

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Program information/General:**

- **Is the MS in Business Analytics (MSBA) a STEM degree?**

- Yes, it is.

- **What is the OPT period of STEM degree?**

- The OPT period is up to 36 months.

- **What are the required undergraduate majors for admission to the MSBA program?**

- All backgrounds are welcome. However, most students come with either a Business (accounting, finance, marketing, etc.) or a STEM (computer science, engineering, statistics, etc.) background.

- **What are the required courses for admission to the MSBA program?**

- Full semester courses in Calculus and basic Statistics are required. Previous coursework in computer programming is also desirable.

- **What work experience is required for admission to the MSBA program?**

- Prior work experience is valuable, but not required.

- **What are the program schedule details?**

- A condensed “boot camp” class starts in early August, 2 weeks prior to the start of the fall semester. The program consists of 32 credits and can be completed in 10 months (full-time) or 12 months (full-time, including a summer internship).

- **What is the cost of the program?**

- The total estimated tuition for 2019-2020 is around \$65,000.

- **Who should I contact if I have an application question that is not listed here?**

- Please contact Ms. Priscilla Ferreira via phone or email:

- Phone: (305) 284-3981

- Email Address: [pferreira@bus.miami.edu](mailto:pferreira@bus.miami.edu)

- **Admissions:**

- **When is the deadline for submitting applications?**

- While applications are accepted year-round, special consideration will be given to students who apply within the deadlines. The first deadline to submit the online application is

November 15. The second deadline is January 15, 2019.

■ **What are the required documents for admission?**

The following documents are required for admission:

- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Personal statement
- ◆ GMAT or GRE
- ◆ All official university transcripts from U.S. universities attended
- ◆ Official translation and evaluation of all transcripts if the degree comes from a foreign university
- ◆ Photocopy of the Diploma(s) for the Universities attended (translation if applicable)  
TOEFL or IELTS score (for applicants who earned their Bachelor's degree in a country where the official language is not English)
- ◆ 1 letter of recommendation

■ **Do you offer any scholarships?**

Yes, merit-based scholarships will be awarded to qualified students.

■ **Where should I have my official document sent?**

Please send a sealed copy of your official transcripts to:

University of Miami  
Graduate Business Admission  
5250 University Drive  
221 Jenkins Building  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

■ **What are the minimum test scores for TOEFL/IELTS/GMAT/GRE?**

While there are no minimum test scores for admission, to remain competitive the following scores are recommended:

- TOEFL > 100 or IELTS above 7
- GMAT > 700 or GRE > 320

■ **Where to submit document for evaluation?**

Josef Silny & Associates (JS&A), Inc. International Education Consultants, is the preferred evaluation vendor for international applicants to the University of Miami due to their competitive prices and high-quality service. Make sure to include the name of the program to which you are applying on the documents submitted.

Please note that international applicants are not required to use the services of JS&A. The international credential evaluation services of any approved vendor may be used.

<http://naces.org/members.html>.

## **Career**

### **■ What does your program offer in terms of Career Relations, Strategy, and Support?**

- 1) The Deloitte Institute for Research and Practice in Analytics (DIRPA) provides direct support for initiatives and activities related to analytics. Such initiatives and activities include industry seminars, enrichment workshops and mock interviews, amongst other things.
- 2) Students will have the opportunity to complete a capstone project with our industry partners. In addition, internship opportunities may be available to our MSBA students from our industry partners.
- 3) Ziff Graduate Career Services Center provides career services exclusively to Miami Business School graduate students. The center offers help with resume development, mock interviews, industry guest lecturers, and many other professional development activities.