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- HKUST Website: <http://www.bm.ust.hk/web/en-US/>
- HKUST Class of 2017 Discussion: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-hkust-applicants-2015-intake-class-of-175974.html>

		Welcome to the Chat Session with HKUST Admissions Team!! Topic set by Narenn on Wed Sep 24 2014 06:20:41 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
07:00	execnitinsharma	It is 9:30 AM Hong Kong time...thank you all for joining, and esp. a big welcome and thank you to the Hon Kong University team - Kara and Crystal! This chat is open now.
07:00	execnitinsharma	Dear visitors, please post the questions you may have.
07:00	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	Hello everyone. Good to be here. We are happy to take any questions you have for HKUST MBA.
07:01	zfantasy	when will the on-line application start? Thanks
07:01	execnitinsharma	Dear Kara and Crystal, would you please let us know your role and name if that's OK?
07:01	execnitinsharma	Perhaps do a mini-introduction?
07:02	FENG	Thank you admission officers. I have handed in my resume, when can I get the evaluation of background and have a f2f consultation?
07:02	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	We both work in admissions teams so we are very familiar with the admissions process and the candidates the school is looking for.
07:03	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@zfantasy Thank you for your question. The online application will start by next month
07:04	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@FENG: Consultation will be arranged if you have already registered our consultation. Our team will contact you and arrange a slot for you.
07:06	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal Thanks a lot and could you tell us a little bit more about the time-table of the 1 Round, the deadline and the determined time
07:06	FENG	actually I have decided to choose the partime or fulltime. HKUST is the only HK business school I want to choose. Any suggestions? I am working in HK, from China Mainland.
07:06	FENG	Sorry, I mean I haven't decided.
07:07	Steve	Thanks for arranging this meeting, I have a few questions: 1) Do you have a range/ median/average GMAT score for past intakes? 2) Would f2f consultation available on weekend time? 3) Which criteria count the most from the point of view of admission officers? like working experience, GMAT, under grad...etc
07:07	keith	Any idea as to how many applied for the 2014 intake or how many apply on average every year? Thanks
07:07	anir123456	Hi Sir
07:07	anir123456	can I ask my question here ?
07:07	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@zfantasy: For round 1, the application deadline is Nov 13, interview notification by Jan 9 and Admissions result by Feb 6

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07:08	Narenn	Moderator Note: Guys, slow down a bit. Let admission officers answer pending questions first. Thank you for co-operation.
07:08	ken	Hi there. When does registration begin? I've checked the website many times but it's still closed off for the 2015 intake
07:08	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara Many thanks.
07:09	anir123456	Hi Sir - many thanks for arranging this meeting. What weight is to GMAT / Work Ex / Interviews in admission decision?
07:09	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@steve: we don't set a minimum GMAT requirement as the admissions committee looks at your profile holistically. You may take the range of GMAT score of our last intake as reference which is 600- 720
07:11	anir123456	What are the typical careers after an MBA from HKUST. Are there any placement statistics that you publish?
07:11	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	Let me give a brief introduction of our program. HKUST MBA Full-Time Program offer 12 month and 16 month option for students, includes 5 career tracks for students: General Management in China, Finance, Consulting and Strategy, Entrepreneurship, Marketing. We have a diversified class for our program, 95% of our students are with non-local nationality and with 24 nationalities.
07:11	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara If I take the GMAT 690 and TOEFL 99, do I need to retake them again to increase my acceptance probability?
07:12	Narenn	@Zfantasy: As Admission officers pointed out, the admission process is holistic and GMAT or TOEFL scores are not the sole determinants of your chances of acceptance at HKUST
07:12	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@ken the application will be opened by next month
07:13	FENG	My ielts point is 6.5, what is the minimum request? what for every single subject?
07:13	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@anir123456 In making the admissions decision, the admissions committee will also consider a bundle of factors including your undergraduate performance, the quality and amount of your work experience, your global exposure, work references, GMAT score, IELTS/TOFEL result (if applicable), etc. There is no single factor that dominates the admissions decision.
07:14	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal What's the core content of General Management in China? What does this part most focus on?
07:14	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@FENG: minimum IELTS is 7
07:15	JP	What % of students is from countries outside of Asia?
07:16	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@Steve: consultation isn't available in HK over the weekend yet. In fact, we will have an Info Session on Nov 29 (Sat) where you can meet us face to face, and also meet our alumni and students.
07:16	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@anir123456 40 % of our graduates enter the finance industry, while 22% work in Retail/Supply/China Management and 18% of them are in Consulting . We do have the career statistics in our website
07:17	mib_trp6ok	IELTS or TOFEL is needed? I have neither

