



## GMAT Club Chat with Yale SOM Admissions

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### Web Resources:

- Yale SOM Website: <http://som.yale.edu/>
- Yale Full Time MBA Class of 2018 Discussion: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-yale-som-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200065.html>

20:35		<b>Welcome to the Live Chat with Margie Adler, Associate Director of Admissions at Yale SOM!!</b>
		Topic set by <b>Narenn</b> on Thu Sep 24 2015 20:35:03 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:29	Ergen	<b>Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Yale SOM Q&amp;A session today.</b>
21:29	Ergen	<b>BIG welcome to Associate Director of Admissions of Yale SOM, Margie Adler.</b>
21:29	Ergen	<b>Today Margie will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Yale.</b>
21:30	Ergen	<b>There are around 30 chat participants and more are expected to join in couple of minutes, so it is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules during chat so that our guest can answer most of our questions</b>
21:30	Ergen	<b>1) Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure Margie has answered the earlier question.</b>
21:30	Ergen	<b>2) Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.</b>
21:30	Ergen	<b>3) Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.</b>
21:31	Ergen	<b>Before we begin the session, I would request Margie to give us a short introduction of your roles and responsibilities at Yale</b>
21:31	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Hello Everyone!</b>
21:32	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>I am associate director of admissions. My roles include evaluating applications as a member of the admissions committee, participating in recruiting events, as well as engaging alumni in the admissions process and managing the waitlist</b>
21:32	Ergen	<b>Thanks!! Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&amp;A. Please ask your questions to our guest.</b>
21:33	biswa1991	Sir, what is the median GMAT score for an Indian student in your college?
21:34	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>While we don't keep official data by country, our median GMAT is around 720.</b>
21:34	Manish	Hi Margie, Just a general question to pop up!! What is Minimum Work Experience required to be competent at Yale Class?



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21:34	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>In terms of work experience, there is no minimum. The average is 5 years, but we do have applicants with over 10 years of work experience and, of course, our Silver Scholar applicants come to use straight from their undergraduate school with little to no work experience.</b>
21:35	Narenn	Hi Margie, Thanks for joining us today. If an applicant doesn't have international work experience, are there other ways through which she/he can to demonstrate a global perspective? (Domestic nonprofit work with different cultures, travel, etc.)
21:35	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>International work experience is not a requirement. We do like to see global-minded applicants. However, many of our applicants do not have global experience. It is more important to show broadmindedness.</b>
21:36	Narenn	<b>Newly Joined Members: We are chatting with Margie Adler – Associate Director of Admissions at Yale SOM. If you have any questions about Yale's MBA program, you are free to ask them to Margie.</b>
21:36	mib_5c0bc7	Since Yale offers the Silver Scholars Program, can I assume that qualified candidates with 1 or 2 years of full-time work experience, but served at non-profit internationally instead, are not at a disadvantage?
21:39	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>That is correct. It is not the quantity of work experience that we are looking at, but rather the quality. Someone with 1-2 years of meaningful work experience should not be at a disadvantage over someone with a longer track record. It really is dependent on the particular circumstances of the applicant.</b>
21:39	gaurav22nitj	Hi Margie, Thank you for taking time to answer our questions. What is the difference between applying in early and later round?
21:41	Manish	One more question, Is there any disadvantage in Applying for Round 2 instead of Round 1 ?? Pertaining to scholarships and admissions
21:42	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>There is no advantage to applying earlier in the round. We do not begin looking at applications until the application deadline has passed. There is also no advantage to applying in Round 1 over Round 2. There may be a disadvantage, however, in applying in Round 3. By then there may be space constraints.</b>
21:42	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Having said that, we do advise you to apply when you have the strongest application</b>
21:43	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>We do not offer need based scholarships, but merit scholarships are available to applicants in all three rounds.</b>
21:43	vishalmikki	I see that candidates have started receiving invites for interview but I wish to ask whether silver scholars receive the invites at the same time or after the regular MBA candidates
21:44	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Interviews may be offered at anytime from the application deadline to the decision date. So we may be sending invitations at any time, in no particular order.</b>
21:44	gaurav22nitj	Is there any importance of IR and AWA section of the GMAT?



