resources classes, can anyone let me know anything about the environmental resources classes? is there a school within the university for that?

CAguerob22b1c: Thanks brandi

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ SRahman - the GMAT 80% range was 620 - 740 for this year's first year class

PKumar9ff06f: can the requirement of TOEFL be waived for if medium of instruction at undergrad was English for admission into MBA program?

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Our exchange program is with INCAE in Costa Rica.

PKumar9ff06f: ok

TVarghese8b848e: what kind of career placement opportunities exists at Rice for full time (international) students with Energy Concentration?

SRahman23f84a: thanks. Have a good day everyone. Goodbye.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Evan): Knowles - I am concentrating in Finance and Accounting. You don't declare concentrations until later so it's really just a matter of taking the classes you want to take or selecting classes based on concentration. Dual is demanding but doable. Plus, it excludes you from taking classes that may interest you but are

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not within your concentration due to availability of time. I am happy with my decision because I did want to focus but it's a personal choice. I will still graduate with roughly the same amount of hours as most of my colleagues.

SGilleyf08d4c: Why are professional students not allowed to select a major?

VGoyal7bc80e: Thanks Ben, do you have statistics for India.

simongonz: when are admission decisions sent ?

maccar: Brandi, I am referring to evening program. In the details it says that 9 Saturdays are required...which I don't know for what.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): Maccar the 9 Saturdays are for ILE's, Capstone and other group projects

simongonz: ok.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): They are required and in your case if you have to miss them, you will be required to complete a graded make-up project

bguest(Admissions Ben): @maccar if you are unable to attend Saturday classes, the MBA for Professionals program will probably not work for you. There are Saturday workshops in the Evening format, and the Weekend format is comprised of Fridays and Saturdays. It would be extremely difficult to "make up" the work considering most course work in the core curriculum is team based.

pyunlin: Hi, I would like to concentrate in Finance. Is there a good chance for international student find an internship in realted field?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @TVarghese - Many energy companies recruit on campus for a variety of functions. Many of these companies are multinational and have offices all over the world.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): for each class that you miss

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @Maccar: Those Saturdays are probably for ILEs, which are mini classes that are completed in 2 days or so. I will have someone on the admissions staff answer this for you

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): for information on who is recruiting at Rice visit http://business.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/Support/Recruiters_Guide.pdf?n=8348

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): Does this answer your inquiry

rknowles: thanks for the answer, Evan. I'm looking into possibly doing a dual for marketing and entrepreneurship.

maccar: Ok. In my case I would miss all nine of them but I would be able to make up all 9 of them. Correct?

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): that is correct

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): TV - I can think of numerous instances of full-time placement for international students in my class. Some companies are more aggressive in sponsorship of work visas for international students than others, and the Career Management Center can help you build a strategy to pursue the opportunities that are best for your situation.

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PKumar9ff06f: can the requirement of TOEFL be waived for if mediium of instruction at undergrad was english for admission into MBA program?

maccar: You have answered my question

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): however, the number of Saturdays for this coming class has not been set

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): TOEFL is not required if your university medium of instruction was in English.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @pyunlin: I can think of 3 classmates that are international students that received internships and full-time offers in Finance roles

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): I believe there are fewer than nine

maccar: Thank you

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): also,

PKumar9ff06f: thanks for your reply Ms Lolita

maccar: yes

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): the nine includes Fridays as well

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): so its not 9 Saturdays

VGoyal7bc80e: @Evan as i understand you are also doing dual concentration, how do rate option of dual concentration in entrepreneurship and finance.

simongonz: are there classes offered in the summer?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @SGilley, the curriculum for the professional students is structured a bit differently (since they can't take as many classes during the week as full time). So it may be more difficult for them to take as many electives required for the specific concentrations we offer. They still take a full load with the same amount of credits. There may be other reasons as well that I am not completely aware of.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): you are welcome to return to the regular chat

maccar: thanks

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ simongonz - There is no required course work during the summer. The summer is the time when MBA students are working in their internships.

