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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of school	Public
Academic calendar	Year-Round program

SURVEY SAYS...

Classmates have diverse work experience, Friendly students, Good peer network, Happy students, Students love Louisville, KY

Solid preparation in:

Marketing, Finance, General management, Teamwork, Presentation skills, Quantitative skills

STUDENTS

Enrollment of parent institution	22,529
Enrollment of MBA Program	213
% male/female	73/27
% out-of-state	33
% part-time	79
% underrepresented minority	11
% international	2
Average age at entry	28
Average years work experience at entry	5.0

ACADEMICS

Academic Experience Rating	91
Profs interesting rating	86
Profs accessible rating	85
Student/faculty ratio	7:1
% female faculty	22
% underrepresented minority faculty	19
% part-time faculty	8

Joint Degrees

Joint degree opportunities are available with all graduate and professional programs at the University of Louisville including the Law, Engineering, and Medical schools. Program lengths vary in the partner schools but the program length of the MBA is not changed. Students must complete degree requirements of both programs to be awarded the joint degrees

Academics

The small MBA program at the University of Louisville College of Business is a gem that is “only getting brighter everyday.” Professional, Full-time, and Entrepreneurship MBAs are available, and all classes are held in the evenings or on weekends. Full-time MBAs have 3.5-hour classes held three evenings a week, and most students take advantage of the eleven-month competitive paid internship program, which provides significant exposure to local business contacts and features an international trip that “provides global perspective for concepts learned in class”—not to mention it practically pays for the cost of tuition. Lectures are often case-driven and geared towards application of concepts and ideas, and case reviews use current events. While professors are gracious, “they also have high expectations of the students.”

The cohort setup is “wonderful”: “To share all your classes with the same fifty people really allows for great team-building and collaboration,” testifies a student. Students come from all industry backgrounds and are “very outgoing and interactive in class debates,” which “adds to the conversations and provides diverse outlooks on situations.” “Each week has been very challenging, and I have learned material that I can immediately use at work,” says a student. Courses are designed so that fundamental topics are reinforced throughout the program, and this cohesive curriculum “congeals the concepts so that strategic and technical thinking will persist beyond graduation.”

The “fantastic administration” is “well-organized [with] good communication,” which is especially impressive since most classes meet in the evenings when administration is not typically present. Class schedules are handled by the administration and all students need to do “is let them know which classes we are interested in, and they do the rest. It is a very conducive environment to learn in.” That being said, “electives are somewhat limited.”

Career and Placement

The alumni are very helpful and “willing to meet with anyone if they are interested in a career path and try to give them help, guidance, or contacts of how to pursue their future careers.” “I have had many meetings with different alumni and finally I landed a great job in wealth management because of the alumni,” says one student. A sizeable city like Louisville draws employers to campus, and there are similarly “great internship opportunities for MBA students.” The paid internship for full-time MBAs is one of the school’s greatest boons, and while this means almost everyone is already employed across all programs, the Ulmer Career Center is still available for résumé assistance, interview prep, career counseling, and recruiting events.

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Student Life and Environment

The University of Louisville “has a fine campus” and the College of Business building “provides students with great resources,” though “the surrounding areas need work for students to feel safe after dark.” Students are given amenities such as “free food, access to Wi-Fi throughout campus and designated MBA-only study rooms, computer labs, and lounge areas.” As a whole, this is a relatively young group native to the area, and outside of class students “always invite anyone and everyone to come grab some food or drinks at local restaurants on/near campus.” “We try to have fun, but we also make sure we get our work done,” says a student of a cohort that is “very motivated to get as much out every class as possible, both individually and as a group.”

Admissions

Students do not need to rush their applications into the University of Louisville College of Business. Rolling admissions are open for all MBA programs until July 1. But applying early does have a financial advantage. A \$1,000 scholarship is available to Entrepreneurship MBA early admit students who meet the May 1 priority deadline. Student interviews, GMAT scores, and undergraduate GPAs are given the highest consideration for incoming students. College transcripts, a personal statement, letters of recommendation, and résumé are also required. Students average over six years of work experience before enrolling at UL and the average age of enrollees over the past several years has been twenty-eight. About fifty students make up the Professional MBA classes, about forty attend the Entrepreneurship MBA classes, and about thirty-five are in the full-time MBA class.

Prominent Alumni

David Jones, Founder/ Former Chairman, Humana; Terry Forcht, Owner, Forcht Group

FINANCIAL FACTS

Annual tuition	\$32,000
Fees	\$0
Cost of books	\$1,500
Room & board (on/off-campus)	\$10,500/\$12,500
% of students receiving aid	62
% of first-year students receiving aid	22
% of students receiving grants	26.6
Average award package	\$13,338
Average grant	\$7,746
Average loan	\$13,936
Average student loan debt	\$32,625

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Selectivity Rating	87
# of applications received	341
% applicants accepted	47
% acceptees attending	87
Average GMAT	580
Range of GMAT	540–630
Accepts GRE scores	Yes
Average Verbal GRE	155
Range of Verbal GRE scores	152–158
Average Quantitative GRE	154
Range of Quantitative GRE scores	151–157
Average Writing GRE	4.2
Range of Writing GRE scores	4.0–4.5
Average GPA	3.29
TOEFL required of international students	Yes
Minimum TOEFL (paper/web)	550/79
Application fee	\$50
International application fee	\$50
Regular application deadline	7/1
Deferment available	Yes
Maximum length of deferment	case by case basis, generally one year
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Transfer application policy	Up to 9 credits are accepted (grade B or better) from an AACSB accredited MBA program, reviewed on a case by case basis.
Non-fall admissions	Yes
Need-blind admissions	Yes

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE

Career Rating	82	Grads Employed by Function	% Avg. Salary
Percent employed at graduation	40	Marketing	(20%) \$52,624
Average base starting salary	\$41,445	Operations	(8%) \$57,961
Primary Source of Full-time Job Acceptances		Consulting	(9%) \$58,214
School-facilitated activities	9(20%)	Management	(11%) \$54,591
Graduate-facilitated activities	12(38%)	Finance	(21%) \$55,454
Unknown	11(34%)	HR	(5%) \$38,500
		MIS	(5%) \$70,000
		Other	(22%) \$53,047
		Top 5 Employers Hiring Grads	
		US Army (1), Hilliard Lyons (1), Merrill Lynch (1), Vitera Healthcare Solutions (1), Pernod Ricard USA (1)	