



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>

		Live: Chat with Maria Derlipanska - Associate Director of Admissions at Yale SOM!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Oct 27 2015 21:42:12 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:44	farful	Has the admissions moved over there as well or are you still at sachem and hill house?
21:45	Maria_Yale_SOM	Everyone is in the new building - everything has been centralized. Admissions is on the ground floor, next to the Career Development Office.
21:45	farful	ah nice. fun fact: Yale som's old admissions building I think is where George bush was born - used to be a midwife center
21:46	Ergen	Hi Maria
21:46	Ergen	Good to see you here
21:47	Ergen	I have a question about the healthcare opportunities provided by YALE SOM
21:47	farful	how much interaction is there between the full time students and say the healthcare executive program?
21:47	Maria_Yale_SOM	The Exec MBA group meets over the weekends so there isn't a whole lot of interaction.
21:49	Ergen	Maria, can u name clubs, initiatives etc. dedicated to healthcare? I intend to pursue career in pharma after my MBA
21:50	Maria_Yale_SOM	Sure! Here is the complete list of clubs - you can see the healthcare-related ones:
21:50	Maria_Yale_SOM	http://som.yale.edu/our-programs/mba/student-experience/admissions-ambassadors
21:51	Maria_Yale_SOM	Feel free to reach out to our Admissions Ambassadors - they'll be happy to hear from you.
21:51	Ergen	Wow. Thanks a lot.



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21:51	farful	Ergen, from what i recall, the SOM hosts a healthcare conference every year
21:51	Ergen	really?
21:51	Maria_Yale_SOM	That is right!
21:51	farful	there's also an executive mba program specifically for healthcare
21:52	Ergen	who can attend it? only students or applicants too?
21:52	Maria_Yale_SOM	correct
21:52	farful	and, there are some students who are dual degree MPH/MBA which makes it interesting
21:52	farful	anyone can attend
21:52	Ergen	thanks farful. It is great
21:52	farful	just costs more if you're not affiliated with Yale I believe
21:52	Maria_Yale_SOM	we have a dual MBA-MPH and an MBA-MD
21:54	Ergen	Maria, I am an international applicant. That is why, I am more interested in global career opportunities, especially in Europe. How powerful is Yale brand in those countries?
21:54	Maria_Yale_SOM	The Yale brand is very strong in Europe. Our newly-admitted students from Europe just started an EuroSOM Club. I am happy to put you in touch with them.
21:54	farful	how many mba-md folks do you get every year?
21:56	Maria_Yale_SOM	We get a handful of MBA-MD studnets each year.
21:54	Narenn	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?
21:56	Maria_Yale_SOM	A gap is ok but make sure to take advantage of the optional essay and explain the gap - do NOT leave the committee guessing what happened.
21:57	mib_ipmdcz	What are some "watch-outs" for the Yale interview?



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21:58	Maria_Yale_SOM	Just be yourself, answer the questions, do not talk about what you prepared and what YOU want the interviewer to hear - be attentive to their questions. Again, make sure to address is in the optional essay
21:57	Ergen	I also wonder whether we need to wait for beginning our education in order to contact the club executives? Can we contact them and participate in some activities or help them after we are sure that we are accepted?
21:58	Maria_Yale_SOM	
21:58	farful	do you have suggestions on how to mitigate a low undergrad GPA? (3.2/4.0).
21:59	Maria_Yale_SOM	3.2 is not terrible - if you have some really low grades in there, just explain what happened.
22:00	farful	other than GPA, do you use any other measures to determine 'academic preparedness' for the rigors of a Yale SOM education?
22:01	Maria_Yale_SOM	sure, the test scores (GMAT or GRE). Also, all transcripts and all courses - we look at whether you challenged yourself academically and intellectually
22:01	Maria_Yale_SOM	Also, all transcripts and all courses - we look at whether you challenged yourself academically and intellectually
22:02	vishalmikki	I wish to know about the silver scholar invite status
22:02	mdd90	We are in the process of reviewing the Silver Scholars applications.
22:02	Maria_Yale_SOM	We have extended a few invitations and will be extending more.
22:03	Maria_Yale_SOM	We do this in waves throughout the round.
22:03	Maria_Yale_SOM	As we cannot review all the applications all at once.
22:04	mysterygirl	How would you view an applicant who already has a MBA from another country but is applying to Yale for a second master's degree?
22:04	Maria_Yale_SOM	that's ok with us