SGilleyf08d4c: Patra, who would be able to give me more information about this?

keatinsc: Hi - I am working on my application for the MBA for Professionals program and had a question on the recommendations. I understand that there is a requirement to have 2 recommendations, if 1 recommendation is not from your immediate supervisor. However, is there any objection to sending 2 recommendations, if one will be from your immediate supervisor?

pyunlin: Thank you, Brandi. Also I'm wondering the internship opportunity during summer is in Houston only, or nationwide?

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VGoyal7bc80e: Do you have venture capital firms recruiting from Rice.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @SGilley - If you reach out to Admissions after this chat they can direct you to who can answer that question.

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): Concentrations are optional. You don't have to declare a concentration at all, but could rather choose to focus on coursework that suits your needs.

simongonz: Thank you Michael. Can those internships be completed outside the States?

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): keatinsc...No there is no objection. Submitting two recommendations can only help your application not hinder it

PKumar9ff06f: what type of job profile was offered by NASA Johnson space centre last year??

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @pyunlin: Internship opportunities are available nationwide. Some classmates sought international internships.

SGilleyf08d4c: Ok, thanks.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Evan): I don't know much about the entrepreneurship concentration but I can see how there would be a lot of alignment. I don't know of anyone doing that combination of concentration so I can't say for sure. I generally don't recommend people worry about concentrations unless they feel it is crucial in their careers. I have an odd background (music) so I felt I needed it for recruiting purposes.

simongonz: ok

keatinsc: Thank you, Ms Bran. Also, it appears all aspects of the application can be completed online, except sending original transcripts. Should I be including a cover letter or additional information along with the sealed transcripts to help the admissions department identify that the transcript should be tied to my application?

pyunlin: ok, thank you Brandi.

rknowles: is a high quant score in the GMAT (45+) necessary for consideration?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @VGoyal - There are venture capital firms based in Texas, however, many VC's do not have a set recruiting policy as they are smaller offices. There are, however, many opportunities at Rice to network with VC's in hopes of landing a job. These opportunities are through the Rice Alliance, Rice Business Plan Competition, and course work. For instance I just complete a VC course, taught my principals at DFJ Mercury.

TVarghese8b848e: Any guess-timate on the time required to get the student visa... average that is...

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): Keatinsc...n you do not need to submit a cover letter

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @VGoyal: I do not know for sure if Venture Capital Firms "recruit" at rice, but I know that there are Rice alum at VC firms and that there are relationships with VCs, so if anyone is interested in that field, that can leverage those relationships

keatinsc: thanks again, ms. bran

AFERNANDEZ GARZAbf645a: About the TOEFL, can be waived if I graduated from a High School in Wisconsin?

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VGoyal7bc80e: Thanks Michael, Brandi and Evan

bguest(Admissions Ben): @rknowles We don't have a specific score requirement for the quantitative portion of the GMAT. If an applicant struggles on the quantitative portion of the test, the admissions committee will also look at any quant courses taken in UG or masters program to help compensate.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @PKumar - I don't think the students on this chat interned for NASA so it is hard to say what was offered specifically by NASA. We have a career management center that should be able to answer that question for you or at least provide more insight into working at NASA.

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): PKumar - Two of my good friends worked in the NASA internships last summer. These included a variety of financial analysis, costing, optimization, and forecasting projects, similar to what you would expect in the private sector. Both my friends enjoyed their experiences at NASA and the exposure that they had to this organization.

PKumar9ff06f: gr8

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @PKumar - sorry, I wasn't sure! Thanks David

PKumar9ff06f: thanks for your reply Mr. david and patra

rknowles: thanks, ben. That answer helps

VGoyal7bc80e: Are interview invites given to all applicants or is it by invitation only.

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): It will take 2-3 weeks to get a completed I-20 after you have submitted all required documentation. Once received, you must consult your consulate for the timing for a visa. I've seen it take more than a month. so we encourage all admitted international students to complete required paperwork as soon as possible.

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Interviews are by invitation only.

TVarghese8b848e: Do we need to apply separately for scholarships?

KV3DV358K: Can distinguished work experience be a substitute for bachelors in MBA enrollment? Is there any other way to prove academic ability besides a bachelor's that may be in a completely irrelevant field?

PKumar9ff06f: does interview are done over phone or Skype for international students??

