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Welcome to the Live Chat with UCLA Admissions Team!!

Topic set by **Narenn** on Thu Dec 04 2014 21:33:31 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)

22:32	UCLASStudent_James	Good morning everyone!
22:33	UCLASStudent_James	Or good evening to many of you 😊
22:33	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Hello everyone! Thanks for your interest in UCLA Anderson and for joining us in today's chat!
22:33	rohan	good evening
22:33	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Kelly will be joining us very shortly
22:33	graceh	Good morning from Seattle, Washington!
22:33	Liza	Hi Everyone!
22:34	Narenn	Thanks Jessica and James for joining us today
22:34	Htyo	Hello everyone! Good Morning
22:34	UCLASStudent_James	It's been raining the last couple days... LA has felt a bit like Seattle
22:34	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hello everyone!
22:35	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Looking forward to answering everyone's questions on Anderson, admission specific questions and life in LA!
22:36	acf5915	As a recently interviewed applicant, I was curious if you release decisions before the January deadline?
22:37	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Yes, we are planning an early decision release before the R1 decision day. At this time I don't have an exact day as to when it will be.
22:38	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	In the past few years, the early r1 decisions went out in mid-December
22:38	Liza	I am interested in pursuing impact investment. Does Anderson have students' organization or club or competition in this field?
22:38	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Liza. Our students are very involved in student organizations (professional clubs, identify clubs, interest clubs) and finance/investment is represented as well. Click her to take a look at the organizations: http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/anderson-culture/clubs-and-associations
22:39	emilymom	Hello everyone! Thanks for the chat session. I have a question about multiple GMATs: Does the admission look at the highest score or average the scores? Also if you have access to past scores, do you ever consider a high score on a particular section from a past score (even if the past overall score is lower)?

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22:40	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi emilymom! We will consider the highest score for admissions; however your official score report will show past test scores.
22:40	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	highest overall score that is*
22:40	UCLASStudent_James	emilymom, to that note, I took the GMAT multiple times and it was not an issue
22:40	mib_8mfshd	Can you tell us what you look for in a candidate before the interview process and after the interview process? do you review the applicant again holistically after the interview?
22:41	emilymom	Great - thanks!
22:41	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	We consider all parts of the application on the first read when we make a decision to move a candidate forward to interview. After the interview, we re-evaluate the entire application with the information from the interview included.
22:41	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	The application evaluation is absolutely a holistic review, both before and after the interview.
22:42	graceh	Do students have the opportunity to create their own organizations if it doesn't exist?
22:42	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	graceh, definitely we always have new clubs and associations starting up each year!
22:42	rohan	Hi, I am working in the Telecom Sector for the past 4 years, have completed my under-grad in Mech Engg. and am looking to do my MBA in general management. My current profile is of a manager in the Devices team. Could you pls guide me when I should apply and what my score should be
22:43	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Rohan. Thank you for joining us today. The best advice we can give is apply when you feel fully prepared with your overall application. When you are most satisfied with your test score, essay, recommendation, etc. Our round 1 and 2 tend to be best popular, and round 3 can historically be a bit more competitive.
22:43	acf5915	Does Anderson have an Admit or Welcome Weekend in the winter?
22:44	Lisetear20	About the recommendation letters, if my recommender is not English fluent, can he write it in his own language and then get it translated? Can he submit both: English and in his language?
22:44	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Lisetear20, we will need the letter of recommendation in English, and it can be translated.
22:44	Narenn	Hi James, My question is for you. Apart from UCLA, you were also accepted by two other great schools. I would like to know, what motivated you to choose UCLA over other schools.
22:45	UCLASStudent_James	Hey Narenn, that is a great question! There were several factors, but for me, the biggest was the people at UCLA Anderson. Everyone that I spoke to during my decision process was incredible kind, genuine, and down to earth. Everyone was happy, and I could really sense that. Since starting a few months ago, that sentiment has just grown stronger.
22:45	ujjwalpugalia	Are the round 1 interview invites all sent?
22:46	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	ujjwalpugalia, we have sent the majority of interview invites for round 1 at this time. however, we are still evaluating applications from round 1 so it's still possible for some to go out in the next few weeks.
22:46	Viraat12	Hi, I have a query regarding TOEFL score. I am from India done with my GMAT (720 Q51, V38), My medium of language was english during undergarad and High school. Is there any need for me to give TOEFL.
22:46	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Viraat12, TOEFL or IELTS scores are required of all applicants EXCEPT those who were educated solely in English for their undergraduate and/or prior graduate degree. If you meet this criterion, the test is not

