



The following Admissions Policy is intended to give more detailed information regarding admission to the University of St.Gallen MBA programme (<http://www.mba.unisg.ch>).

1. Admission Requirements

1.1 Bachelor's Degree required

Applicants must hold at least a Bachelor degree (3 years) or a Diploma (4 years) with a minimum of 180 ECTS-Credits (European Credit Transfer System) equivalent from a recognised University or a University of Applied Science.

Recognition will be verified by the talent acquisition team. It is the applicant's duty to provide evidence of recognition if needed. If transcript(s) and diploma(s) are not in English or German, the applicant must supply a certified translation in English or German.

1.2 GMAT/GRE score or MBA admissions test required

Full-time MBA & Part-time MBA:

Applicants for the MBA programme are required to submit a GMAT/GRE score no older than five years or successfully complete the MBA admissions test with a minimum score of 80% within 21 days after accessing to course portal.

Applicants can apply to the University of St.Gallen MBA without yet holding a GMAT/GRE score or completing the MBA admissions test. However full admission to the programme is conditional on submitting a competitive GMAT/GRE score or successfully completing the MBA admissions test.

Should more than one GMAT/GRE score result be held, the best score within the last five years will be recognised.

Please indicate the University of St.Gallen MBA programme as an automatic recipient of your official score report.

The University of St.Gallen MBA GMAT Institution Code is 5RK-QG-13

The University of St.Gallen MBA GRE institution Code is 0413 (*GRE scores will be translated into a GMAT equivalent using guidelines on the [GRE website](#)*)

GMAT waivers:

We offer GMAT waivers to applicants who have a CPA or CFA level 2 qualification. PhD holders are entitled to request a GMAT/GRE waiver, if they can show considerable experience studying in an English language environment and a math focus during their studies. Should you be holder of a qualification similar to those listed above, a GMAT waiver can be requested during the online application process and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

1.3 Fluency in English

An English language test is required unless you can demonstrate that you have considerable experience living, working or studying in an English language environment.

To prove fluency in English, certificates equivalent to at least a C1 level on the European Framework for Foreign Languages (TOEFL, CAE, CPE, BEC Higher) are recognised.

Applicants holding at least a Bachelor's degree taught entirely in English may be exempted from taking an English test.



Please indicate the University of St.Gallen MBA programme as an automatic recipient of your official test report.

University of St.Gallen MBA TOEFL Institution Code is 0198.

Knowledge of German is not required for the MBA application and is not required during the programme. To improve participants' regional integration and to increase chances of securing a job in the German speaking region it is advisable to learn some basic German. Therefore, mandatory German classes are included in the MBA programme.

1.4 Work experience

Applicants are recommended to have at least 4 years of work experience to best profit from the MBA (minimum 2 years).

Ideally, applicants should be able to demonstrate leadership experience.

Part-time work experience may be taken into account if the sum is equivalent to three years of full time work. Evidence thereof must be provided by the applicant. Military service can be recognised as work experience depending on the position. Projects under a PhD can be taken into account depending on the topic and content of the project.



1.5 References

The contact details of two references are required during the online application process, which are able to access various facets of your personality, your business achievements and your leadership capabilities.

1st reference: Current direct supervisor preferred

2nd reference: Someone, who has shared extensive experiences in either the applicant's professional career or during extracurricular activities.

After leaving the contact details in the online application, the applicant can generate emails to the references containing a questionnaire. The questionnaire should take the reference person around 10-20min to complete.

The questionnaire contains:

- Evaluation of the applicant's skills and qualifications
- Summary of why the applicant would be suitable for the University of St.Gallen MBA programme

Both references need to submit their questionnaire before any full offer to the programme can be made.

The applicant can check the submission status of the reference requests within the application and generate reminder emails.

By providing the contact details of the references, the applicant agrees that the talent acquisition team can contact the references over email and/or phone, in case of open questions concerning the applicants suitability to the University of St.Gallen MBA programme.

In case you would like to submit hardcopy recommendation letters, please contact the talent acquisition team (mba@unisg.ch).