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @PKumar - we do conduct interviews via phone or Skype for international students..at their preference.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ PKumar - interviews may be done over the phone or by Skype

rknowles: i'm currently residing and working in California, but i would like to visit the campus. What would be the best time to do so and should i contact admissions beforehand?

PKumar9ff06f: ok

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): All accredited MBA programs will require a bachelor's degree.

simongonz: how much time can be expected before a decision is made and sent to an applicant after being interviewed?

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Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Interviews are available via Skype or phone for international students.

smedina(Admissions Salomon): @TVarghese8b848e: scholarships are available for MBA full time program students only and eligibility is assessed by the scholarship admissions committee during the admissions application process. If you are eligible you will be notified of the amount of your scholarship in your admission letter.

pyunlin: How long it will take to receive an interview invitation after submitting the complete application?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @Simongonz - Admissions decisions are sent out a few weeks after that round's admissions deadlines

KV3DV358K: What MBA don't require a bachelors? And what do they require?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): TV - Rice offers scholarships directly. However, I would encourage you to apply for additional, outside scholarships on your own, as there are many sources of substantial, additional funding from a variety of organizations. Google FastWeb and other opportunities directly.

PKumar9ff06f: what's the scholarship ranges offered to international students in Rice for full time MBA program??

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): KV3 - The Rice program requires a bachelors' degree - I don't know and can't comment on the requirements of other programs, sorry.

AFERNANDEZ GARZAbf645a: what's the most common or typical % of scholarship that an international applicant gets?

NPatel63ab16: I am aware that the Rice MBA full time program is intense, especially the first year. Do a lot of Full Time students take the CFA level 2 and 3 June exams during their MBA studies? Generally, is there ample time to study for such exams, in addition to the MBA curriculum?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @PKumar, the scholarships range from \$0 - full tuition (\$44K)

PKumar9ff06f: ok ok

PKumar9ff06f: this is per year! am i right

bguest(Admissions Ben): yes, annual

smedina(Admissions Salomon): @PKumar9ff06f: scholarships range from \$5000 per year to full tuition regardless of citizenship status. Approximately 85% of our full time program students receive some level of scholarship. We do also always encourage international students to check in their home country for funding options as well.

TVarghese8b848e: What percentage of the new full time MBA class is already filled up as of now?

simongonz: if an international student at the mba has investment opportunities back home, and would like to present, does the school or faculty helps in any way after getting to know the opportunity?

bguest(Admissions Ben): @TV we have approximately 50% of the class filled after the first two rounds

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): NPatel - I know a few students who have taken CFA Level One while here, and we have a number of more advanced levels. If you take the June exams, you'll have time to study. My friends who have completed these exams have indicated that preparing for all levels of CFA was easier after completing business school,

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and I can imagine that the more advanced finance and accounting classes offered in the second year would be particularly helpful

VGoyal7bc80e: @Ben how many admits are you taking in round 3.

PKumar9ff06f: any tie ups it there with banks in Houston for funding for international students without any US co-signer??

NPatel63ab16: Thanks David!

bguest(Admissions Ben): @Vgoyal, there is no set amount per round. The adcom admits the highest quality candidates, so it depends on the quality of the pool in that round

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ simongonz - You are able to enter your business plan into the Rice Business Plan Competition. Prizes awarded in this competition could be used to fund your business.

KV3DV358K: Can I do a ¿standalone¿ CFA at rice without a bachelors, I was told I could do it in London?

VGoyal7bc80e: Thanks Ben.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @PK: I have heard of international students needing a co-signer for their student loans. However, I am not sure if this is always the case.

TVarghese8b848e: how is a typical day at school (year 1 and year 2)?

TVarghese8b848e: schedule that is...

PKumar9ff06f: ok

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ KV - The CFA is not administered by Rice University, the exams are administered by the CFA Society.

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): @simon - there are dozens of other business plan competitions around the world which are sources of non-dilutive seed capital. Also, there are plenty of organizations that will provide funding to teams who are selected for their programs.

simongonz: thanks guys

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @TV: 1st year typical days are very busy. They are filled with classes, reading & preparing cases, group work, job search, and occasionally socializing with classmates.