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		required. Even if a TOEFL/IELTS is not required, you can still submit a test score. A strong score can be another good data point on your app.
22:47	Liza	Thank you for the link, Kelly. Another question about Letter of Recommendation, specially the third question. Could you give us an idea how to approach the question?
22:47	Htyo	I want to ask more about living in UCLA campus. I am an international student and planning to bring my family to US, UCLA hopefully, what are the options to live there with whole family? I have one kid and my wife. How is the rent?
22:48	UCLASStudent_James	Hey Htyo, I am not an international student, but I am in the same boat with a family. I actually have three kids. I live in UCLA owned graduate student family housing. It is a killer deal rent wise, but it is also a great community to be a part of.
22:48	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Htyo, thank you for joining us today. There are many options in terms of housing. Many of our students will live in Westwood, Santa Monica and this is family friendly. The 2nd/1st year students are very helpful, especially with new students coming from their home country. We will provide additional resources to help with this transition as well.
22:49	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	I have included a link that you may find helpful http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/anderson-culture/family-life
22:49	srshrikant	Hi there. I have a query regarding the approach to to the essay topic.
22:49	srshrikant	I am a bit confused if I should tell about all the accomplishments and works that have had major impact on my career and decisions till now or whether I should quote only one or two major events and focus in greater depth over a select few aspects of my profile that I feel make me stand out from the crowd. Thanks in advance 😊
22:50	rohan	Hi Kelly, What do you look for in a student other than his scores.
22:50	emilymom	I completed my undergraduate program abroad where English is not used. In the online application where we upload the transcripts, do we need to upload the original non-English version in addition to the English transcript (provided by the undergraduate university) or is the English version sufficient for the purpose of completing the application?
22:50	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi emilymom, we will need both transcripts. This can be submitted in the "upload section".
22:50	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Liza, can you please clarify which question that is?
22:51	Liza	Sorry! It is this one: "In UCLA Anderson's school culture we share success, drive change and think fearlessly. Please give examples where the applicant exhibited any or all of these."
22:51	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Liza. I would suggestion sitting down with your recommender and talking about specific stories that can connect to our community. The recommender should be able to discuss an example when you demonstrated these qualities.
22:51	Narenn	James, can you tell us something more about yourself? your industry, work experience, job function, post MBA goals, etc.
22:52	UCLASStudent_James	Sure. I have six years of work experience. I spent the last few years working in the Operations Division at Goldman Sachs. During my time there I managed several client experience/risk management projects. I worked closely with the clients gathering insights on what kinds of enhanced services they wanted from us.
22:52	UCLASStudent_James	I took that info and worked with or technology group to build out unique solutions for them. I wanted to take that consumer analytic experience and transition into a marketing role within the tech industry.