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07:18	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@JP, the nationality breakdown of class 2014, 18% from North America, 20% from Europe, 23% from other Asia regions, 35% from HK & China, 4% from others
07:18	mib_trp6ok	my GMAT score is 680, is it very low one in the 35% from China?
07:19	Xuke	I am now working in hk, originally from shenzhen. I am considering Part time or full time MBA. What is the difference? My colleague in HK told me your Part time program has many finance and marketing background students.
07:19	FENG	Are parttime and fulltime the same minimum request? and if other factors are OK, the language performance is still stressed?
07:20	Steve	Thanks admission officers, since GMAT is a must so I guess there is no need to take any IELTS on top of that?
07:20	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@zfantasy Students shall be able to choose their elective courses based on their preferred career track. The courses "General Management in China" cover External relation of China, Investment and Finance of China, Economic Impact of China, etc. You may refer to the course list of this career track in our website
07:20	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@mib_trp6ok: IELTS or TOFEL would only be required if your undergraduate/ postgraduate degree wasn't taught in English
07:21	JP	Can you describe what a regular day in the program is like?
07:21	Xuke	My gmat is 700. I will take ielts in dec. can I submit it later?
07:22	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara I got an Msc degree in HKUST, which means my TOFEL/IELTS can be waived?
07:23	execnitinsharma	@mib_trp6OK HKUST team has mentioned above that they do not set a minimum GMAT requirement...the last GMAT range of 600-720 can be taken as reference
07:23	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal How many hours per week for the full-time MBA students?
07:23	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@Xuke, the part-time and full-time program in HK both have very diverse class in terms of industry and function. The difference of the 2 programs is about the goal and purpose. Full-time helps student to make a bigger career switch (geographical/ industry/ function), while part-time helps students more on career advancement.
07:23	Xuke	Will you organize briefing session in HK or Shenzhen?
07:24	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Feng, the only difference in requirement for Full Time and Part Time program shall be the minimum requirement on the working experience. The minimum working experience required for Full time shall be 2 years, while for Part Time is 3 years.
07:24	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@xuke: The nationality mix will be also very different. Full-time is a mix of very international students. For part-time, 50% are from HK as they need to have a job in HK.
07:24	JP	how are interviews held for applicants that cannot go to HK?
07:25	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Feng At HKUST, applicants are required to take the Test of TOEFL or IELTS unless their (1) first language is English; or (2) qualification (e.g. undergraduate degree) is awarded by a

