

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
THE WHARTON SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

MBA SUBMATRICULATION PROGRAM
2008-2009

The Wharton School offers an opportunity for qualified juniors in the Wharton Undergraduate Program to apply for early entry into the Wharton Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program. In this 3-year + 2-year accelerated program, students' fourth and fifth years of study are spent entirely as part of the MBA Program. The program is designed to attract academically talented undergraduates with well-defined career goals and significant work experience. Students apply in the junior year.

Applicants must complete at least 29 cus and have no more than 8 cus remaining toward their undergraduate degree prior to enrollment in the MBA Program. In addition, students must have at least 2 cus remaining toward the B.S. in Economics degree to apply. At least 19 of the 28 cus required for application must be earned with a letter grade at the University of Pennsylvania. Students who externally transfer into Wharton's Undergraduate Program as a junior (or at the beginning of their fifth semester of college work) are not eligible for submatriculation. Dual degree students require permission of both schools to apply.

All **Business Fundamentals, Societal Environment, Organizational Environment, General Education (including double-counting globals), and Non-business elective** courses must be completed by the *spring semester* of the junior year.

GMAT scores are required. *Applicants must take the GMAT no later than February of the junior year.*

Admissions decisions are made by the MBA Admissions Committee. The rigorous selection process for the joint B.S. in Economics/MBA Program is designed to ensure that each candidate is evaluated in terms of his/her academic and social contribution to the MBA community. Applicants must have superior communication and analytical skills. The Admissions Committee considers the overall quality of applications including academic record—both course selection and grades; GMAT scores; work experience; letters of recommendation; community service; cocurricular activities; and application essays.

Submatriculants are considered MBA students for purposes of registration and financial aid; therefore, undergraduate financial aid does not apply to students enrolled in the MBA Program.

Submatriculants are permitted to double-count up to 8 courses at the MBA level toward the undergraduate degree. Submatriculants may use MBA courses to satisfy any remaining undergraduate requirements in Unrestricted Electives, free-standing global, Business Breadths, and/or the Business Concentration. Following matriculation in the MBA Program, all courses must be taken at the graduate level. No conversion of undergraduate courses to graduate-level courses will be made for courses completed prior to entry into the MBA Program. Graduate level courses taken as an undergraduate prior to entry into the MBA Program are not eligible for credit toward the MBA degree.

Submatriculants may file for *undergraduate* graduation from Penn at the end of the term in which they will have satisfied all requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Economics degree from Wharton. Undergraduate degree candidates may graduate at the same time as their entering undergraduate class if they complete all undergraduate degree requirements by the end of their fourth year.

Interested students should follow-up with:

The Wharton Undergraduate Division:

- Make an appointment to discuss your eligibility with Ms. Marianne Lipa in the Wharton Undergraduate Division.

The MBA Division:

- Applications are available online at <http://mba.wharton.upenn.edu/mba/action/apply.php>.
- Contact Ms. Serita Lewis for specific submatriculation essays and recommendation forms.

Contact Information:

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