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22:53	mib_8mfshd	can you tell us approximately what percentage of interviewees you tend to accept into the UCLA program - or does that differ year to year?
22:53	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	mib_8mfshd, it depends on the strength of the pool so it does differ each year
22:53	Shibojyoti	Hi, I am an IT professional with MBA in finance from India and worked in IT for 7 years...looking for the 2016 session..and the reason is to transit to IB
22:53	Shibojyoti	Can you tell me is it a rough chance with 7+ years in IT and having an MBA already?
22:54	Viraat12	Thanks Jessica, I am done with the application. I was just contemplating whether to give TOEFL or not because CMU-Tepper insisted me to give a TOEFL exam despite of having english as a medium of language in my undergrad.
22:54	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Viraat12, if you took the TOEFL already, then it won't hurt to send us your scores too if you're comfortable with it 😊
22:54	jamescmit	Thank you for taking the time to chat with us today. To the current students, I am wondering what you think makes Anderson unique from other schools -- perhaps the culture, the opportunities, etc. Is there anything that has surprised you during your time at Anderson?
22:55	UCLAStudent_James	Hey jamescmit, great question! For me it was everything that you mentioned. The culture at Anderson is great! The students are incredibly smart and accomplished, but down to earth. It's a very collaborative environment.
22:56	UCLAStudent_James	In terms of opportunities, for me, being interested in marketing and technology, there weren't too many other schools that have the connections that Anderson does. I just got back from our annual Tech Trek to Seattle and the Silicon Valley where I visited companies like Amazon, Microsoft, Nordstrom, Google, LinkedIn, as well as a few start ups.
22:56	Liza	For my fellow candidates, UCLA Campus is one of the most awesome and fun places to be whether you just want to study or hang out. I went to college in Santa Monica and I loved UCLA/Westwood area.
22:56	Lisettear20	I would like to know what is the process to get financial aid? Is it a separate application?
22:56	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Lisettear20, the Financing section of our website has in depth information on financial aid. http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/financing
22:57	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	For loans, there is a separate application. For merit based fellowships awarded at the time of admission, all admits are automatically considered, so no separate app is necessary.
22:57	rohan	Hi Kelly, What do you look for in a student other than his scores?
22:57	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Rohan. We will also evaluate the individuals leadership ability, increased responsibility in the work environment, extra curricular activities, interpersonal skills, GPA. Please also be sure to check out our application requirement section.
22:57	Shibojyoti	Hi James, given that I worked mainly in finance application providing consultancy to varied industry customer, what do you think would be the chances joining the IB industry at an age around 33? Will this be a real chance that I should give it a try?
22:58	UCLAStudent_James	Hey Shibojyoti, rather than age, I think the most important factor is showing the companies that you are recruiting for your genuine interest and excitement for their company and industry. If you can do that and really tell your story in a way that makes sense to them, you shouldn't have a problem.

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22:58	Htyo	Wow, great. Thanks James, Kelly.
22:58	ujjwalpugalia	I have a question about the interview invites. Are the invites sent based on the specialization/geography or is it a random pattern?
22:58	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi ujj- Random pattern. There is no one demographic we read first, or at specific times.
22:59	Viraat12	I have one more query regarding career change. I am having 6 years of experience in Power sector and want to shift to consulting. How UCLA will help me in career transition especially in consulting domain.
22:59	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Viraat12, more than half of our students are career switchers so our Parker Career Management Center is highly experienced with working with students with this goal! Also, our professional clubs are another way for great resources in leadership and professional development.
22:59	rohan	Thanks for answering my questions.
22:59	Narenn	Jessica and Kelly, What's the proportion of international students in recently admitted class? Also what scholarships are available to International applicants?
22:59	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Narenn, we are about 34% international students.
23:00	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Narenn, merit fellowships available for both domestic and international admits, all based on the overall strength of your application. We also have donor fellowships awarded based on the donor's criteria.
23:00	Liza	Thanks Kelly!
23:00	Viraat12	Thanks Jessica.
23:00	ujjwalpugalia	Thanks kelly 😊
23:00	ujjwalpugalia	How important is the number of years of work experience to the application..is it an important factor?
23:00	Viraat12	Thanks Jessica 😊
23:00	Shibojyoti	In terms of switching career from IT to IB, how can UCLA help?
23:01	Viraat12	When is the R2 deadline?
23:01	Liza	R2 is Jan 7
23:01	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Events like the Tech Trek as UCLAStudent_James mentioned above are examples of events organized by students
23:01	Shibojyoti	Thanks James, but a second MBA can be a road block in that sense that I have already been 7 years in IT?
23:01	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Shibojyoti, Parker Career Management Center has a host of different activities that will get you up to speed. This includes different workshops that will help you prepare for the career switch, networking hours, etc. Students also are in a course with other individuals interested in that specific field, where trends, recruiting activities, are discussed.
23:01	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	You can also choose to do an internship your first quarter to help you gain experience in your new intended field.
23:02	SMD	Hi there. Are you done with app invites? I submitted my application 3 or so weeks before the deadline but have