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		University or an institute where the language of instruction is English.
07:25	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@zfantasy: yes, no English test will be required at your case
07:26	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@JP: it depends on your location. Sometimes, our interviewers will fly over, sometimes we will do Skype interview.
07:26	keith	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara Any idea as to how many applied for the 2014 intake or how many apply on average every year? Thanks
07:27	Steve	Full-time helps student to make a bigger career switch (geographical/ industry/ function) -< Can you please explain a little more on this?
07:27	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@mib_trp6ok: in fact, it's very competitive for Chinese candidates. A lot of Chinese candidates score over 700 in GMAT.
07:28	ken	How advance can you get with the Chinese classes offered in tandem with the HKUST mba program? I noticed there is a course for Business Chinese but I remember looking at the syllabus and it wasn't very advanced
07:28	mib_trp6ok	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara thank you, i think it is need for me to get a higher GMAT score
07:29	Xuke	My gmat is 700. Should I retake it?
07:29	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@zfantasy For full time students, the total number of credit required to be completed shall be 52 credits. Each class lasts for 3.5 hours. For a 2-credit course, there are a total of 8 classes in general. Each course usually has one class per week so it takes 8 weeks with the final week on examination to complete a course of 2 credits.
07:29	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@keith: we don't usually share the numbers as it doesn't tell anything really. It's because the school looks at applicants case by case. It's about evaluating your quality than us filling the spot for the class.
07:30	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Xuke We will have a info session in Hong Kong on Nov 29, 2014 and a sample class will be held during the info session. You may register for the event through our webstie
07:31	keith	@HKUSTAdmissions_Kara Alright. Thanks. What sort of work reference would be considered from an entrepreneur?
07:32	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@steve: if any candidates are thinking to make 2 or more degrees of change, let say change from working in Europe to HK and change from marketing to finance, I would suggest you to do a full-time program. The training in FT program is designed to help you for a bigger switch. Internship and a lot of career and networking events are included for FT class
07:33	Xuke	Can I submit both Part time and full time applications so that i have higher chance for admissions?
07:33	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@keith candidates who run their own business can ask their business partners, clients, previous employer (if any), etc to be their referees. In any case, you should ask someone who knows

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07:34	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	you well at work and can attest to your work performance
07:34	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@steve: part-time program is for someone who already has a more established career and looking for a career advancement. Usually from junior/ senior manager to be general manager.
07:35	zfantasy	@HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal Thanks. And DJI the company established by a hkust undergraduate student inspires me a lot, actually I also founded a game company, but for some reasons, I don't keep running it directly by myself. Now, I aged 30, is it too old for me to make another journey as an entrepreneur? Does the MBA program offer some resources to help startup
07:35	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Xuke You may submit your application first. Our range of GMAT for 2014 intake is 600-720
07:36	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@ken: are you referring to the Mandarin language course?
07:36	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Xuke No. We only consider the candidate's application for one program only.
07:37	anir123456	Is there any upper age limit for the 12 month or 16 month course? What is the percentage of students in the 28-30 age group? How many ppl in the class are married?
07:38	ken	Yes, your mandarin language course. I feel the mandarin courses are rather basic and won't prepare you to be at a conversational/working professional level
07:38	Xuke	Thank you crystal. If i am rejected by full time program, can i submit part time application after that?
07:38	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@zfantasy We have a career track in entrepreneurship that teaches students how to develop business plan, handle venture capital and private equity among other knowledge required to set up and smoothly run a business.
07:38	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@anir123456: indeed, the age range of our FT class 2014 is 26-32, the average is 29
07:39	mib_trp6ok	what is HKUST famous for ? marketing, auditing, ib or...?
07:39	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@anir123456: from my impression, there are about 10 students are married
07:41	Steve	@ Kara Thanks for the explanation, indeed I am a middle level management and wish to take a PT for both career advancement and geographical shift. Internships and Networking event not possible / available for PT?
07:41	Xuke	For part time mba, is it stronger on marketing? Can full time students have chances to know part time students? I am from marketing background.
07:41	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@xuke: I' am afraid submitting PT application isn't allowed if you got rejected from the FT program at the same year.
07:43	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@mib_trp6ok • It depends on what you are looking for in the program. Small class size of 100-120 students with highly diversified class mix by cultures and industry background. 95% of our full-time MBA students of intake 2014 are non-local Hong Kong students coming from 24 nationalities.

