

The Scott MBA Admission Requirements

Regular Admission

A prospective candidate for a master of business administration degree must fulfill all the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and the Scott College of Business. To be considered for regular admission, an applicant must:

1. Have earned a bachelor's degree and a minimum cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) that meets one of the following:
 - a. 2.7 in all undergraduate course work
 - b. 3.0 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate course work
 - c. 3.0 in the applicant's major field of study
 - d. 3.0 in all courses taken at the graduate level (minimum 9 credit hours).
2. Have earned a minimum GMAT total score of 500. See GMAT waiver qualifications below.
3. Submit a professional résumé.
4. Demonstrate English Language Proficiency as required by the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (international applicants only).

Meeting the minimum requirements listed above does not guarantee admission. An admission decision is based upon all previous academic coursework, GMAT score, résumé, and, if required, English language proficiency. In some cases, a statement of purpose, personal interview, and/or letters of reference may be requested to support an application.

GMAT Waiver Qualifications*

Applicants may qualify for a waiver of the GMAT by meeting one of the criteria below. In order to be considered for a GMAT waiver, applicants must submit a one-page statement of purpose that explains why you want to pursue an MBA, how the degree will impact your career, and why you want to attend ISU. A waiver is not automatic -- a final decision will be made after reviewing the full set of application material.

1. The applicant has earned a bachelor's degree from the Scott College of Business or an AACSB accredited business school with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (out of 4.0).
2. The applicant has earned a bachelor's degree in Economics or a STEM field with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (out of 4.0).
3. The applicant has earned a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 (out of 4.0).
4. The applicant has earned a postgraduate degree (e.g. Master's, J.D., M.D., Ph.D.).
5. The applicant has three or more years of full-time responsible professional work experience.
6. The applicant can provide a satisfactory score from another standardized graduate entrance exam such as GRE.

Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not meet the minimum criteria listed above may be admitted on a conditional basis if there is sufficient evidence that the individual is likely to succeed in the program. Candidates admitted conditionally will be required to meet the conditions of regular admission within a specified time period. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, achieving a specified grade point average in graduate course work, retaking the GMAT, and/or successfully completing specified course work.

Transfer Credits

If applicable to ISU's MBA Program, a maximum of six credit hours of graduate course work taken at an AACSB accredited school of business may be accepted as transfer credit in the MBA program. Applicants would need to submit documentation in support of such a request.

*COVID-19 Statement

Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Scott MBA program admission policy has temporarily changed. Applicants who submit a complete application to the Scott MBA program by December 31, 2021 and have earned a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.0 or higher** may request a waiver of the GMAT/GRE requirement. Applicants must submit a professional résumé and statement of purpose as part of the application package.