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		not heard anything from you. Should I focus on other schools instead of keeping fingers crossed for Anderson?
23:02	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	SMD we are still evaluating r1 apps so interview invites may still go out. However, the majority have been sent at this time.
23:02	Pgk_14	Hi Kelley, would the completion of an online course such as 'MBA Math' help convince the admissions committee that the candidate is capable of handling the Quantitative rigour of the MBA coursework? Would this, along with a high GMAT help offset the impact of low Quantitative scores in undergrad?
23:02	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Pgk_14: We will look at all data points that show quant potential. We will also note the quant work in your work experience.
23:03	srsrikant	James, How closely do current students get to collaborate with UCLA alumni on various matters? In my grad school I found our alumni to be a great source of help and we had strong networking with them. Can I expect same at UCLA?
23:03	UCLAStudent_James	Hi srsrikant, I feel like I am at an event, whether it be recruiting or a guest lecture, with an alumni almost every other day. Alumni at Anderson are very involved and from my experience not just willing, but seek out opportunities to give back to the school.
23:03	Htyo	Another question from me is how does UCLA process the scholarship given by the government of another country? If I am going to apply with full scholarship from my government, how UCLA see this? Do you already have an agreement with countries?
23:03	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Htyo our financial aid office will work with you to process any outside funding/fellowships you receive.
23:03	graceh	James, can you talk about your academic experience at Anderson? What are classes like? How much of the work is group work? I understand it depends on subject, but just want to understand what makes Anderson different academically
23:04	UCLAStudent_James	graceh, I am winding down my first quarter at Anderson. I can tell you that the professors have not disappointed. They have been fantastic! The amount of group work does depend on the class, but I meet and work with my learning team on average a couple times per week. the emphasis
23:04	UCLAStudent_James	One thing that I can say that makes Anderson different academically is the emphasis on applied learning. We don't just learn concepts. We are given a ton of opportunities to apply what we have learned. One example of that is the AMR project that you do in your 2nd year, http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/programs-and-outreach/amr
23:04	Shibojyoti	Thanks Kelly...
23:05	guest_23	Hi Jessica, Kelly and james. What are the chances for prospective students with entrepreneurial background?
23:05	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi guest_23- It is all about how you tell your story, and the reasons you want an Anderson MBA. Our candidates come from all different backgrounds, and it is important each one can answer these questions. If you are looking to stay in this area it will be important to note what you hope the MBA will bring to your skill set. Also, being very clear on goals.
23:05	SMD	Thanks Jessica. When are we going to find out about dings then?
23:05	Narenn	Moderator Note: We still have 30 minutes. Keep those great questions coming, guys!! 🙏
23:05	Liza	Is it typically difficult to land on summer internship for international students?
23:05	Shibojyoti	I have another question regarding Fin-Aid...I have a kid and would love to know that does my loan amount cover the expense for my family to some extent?