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22:04	Maria_Yale_SOM	once would be disqualified only if that MBA is from another institution in the US
22:04	mib_h3bqnp	Maria, does Yale look at the new Integrated Reasoning section scores
22:05	Maria_Yale_SOM	We are still in the process of collecting data and figuring out how to analyze it so no need to worry too much about it at this point.
22:06	mib_h3bqnp	Thank you 😊
22:06	mib_h3bqnp	What is the consensus (if you are in the know) among top tier business schools such as Yale about this section
22:06	mib_h3bqnp	Mba.com claims that they created it after asking B-Schools for feedback, but what I am finding on the Net is that B-schools are not really using it
22:07	Maria_Yale_SOM	I cannot really comment on how other schools look at the IR
22:07	mib_h3bqnp	Thank you very much
22:07	Narenn	Maria, could you please shed some light on impact of H1B lottery system on career prospects of international students at Yale?
22:08	Maria_Yale_SOM	I know that it can be a challenge because the School has absolutely no control over it. That said, our students have been successful in securing both internships and full-time jobs on multi-year contracts. I would think that our Career Development Center would have a better sense.
22:08	mib_utr3f	Maria, can you tell me about the ss invites
22:08	mib_utr3f	I havent yet heard of anyone getting one
22:09	Ergen	Maria, do you think there is a difference in competitiveness between R1 and R2 ?
22:10	Maria_Yale_SOM	There isn't a big difference in selectivity between R1 and R2.
22:10	TheLostOne	Hello! Are off campus interviews weighed the same as on-campus interviews?
22:11	Maria_Yale_SOM	Absolutely - all interviews are evaluated the same, whether it's on campus, in hub cities around the world and skype.



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22:14	Vishalmikki	Maria, can you tell the status of ss invites
22:14	Maria_Yale_SOM	I just wrote about SS IV invites up above.
22:17	Narenn	Vishalmikki, I am quoting Maria's reply for question on ss invites - "We are in the process of reviewing the Silver Scholars applications"
22:17	Narenn	"We have extended a few invitations and will be extending more. We do this in waves throughout this round"
22:18	Narenn	hope that answers your question
22:18	Vishalmikki	Yes it does . Thank You
22:15	TheLostOne	Thanks, Maria! Are the interviews with adcoms blind?
22:19	Maria_Yale_SOM	The interviews are conducted blindly - your interviewer would have only seen you CV!
22:15	kapoormanas1	Hi..I joined a bit late, so I'm not sure whether you covered this already, but could you talk a bit about different options feeding into the global studies requirement at Yale? I apologize if this is a repetition.
22:19	Narenn	Maria, what is one thing about Yale that prospective students will NOT get to know from online resources like the college website or chat rooms?
22:24	Maria_Yale_SOM	I would say how incredibly special our community is! As you research schools and programs, please take the time to get to know the community that you might be joining. Reach out to various members of our community to get a sense of what they are like.
22:24	Maria_Yale_SOM	Come for a campus visit and meet some of our current students - talk to them, get to know them, see if you can imagine being in class with them and having them as your friends.
22:25	Maria_Yale_SOM	You will be committing yourself to a two-year program so it is important to understand whether you would feel comfortable in that environment.
22:20	Ergen	Maria, does Yale provide feedbacks to dinged candidates. I know that it is a very difficult thing to do, But maybe there can be a few exceptions.



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22:20	Maria_Yale_SOM	Yale SOM does provide feedback on applications. Email us at mba.admissions@yale.edu with a request and we will get back to you.
22:21	Ergen	Great, thanks
22:21	Maria_Yale_SOM	We have many successful re-applicants, based on the feedback that we have provided.
22:22	sheky	Hi Maria, Thank you at first for this session
22:22	Ergen	I did not know that. It is a really exceptional opportunity
22:22	Maria_Yale_SOM	We are happy to do that!
22:22	MV23	Yea, I didn't know that either. That's nice of you guys!
22:23	sheky	Well, my first question: give me some insight about the scholarships
22:25	Maria_Yale_SOM	About the scholarships - all of them are merit-based.
22:26	Maria_Yale_SOM	Students also take on loans - the same requirements are in place for US and int'l students. That means, that int'l students do not need a co-signer or a sponsor.
22:27	Maria_Yale_SOM	Also, we have a very generous Loan Forgiveness Program - anyone that goes into gov or non-profit work after graduation gets 100% of their loan forgiven.
22:30	Narenn	Alright!!
22:30	Narenn	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.
22:30	Narenn	Thank you very much, Maria_Yale_SOM, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chat with GMAT Club members.
22:30	Narenn	We will publish summary of this chat in Yale forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-yale-som-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200065.html
22:30	Maria_Yale_SOM	Thank you for having me!
22:30	Ergen	thanks a lot



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22:31	Maria_Yale_SOM	If the participants have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at mba.admissions@yale.edu
22:25	Maria_Yale_SOM	You will be committing yourself to a two-year program so it is important to understand whether you would feel comfortable in that environment.
22:31	Maria_Yale_SOM	Have a great day everyone!
22:31	Ergen	it is was a great chat
22:31	farful	Thank you.

- 1) 2015 Live Q&A Session Schedule: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/announcement-mba-info-sessions-on-gmatclub-174827.html>
- 2) All Chat transcripts are available to download here <http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html#p1416987>

GMAT Club's MBA Resources

All MBA Rankings	http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3	Application Experiences of Applicants	http://bit.ly/1IecA6z
All MBA Deadlines	http://bit.ly/19RSTSX	MBA Applicant Blogs	http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE
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