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21:45	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>While we do review all sections of the GMAT, our focus is primarily on the Verbal and Quantitative sections.</b>
21:47	aztec04	Hello Margie, Thanks for hosting this chat. I have two questions. 1) How is SOM student life in weekend? 2) How can we get in touch with club members of the clubs we are interested to participate once we enter the program?
21:47	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Student life on campus is very varied. There are many social activities during the week and on weekend, sponsored by clubs and other student organizations as well as informally. There are social events, parties and there is a lot to do in New Haven - restaurants, bars and cultural event at the university and the city itself.</b>
21:48	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>To contact leaders of the clubs, please visit our website where you will find contact information for each of our student clubs.</b>
21:48	vishalmikki	Can you tell the acceptance rate for silver scholars? Also I believe the intake for silver scholars has increased from 8 to 30. Is that right?
21:48	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>While we don't keep official data broken out in that way, we do have over 20 silver scholars this year.</b>
21:49	gaurav22nitj	How does Adcom view a gap in studies, such as gap of a year in between higher studies and starting of undergraduation? Will it have negative impact?
21:49	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>In terms of a gap year, it depends on how it was spent. In general, we view an applicant who is working or studying at the time of the application more favorably than if the applicant is not employed or studying.</b>
21:50	Narenn	It is often said that applicants from overrepresented pool need to have higher GMAT and GPA than school's median scores. How true is that?
21:53	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>GMAT and GPA are only 2 of the several elements that we review when making admission decisions. Work experience, recommendations, essay, etc are all viewed collectively when making these decisions.</b>
21:54	Ergen	Margie, can you inform us about TOEFL requirements? Do you have minimum requirements for every section?
21:55	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>We do not require TOEFL</b>
21:55	vishalmikki	Can you tell the scope in Analytics or specifically healthcare analytics . I am interested in healthcare analytics , and I have explained this as interest in my application
21:56	Ergen	Then is it ok, if an applicant who took the TOEFL to inform adcom about this and how can he do that?
21:56	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>We do not look at the TOEFL scores, so it would not be necessary to inform us if you have taken it</b>



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21:56	Narenn	How does the admission committee view our inability to get our current manager as a recommender?
21:58	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Many applicants do not have a recommendation from their current supervisor for a variety of reasons. While recommend that one of your res come from your current supervisor we understand if that is not possible,</b>
21:58	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>A brief explanation may be helpful in that case</b>
21:59	Ergen	What opportunities are there for applicants who intend to pursue careers in healthcare?
22:00	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>We have a fairly robust healthcare offering. We have connections with Yale Medical School as well as the School of Public Health. You would be permitted to take electives from either of these schools. In addition, there are joint degree programs between SOM and both of those schools. There is also an annual Healthcare conference put on by students in all 3 schools that draws hundreds of leaders in the field.</b>
22:01	pankajvashist	Hi Margie, I have worked in Product Industry with the Engineering background , so I just wanted to know how my position put me with respect to other applicants. And also I love to work in technology industry so i wanted to know what are option after doing MBA from YALE.
22:03	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>In terms of technology, there are several organizations such as Spotify, LinkedIn, Google, that hire SOM students. There are west coast and NYC job treks for students to learn more about opportunities in tech.</b>
22:04	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>You would also have access to the Yale Center for Engineering, Innovation and Design</b>
22:04	Ergen	What about curriculum? In some schools first year curriculum is so hard that students barely find time for social activities. How is it in Yale?
22:05	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>While the first year courses are quite demanding, students here do find the time to socialize. As I mentioned before, there are many social activities sponsored by the many clubs on campus.</b>
22:05	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>There is a weekly on-campus get together called Closing Bell and students become very friendly with the others in their cohorts and classes and tend to socialize quite a bit with them.</b>
22:05	Narenn	What do you think is the biggest misconception about Yale SOM and the admission process in general that we as candidates don't know about?
22:05	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>I think that one misconception about SOM is that it is predominantly geared towards "social impact". While there are probably more opportunities for students interest in public interest than at other schools, SOM is very strong in the traditional MBA industries as well.</b>
22:05	gaurav22nitj	What are the modes of teaching in Yale? How much weightage is given on case studies and how much on team works?
22:08	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>During the first year at SOM, you will be exposed to case studies as well as team projects.</b>