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23:05	bilal268	I have a strong gmat (730) but weak gpa (~3.2) & work experience . However, my profile is unique and I believe I can add a lot of value to the class . Do I stand a chance ?.
23:05	ujjwalpugalia	The last date for R1 invites is 15th December. So can i take it that i will have UCLA's final decision then if not before??
23:06	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Ujj- That date is incorrect, we do not have a cut off for interview invites to go out.
23:06	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	SMD we're working on an early decision release but for sure all R1 applicants will find out their decisions no later than Jan 28th
23:06	graceh	Another question: When an applicant is asked "Why a MBA?" and responds "Consulting or investment banking," is this considered too general of a response? I've heard here and there that the consulting/i-banking response is overdone and unoriginal. But what if that's one of our end goals of a MBA at Anderson or any other top tier school?
23:07	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@graceh Why an MBA should also include specific skills that you are hoping to gain, which will make you successful for your next career move. Perhaps there are certain resources at Anderson that can help you move into consulting/i-banking successful, which is why you need an MBA
23:07	mib_8mfshd	hi james, can you give us a snapshot of what goes into your day to day life? do you find yourself split between student activities and classes?
23:07	UCLASTudent_James	mib_8mfshd, my day-to-day life varies so much. We typically have classes Monday through Thursday. My week is sprinkled with club leadership meeting, company presentations, learning group meetings, recruiting events, interview prep team meetings, etc. In all of that I will try and squeeze in some social stuff too, not to mention a little studying. It is never boring, that's for sure!
23:08	guest_23	thanks
23:08	Shibojyoti	can you please let us know about the Fin-aid if it can cover the expense with my family....loan/scholarship?
23:09	UCLASTudent_James	Hey Shibojyoti, regarding your question about Fin-Aid, I am in a similar boat with children. I have been able to survive on student loans. You can get loans for childcare and also get the amount for housing increased if your rent is higher than what is allotted.
23:09	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Shibojyoti these situations are on a case by case basis, so we always make sure you speak with our financial aid office regarding your situation. Please don't hesitate to contact them during the application process if you have questions pertaining to financing your MBA!
23:09	srshrikant	Thanks james
23:09	Htyo	What is the average or minimum TOEFL requirement for UCLA currently? do you set it strictly?
23:09	Pgk_14	If UCLA decides for whatever reason to decline admission for a candidate without an interview, will the candidate be notified immediately? Or will he have to wait for the decision release date?
23:09	Shibojyoti	Thanks Jessica, James..... it does inspire 😊
23:11	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@Pgk_14:We are working on an early decision release, but you will get your decision no later than January 28th, as all decisions will go out by that date.
23:12	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Htyo, we like to see at least a 100 TOEFL score, but the stronger your score, the better
23:12	vjbhasker9	what is 2nd round deadline

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23:12	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@ vjb-January 7th is the round 2 deadline
23:12	Shibojyoti	I have got 8 in IELTS and the score would be 3 years old while I will be applying...do I need to take it again?
23:13	ujjwalpugalia	Do we receive feedback in case of rejection/waitlist?
23:13	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@ ujj-We offer feedback in mid-late June
23:14	ujjwalpugalia	Thanks Kelly 😊
23:14	vjbhasker9	Thanks Kelly,a small query...i am from an engineering background and then persued a diploma in banking services from one of the reputed institutes in
23:14	mib_8mfshd	great thanks James
23:14	manojpandey80	i am already an MBA but from a non-reputed institute in INDIA with 10 years of experience and want to do MBA 1year course to boost my career, will my earlier MBA an hinderance?
23:14	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	manojpandey80, we will need to review the courses you took in your prior MBA and go from there
23:14	srshrikant	I am interested in pursuing Impact Investment. Is there any way I can get in touch with one of the current students also pursuing the field and discuss about it in further detail?
23:15	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@ srs- Here is a link with our student organizations (http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/anderson-culture/diversity) , and I am also including a link where you can reach out to our current students based off of interest areas(http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/admissions/ambassador-corps)
23:15	UCLASStudent_James	Hey srshrikant, feel free to PM me, and I will try to put you in touch with a current student with similar interests. My GMATClub userID is MBAreapplicant84.
23:15	acf5915	Will there be a welcome weekend or admit event this winter for R1 admitted students?
23:15	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	acf5915, yes we have an admit preview day in late February for R1 admits, and Anderson Days, the full preview weekend for R1 & 2 admits in late April!
23:16	vjbhasker9	india,now working for one of the top banks in india in operation,would have an experience of 2+ by the time the class begins at ucla.what are my chance if i have a good gmat
23:16	mib_8mfshd	James - how did you get accustomed to the LA culture? or were you originally from California?
23:16	UCLASStudent_James	mib_8mfshd, I am originally from Northern California. But I love LA! There is so much to do, plus the weather is great, and I live like 3 miles from the beach! I can surf in the morning and still make it to class on time 😊
23:17	UCLASStudent_James	LA is a very diverse place too, there is such a variety of things to do.
23:17	manojpandey80	I have done MBA 2 years full time course with marketing specialization
23:17	srshrikant	thanks again james 😊
23:18	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	We also host dinners in cities around the US and many admits also organize their own happy hours/get togethers as well!