VGoyal7bc80e: When can we expect decision for round three applicants?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): April 1st

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): April 1

ricemoderator(MBA Student Brandi): @TV: second year students are allowed to build their own schedules, so the work load depends on the classes that you select

TVarghese8b848e: How about round 4, decision dates?

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ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): May 13

PKumar9ff06f: ok

AFERNANDEZ GARZAbf645a: Do you have to work at school or do something for Rice if you get a scholarship?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): For general scholarships, no

PParihar5d0154: by when should I expect round 4 interview calls

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ AFERNANDEZ - You are not required to work at Rice for scholarships

TVarghese8b848e: when do the classes start; August is it?

AFERNANDEZ GARZAbf645a: Thanks

rknowles: would you recommend to aspiring applicants to visit the campus, and if so what would be the best time to do so and should we contact admissions beforehand?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): FT starts August 8th. International FT starts August 1st.

CAguerob22b1c: what % of international students are hispanics/latinos?

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): R4 deadline is April 4 so interview calls will go out after that date.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): TVarg - during the first year you have classes (either 2 or 3 each day Mon-Thurs). You get a break in between which is usually consumed with finishing work. There are also many club activities and corporate presentations that you will likely attend and those are generally in the evening or on Fridays. There is definitely a lot going on every single day!!

TVarghese8b848e: full time classes starting date, and is there any pre-start courses? if yes then pre-start course date...

PParihar5d0154: What are internship opportunities for students with work experience in consumer product industry

smedina(Admissions Salomon): @ PKumar9ff06f: there are a few organizations that do not require a US citizen or permanent resident co-signer. Generally, these come with higher interest or require a co-signer in the home country. Here is a list of resources we have put together for international students:

http://business.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/Prospective_Students/Academic_Programs/International_Student_Educational_Funding_Websites.pdf

PKumar9ff06f: thanks for the info

talamantesa2306: How long has the Healthcare specialization program been in effect?

pyunlin: Hi when will interview take place after the deadline?

AFERNANDEZ GARZAbf645a: I'm from Mexico and I graduated college here, but I went to high school in Wisconsin, do I still have to take the TOEFL??

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Required full time immersion is August 8-19. Required International immersion August 1-6.

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ricemoderator(MBA Student David): FT pre-term starts August 8th, and FT pre-term for international students starts Aug 1st. These are required sessions. Term I starts Aug 22nd

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @TVarg - We have a 2 week session of pre courses and activities - it's called Immersion. You will begin taking Accounting and Finance classes, as well as Strategy during these two weeks starting Aug 8th.

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Interviews are by invitation only. If an interview is required I will contact you by email.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @CAguerob last year in a class of 109 students, around 6% were hispanic/latino and not US citizens

smedina(Admissions Salomon): @PKumar9ff06f: You're welcome. It's also a good idea to do some research on your end to see what type of programs might be available through governmental or non-profit organizations.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @rknowles - I would recommend visiting the campus. You will need to make an appointment one week prior to your arrival. We do not hold classes on Friday or during the summer. To schedule a class visit, call or email the Admissions Office toll-free at 888-844-4773 or 713-348-4918, ricemba@rice.edu

pyunlin: Thank you Lolita.

bguest(Admissions Ben): @talamantesa The HealthCare specialization is in its first year

TVarghese8b848e: how is the membership at clubs, especially the energy related ones?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @talamante, I believe the healthcare concentration started this academic year. The curriculum has been enhanced to include a variety of classes including Healthcare marketing, cost and quality of healthcare, strategic management of healthcare, interpersonal communications in healthcare, etc. Quite a few of my classmates have taken these classes and enjoy them!

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): Most students are members of at least one club

bguest(Admissions Ben): MAny of the HC elective classes have been available in years past, but only recently have the formal "track" and concentration been available to select

rknowles: thanks, michael!

PParihar5d0154: Can somebody please answer that what are the internship opportunities for students with work experience in consumer product industry

VGoyal7bc80e: When can we expect decision for round 3.

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): April 1

VGoyal7bc80e: Thanks Lolita.

TVarghese8b848e: @David, thanks, I meant does it require any special skills to get memberships to clubs...