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07:43	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	(cont)Our adjunct faculty all held key positions in big corporations with presence in Asia that they can share a lot of practical management insights with our students
07:43	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@steve: we would only be able to give you more precise advice after looking at your resume and understand more details about your goal. May you email us after this session for follow up?
07:45	JP	Are there students in their mid-30s in the program? What is it like for older non-Asian students to obtain jobs in HK or China?
07:45	zfantasy	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara One more question. As I know the US mba programs start very early and some of them offer the early decision. Have the HKUST MBA program ever considered about that?
07:45	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@Xuke: PT program is also very diverse. Marketing is one of the 5 career treks. There are events organised for PT & FT students where they can connect.
07:45	Steve	@ Kara, sure. mba@ust.hk or do you have a direct email?
07:46	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@steve: mba@ust.hk will do
07:46	execnitinsharma	Deal all, please note that we have another 15 minutes left
07:47	ken	@Kara Do you have more information about the career treks? Do they differ from year to year?
07:49	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@JP, we do have some students in mid-30s. Obtaining jobs in HK & China would still be possible for older Non-Asian, but it also depends on the industry and your profile. I would say, mid-30s non-Asian candidates should do a better research and have a realistic career goal if you have never been working in Asia
07:49	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@ken Our career office will connect with employers for internship and placement opportunities for students. Recruitment talk, executive meeting in small group setting, career treks to Shanghai and Beijing, different networking activities will be organized, regular alumni talk will be held downtown for students as well.
07:49	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	(cont)Company visit in mainland will be organized by the career office for students who are interested in developing their career in China. We would also help student with career consultation and training.
07:49	FENG	Your replies help a lot. I hope I can improve from 6.5 to 7. and what proportion of students will the second and third round will cover? or I hand in the application firstly and later hand in the ielts point?
07:51	YunLee	What is the GMAT requirement? Do you accept GRE?
07:52	mib_trp6ok	@HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal thanks, do the key positions in big corporations include IB? if i get a IB career after graduate, what portion need i rank in the campus?
07:52	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@ken the career trek is the same for intake 2015 and more details can be found on our website

07:53	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@yunlee We accept GRE score in fulfilling the admissions requirement. However, a GMAT score is more preferred for our MBA program. While a majority of our applicants submit GMAT score in fulfilling the requirement, we would advise you to take GMAT instead of GRE. it may also affect the selection criteria when we consider granting the scholarship.
07:54	keith	Why do we need to provide salary proof for last 12 months for applying?
07:55	ken	Going along with @keith's question, what's considered sufficient for salary/employment proof?
07:57	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	@Xuke your question of submitting the IELTS, you may submit your application first without the TOELF/ IELTS and GMAT score. However, you are required to submit the TOELF/ IELTS and GMAT score within one month after the application deadline
07:57	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	@Ken & Keith: Employment letter from HR department will be ideal for employment proof. Job contracts or reference letter are also acceptable.
07:58	execnitinsharma	Moderator Note: We are running out of time. Last 2 mins only 😊
07:58	Narenn	Is Financial Aid/Scholarships available to international applicants?
07:59	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	Scholarships are available to international applicants as well.
08:00	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	More details can be found on our website. We strongly encourage you to participate in our events to meet us globally!
08:00	ken	Thanks for clarifying these questions HKUST team!
08:00	keith	Thank you for the info
08:00	execnitinsharma	Alright!!!
08:00	execnitinsharma	Thank you everyone for participating in the chat. I would also like to thank Kara and Crystal – Members of HKUST Admissions team – on behalf of GMATClub Community for sparing time with us.
08:00	execnitinsharma	We shall post transcript of this chat in the HKUST discussion thread tomorrow. If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from the saved transcript, please let me know.
08:01	execnitinsharma	We have many more such events coming in next few months. Please take a look at following thread for complete schedule of the events.
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08:01	HKUSTAdmissions_Kara	Thanks a lot today. Please subscribe to our e-news, thank you.
08:01	mib_trp6ok	thank you
08:01	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	Thanks a lot! Look forward to meeting all of you soon!
08:01	mib_trp6ok	Could mail us any event?
08:02	HKUSTAdmissions_Crystal	For event please refer to this link : http://mba.ust.hk/?cat=7