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23:18	manojpandey80	I have done MBA 2 years full time course with marketing specialization
23:18	srshrikant	Great thanks both of you 😊
23:18	manojpandey80	I have done MBA 2 years full time course with marketing specialization
23:18	guest_23	Hi Kelly what is avg GMAT score for dominant indian applicant pool for a shot
23:18	Shibojyoti	Hi, does a 3 yrs old IELTS score eligible during the admission?
23:19	vjbhasker9	Thanks Kelly,a smal query...i am from an engineering background and then persued a diploma in banking services from one of the reputed institutes in india,now working for one of the top banks in india in operation,would have an experience of 2+ by the time the class begins at ucla.what are my chance if i have a good gmat even top in achievements
23:19	manojpandey80	I have done MBA 2 years full time course with marketing specialization
23:19	manojpandey80	GMAT OR GRE which score you prefer?
23:19	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	manojpandey80, depends on the strength of your application compared to the pool and we will need to take a look through your transcript to review your coursework in depth. We can make a case to UCLA Grad Division if we want to admit you.
23:20	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi manojpandey80- We will accept both scores, but a large majority of our applicants submit the GMAT
23:20	mib_kd1r12	Hello. Can you answer FEMBA specific questions?
23:20	manojpandey80	GMAT OR GRE which score u prefer?
23:20	manojpandey80	GMAT OR GRE which score u prefer?
23:20	Liza	Hi James, could I also PM you to connect with current students who are pursuing impact investment?
23:20	UCLAStudent_James	Absolutely
23:21	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	For fall 2015 admission, the test date must be between April 1, 2013 - April 30, 2015 for TOEFL or IELTS scores to be valid, but not later than the deadline date for the round in which the applicant is applying.
23:21	UCLAStudent_James	Liza, I would be happy to.
23:21	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi mib. If you have questions regarding our FEMBA program I would suggest reaching out to their program, as they have a separate admissions office. http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/fully-employed-mba
23:21	manojpandey80	that means u r inclined towards gmat?
23:21	Lisettear20	In the case of GRE, what would be a good score?
23:22	guest_23	what is avg GMAT score for dominant indian applicant pool for a shot
23:22	manojpandey80	that means u r inclined towards gmat?
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23:22	mib_kd1r12	Okay, thank you