2. Assessment Criteria

When the Admissions Committee considers an application, a range of criteria is taken into account to evaluate the applicant's suitability for the MBA Programme:

- Quality of prior work experience
- Post MBA employability as assessed by the Career Services Manager
- Academic exposure
- GMAT/GRE score or MBA admissions test
- International exposure
- Video and written responses in online application
- Language abilities
- Interview (in person or by video call)
- References

We encourage all potential applicants to contact the talent acquisition team prior to submitting an application for an informal assessment (mba@unisg.ch).



3. Original documents

Applicants are requested to only send electronic copies of certificates and transcripts at the application stage, as originals sent at this stage will not be returned. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request original documents once a place in the MBA has been accepted. MBA participants must submit hard copies of original documents to the talent acquisition team for verification, no later than the beginning of the MBA programme. This includes at least:

- Original University degree/transcripts (if transcript(s) and diploma(s) are not in English or German, the applicant must supply a certified translation in English or German)
- Original GMAT Score Result (sent electronically over test provider)



4. Admission decisions

There are four possible admission decision outcomes: full admission; conditional admission; hold and reject.

Full Admission:

A place in the MBA class is guaranteed, if the applicant signs the acceptance letter and can show evidence of payment within the decision time. The deadline for accepting the place on the programme will be given in the admissions offer and is normally within 15 days from the date of offer.

Conditional Admission:

The Admissions Committee will offer applicants with good potential, which need to fulfil certain conditions prior to a full admissions offer, a conditional acceptance to the programme. Any conditions set must be met prior to the final application deadline, however, the MBA programme cannot guarantee that places will still be available for conditional applicants at this stage.

Hold:

The Admissions Committee was pleased with the application, but due to the limited class size, no place can be offered at this point. Applicants on hold will be informed no later than four weeks prior to the start of the programme whether they can be made an offer of a place.

Reject:

The Admissions Committee decided that the applicant does not fit into the University of St.Gallen MBA programme. The committee is not obliged to give an explanation for a reject. However, upon request, the talent acquisition team may be able to give feedback on the decision.

5. Financing and Payment Arrangements

It is highly recommended to plan financing before applying for a place on the MBA. Loans and scholarships are awarded on merit and cannot be guaranteed prior to the admissions decision. Loans are available when a candidate can show evidence of there being a financial need and will be assessed by our Finance Department. A loan contract will only be offered once a deposit has been paid, however, applicants will be asked to apply for and reserve a loan prior to submitting a deposit.

Should the last payment deadline for the deposit be missed, no place can be guaranteed. The deposit for the MBA Programme is non-refundable.

In order to encourage early applications, tuition fee reductions are offered for both the Full and Part-time MBA Programmes. An Early Enrolment Discount of CHF 5,000 is awarded to applicants enrolling onto the programme before 31 December of the intake year.

Early Payment Discount: Students making tuition payments prior to 31 March before the commencement of the MBA will receive a 5% discount off any funds transferred. The discount will be deducted from the remaining tuition fee (e.g. an early payment of CHF 15,000 will result in a deduction of CHF 750 from the remaining tuition fee). This offer does not apply to the non-refundable deposit or to university arranged loan money. For questions on the Early Payment Discount, applicants are encouraged to contact the Finance Manager (mba-finance@unisg.ch).



6. Admission Deadline

Applications can be made throughout the year, pending availability. Please contact the admissions office team for the most updated information on availability to apply for the next intake of our part-time and full-time MBA programmes.

7. Deferral Policy

The University of St.Gallen MBA does not encourage applicants to defer their application. A deferral must be requested prior to the acceptance deadline as stated in the offer letter and will be considered at a following Admissions Committee meeting. Deferrals requested after the final application deadline will not be considered until the 1st Admissions Committee meeting of the next admissions cycle. There is no guarantee of a deferral even if a deposit has been paid. In addition, early application discounts, loans and scholarship offers are not guaranteed to be carried forward in case of a deferral.

8. Re-application

In case of a rejection or of missing a deferral deadline, an applicant is entitled to re-apply for the following year. It is recommended to contact the talent acquisition team before re-applying. Any outstanding conditions must be fulfilled and any requested documents must be updated. An explanation for a re-application may be requested during the admissions process. Re-applicants are not entitled to carry-over any discounts, loans or scholarships to the new application.