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22:08	mib_5c0bc7	In addition to traditional work experience, I have had much involvement with an international non-profit in Africa. This and other reasons beyond the control of both employer (in the US) and myself will be explained in the application. This has created short lengths of employment. Could I request a third recommendation letter from this international service to
22:08	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>If you have gaps in work experience or other circumstance that you feel require further explanation, rather than a third recommendation, I would suggest using the optional essay portion of the application to explain them.</b>
22:09	Ergen	What is the procedure for opening a new social club in Yale?
22:09	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>There are many social clubs in existence already. If there is support for a new club, it can be discussed with our department of Academic Affairs and Student Life.</b>
22:09	vishalmikki	Do you feel silver scholars are at disadvantage during the time of placements due to their low work experience as compared to the regular MBAs who also apply to the same companies?
22:09	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>The Silver Scholar program included a year of work experience in between the two years of study, so by the time of graduation, a Silver Scholar will have some work experience that they can discuss with employers.</b>
22:12	gaurav22nitj	Will I get chance to join non-profit organization while studying in Yale?
22:13	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>There are many opportunities to join organizations at SOM. Our Net Impact club is a social sector professional club that has connections to other non-profit enterprises within New Haven and nationwide.</b>
22:14	Ergen	Is there any way to talk to current students and alumni. Most times it becomes very difficult to reach out to them. Maybe Yale has some mechanisms to facilitate such interactions?
22:15	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Regarding contact with students, if you have a particular area of interest, you can check the SOM website for the club pertaining to that interest. There is contact information for each of the clubs and you can contact them and a current student will respond.</b>
22:15	vishalmikki	Yeah but to get that 1 year experience in between both Silver scholars and 2 year MBAs will be applying for internships but for different durations . At that time is it easy for a silver scholar to get a good internship
22:16	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Silver Scholars apply for and work at the same types of internships that our first year students do.</b>
22:17	pran_	Hello Margie, I have done a three year undergraduate degree. Is that sufficient to apply for the MBA at Yale?
22:18	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Yes, in most cases, a three year undergraduate degree will be sufficient. If you have received a bachelor's degree, that should be fine.</b>
22:19	TheLostOne	Hello! Any idea when the lucky amongst us should expect interview invites? And if so, how will we be



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		notified? Thanks!
22:20	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>If you are invited for an interview, you will receive an email notification. This can occur anytime from now until the decision release date.</b>
22:20	Ergen	How can we reach adcom members if we have questions? could you please provide us with some contact info?
22:20	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>If you have questions about the application process, you can send them to <a href="mailto:mba.admissions@yale.edu">mba.admissions@yale.edu</a></b>
22:20	dolongdao876	I applied in Round 1 and submitted the application and video questions on-time. However, one of my recommenders only just submitted his recommendation last night. Am I still in the running for Round 1? Thanks!
22:22	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>In terms of the timing of receipt of recommendations, we do give a grace period. If we receive it in the next few days, it should be fine as long as the rest of your application is complete.</b>
22:22	Yalier	is it possible to apply with gmat below 600?
22:23	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>We do not have a minimum GMAT requirement. However, our median GMAT is around 720.</b>
22:24	gaurav22nitj	How would you describe Yale?
22:25	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>Our alumni have described it as the place where they spent the best two years of their lives.</b>
22:25	TheLostOne	Knowing the median GMAT is around 720, do you have a quant/verbal split that you are looking for?
22:25	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>In terms of the GMAT, we are looking for a roughly even split, so if one section is much higher (or lower) than the other, that may raise a red flag.</b>
22:26	Yalier	What if a candidate meets the majority of the requirements, but gmat score?
22:27	YaleSOM_Margie	<b>As I mentioned, the GMAT is only one of several elements. We look at the application as a whole and review all elements together.</b>
22:28	Ergen	<b>Alright!!!... We'll wrap up here</b>
22:28	Ergen	<b>Please, stop sending questions</b>
22:28	Ergen	<b>Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.</b>
22:29	Ergen	<b>Thank you very much, YaleSOM_Margie, for spending your valuable time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chat.</b>
22:29	Ergen	<b>The next chat session with Yale team is on October 27. To view complete Live Q&amp;A schedule visit</b>



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		<b>this thread...</b> <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html</a>
22:29	Narenn	<b>Thanks Margie. Hope you had pleasant time in GMAT Club chat.</b>
22:29	Ergen	<b>We will publish summary of this chat in Yale forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread...</b> <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-yale-som-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200065.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-yale-som-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200065.html</a>
22:30	Ergen	<b>Have a great day!!</b>
22:30	YaleSOM_Margie	Thank you!
22:30	gaurav22nitj	Thank you Margie
22:30	Yalier	Thanks Margie!
22:30	pran_	Thanks, Margie!
22:31	pankajvashist	Thanks margie

### 1) Upcoming Yale (SOM) Chat sessions:

- **October 27. Presenter:** Maria Derlipanska, Associate Director of Admissions.

### 2) 2015 Live Q&A Session Schedule: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/announcement-mba-info-sessions-on-gmatclub-174827.html>

### 3) All Chat transcripts are available to download here <http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html#p1416987>

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### GMAT Club's MBA Resources

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All MBA Deadlines	<a href="http://bit.ly/19RSTSX">http://bit.ly/19RSTSX</a>	MBA Applicant Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE">http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE</a>
All School Stats	<a href="http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ">http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ</a>	Current Student Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD">http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD</a>
Live Chats with B-School Adcoms	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w">http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w</a>	All school discussions	<a href="http://bit.ly/1K0N43a">http://bit.ly/1K0N43a</a>
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