NPatel63ab16: What actions have The Jones School taken to continue to build its national and global brand?

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ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ PP - A few of my classmates spent the summer working for Kraft, Dr. Pepper/Snapple, Coca-Cola, Pfizer, and General Mills

PKumar9ff06f: can i know about the internship opportunities in strategy for full time mba?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): Clubs coordinate networking events, mock interviews, interviewing and job-seeking strategies, networking opportunities, special events, supplemental education, company tours, etc., etc. Clubs will present to first-year students at a "Clubs Fair" early in the first term so that you can ask questions and sign up

talamantesa2306: I know the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus works closely with different organizations in TMC to provide students with insight in the field. Does Rice offer the same type of exposure?

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ PKumar - Numerous opportunities are available to work in either business development or consulting.

PKumar9ff06f: ok

rknowles: for current students: can you briefly describe the campus culture at Rice?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): PKumar - Strategy internship opportunities include management consulting positions and some direct opportunities offered by organizations in roles such as new ventures development.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ Talamantesa - Rice is located right across the street from the TMC, and is very involved in the TMC through the Bioscience Research Collaborative.

PKumar9ff06f: that's gr8

PKumar9ff06f: thanks for the reply

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @Pkumar - I also know classmates who had more entrepreneurial internships involving strategy...and there were also some that worked for Rice University within strategy roles.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): For more information on recruiting and the corporate sponsors, please click on the link provided: http://business.rice.edu/uploadedFiles/Support/Recruiters_Guide.pdf?n=8348

PParihar5d0154: Thanks Michael for the insight on internship

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ talamantesa - For information on these connections, visit this website <http://www.rice.edu/brc/>

talamantesa2306: For students who work full-time, are there several evening classes to chose from?

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): rknowles - I'm a Rice undergrad as well. What I most often hear about the culture at Rice is that it has the positive characteristics of a tight-knit community. I am still in contact with my undergraduate classmates and have been able to count on them both socially and professionally.

simongonz: thank you guys. all the best.

PKumar9ff06f: thanks all for your answers to our queries

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blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): talamantesa....The MBA for Professionals offer a evening schedule and a Weekend schedule

PKumar9ff06f: ok

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): We'll finish up in about 5 minutes.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @rknowles - Rice has a very competitive yet highly collaborative culture. You sense this immediately when on campus. It is also very familial since it is a smaller program. Easy access to faculty and staff. You spend a lot of time here so the caliber of people really makes a difference. I have been very impressed.

blazard(Admissions Ms Bran): you will be required to choose one or the other

pyunlin: During the ALP, student can select project by themselves?

rknowles: thanks for the answers, david and patra. i appreciate them very much

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Please email us anytime at ricemba@rice.edu.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): @Pyunlin - ALP is 100% a team experience. If projects do not gain enough interest, they will not be considered for ALP placement.

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ Pyunlin - During the ALP process, companies come on campus to pitch their particular project they would like a team on MBAs to work on. Students then select which projects they would like to work on, and an earnest attempt to give students their top pick is made.

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): My very best wishes to all of you in the MBA admissions process and in your careers. Thanks for your interest in the Jones School and Rice University

talamantesa2306: On average how large are the classes?

VGoyal7bc80e: Thanks everyone.

ricemoderator(MBA Student David): 60 people max in a classroom.

pyunlin: Thank you Patra and Michael!

ricemoderator(MBA Student Michael): @ talamantesa - class sizes are around 120 students per class. Individuals class sizes may range from around 60 in core, required classes to as few as 10 in elective, more specialized classes

PKumar9ff06f: thanks michael and david

TVarghese8b848e: thank you so much all for your guidance, looking forward to meet you in Houston... Have a nice day ahead.

talamantesa2306: Are there any distant education locations?

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Thank y'all for attending. Please email us anytime if you have questions. ricemba@rice.edu

ricemoderator(MBA Student Patra): Best wishes to everyone!

pyunlin: Thank you all, hope you have a nice day.

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PKumar9ff06f: thanks for your valuable time and answers

PKumar9ff06f: best wishes to everyone!

Imurrah(AdmissionsLolita): Good bye. Please email us if you have any further questions.