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23:22	jamescmit	How are designations like the CFA viewed? Is it recommended to show how this knowledge has been incorporated into our work? Also, is such a designation ever a negative due to some overlap with the curriculum?
23:23	manojpandey80	that means u r inclined towards gmat?
23:23	Narenn	Moderator Note: Manojpandey80, You need not to repeat your question multiple times. Please wait patiently until adcoms finish earlier questions. Please co-operate!!
23:23	UCLAStudent_James	If you are looking to connect with a current student with a particular interest, you can also go to the "Connect with a Student" on the Anderson MBA site, http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/admissions/ambassador-corps
23:23	Liza	great thanks. Sending it now.
23:24	Shibojyoti	Hi James, can I PM you since I need to discuss about the Fin-Aid and get some more information?
23:24	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	manojpandey80, we recommend the rest you're most comfortable with. I wrote a blog post about test score and academics for more info - http://mbablogs.anderson.ucla.edu/mba_admissions/2014/10/application-tips-tests-and-academics.html
23:24	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	@james- We will note when other certification programs have been achieved (CFA, CPA, etc). It will be important to show this information on the resume and in the application. It is not a negative factor, and you have an option to test out of a course taking an exemption exam during orientation.
23:24	UCLAStudent_James	Shibojyoti , for sure!
23:25	Narenn	Moderator Note: We shall continue for another 10 minutes. If any pending questions, pls ask them early.
23:25	manojpandey80	thanks
23:25	UCLAStudent_James	Liza, you can PM me too, I think I can find someone that can help you out. My GMATClub username is MBAreapplicant84 for anyone that would like to PM me
23:25	Pgk_14	You did mention that 'a majority of round 1 invites have been sent out at this point'. Are we to presume that this implies that there are candidates who will not be invited to interview, but yet have to wait until late January to find out?
23:26	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Pgk_14, that's correct, since we receive such a large volume of applications it takes a significant amount of time to evaluate all carefully. We do our best to notify candidates early when possible via early admit batches.
23:26	Shibojyoti	How can I connect with a current student who made a transition from IT to IB?
23:26	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Hi Shib- you can contact our current students using this link, and type in a specific question or request: http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-program/admissions/ambassador-corps
23:26	Liza	Thanks guys!
23:26	Shibojyoti	Great...thanks all!!
23:26	adityab	is it over?
23:26	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	We have a few more minutes for final questions!
23:27	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	Or you can always shoot us an email at mba.admissions@anderson.ucla.edu 😊

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23:27	adityab	very basic question...
23:27	UCLAStudent_James	If you guys have some student related questions that you weren't able to get answered today, please feel free to reach out to me.
23:27	adityab	how does a 3.6 year work experience hold?
23:27	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	adityab, it's really more about the quality of your accomplishments and progression vs. only the # of years works
23:27	srshrikant	Hi Jessica! I'd like to know from the admissions council perspective what role are you expecting the essay to play in the whole application?
23:27	emilymom	are you planning on another chat session like this after round 2 deadline?
23:28	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	emilymom, great question! we are actually holding a Round 2 coaching session next week! you can register at https://uclamba.askadmissions.net/Portal/EI/ViewDetails?gid=6235777ea6b9050fd34b3e9dd9f23d50aebc39
23:28	tarunsengar	Hi Team.. GM. My question is Do only early admits get scholarship or there is chance of scholarship for those who receive offer on decision date?
23:29	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Merit fellowships are awarded at the time of your admissions
23:29	adityab	definitely...but starters here in India mostly can only enter a managerial position after 5 years....so does it mean we should wait?
23:29	srshrikant	I'd like to know from the admissions council perspective what role are you expecting the essay to play in the whole application?
23:30	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	srshrikant, the essay is just one piece of the admissions application, and it's a great opportunity for us to learn more about you and the principles that have guided your life to now.
23:30	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	The essay is an important factor to see your connection with the Anderson principals/community, and to see your goal reflection. Each piece of the application will be evaluated equally and is important.
23:31	Pgk_14	How does the admissions committee look at a candidate who has strayed off his intended industry. For example a candidate who is interested in technology post MBA, but is currently working as a GMAT instructor to gain leadership experience.
23:31	emilymom	Wonderful. Thanks very much for the information and the chat session.
23:31	srshrikant	Thanks jessica! I felt like there was something wrong with my question 😊 Thanks Kelly. Both Inputs are very helpful
23:32	adityab	definitely...but starters here in India mostly can only enter a managerial position after 5 years....so does it mean we should wait?
23:32	UCLAAdmissions_Jessica	srshrikant, every question is a good question, if we can provide more clarity on the app process!
23:32	UCLAAdmissions_Kelly	Thank you for all of your questions. We look forward to working with you through your application process, and hope to see you visiting campus in the future!
23:33	UCLAStudent_James	adityab, speaking a bit to your question. You can definitely show leadership in your application without having experience directly managing people

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