

Web Resources:

- **NUS Website:** <http://bschool.nus.edu.sg/>
- **NUS Full Time MBA Class of 2018 Discussion:** <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-nus-singapore-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200736.html>

		HAPPENING NOW: Live Chat with Jennifer Luo, Asst Manager (Marketing and Admissions), NUS Business School Singapore!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Jan 12 2016 20:48:49 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:31	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club NUS Business School Admissions Q&A session today and warm welcome to Assistant Manager of Marketig and Admissions at NUS Singapore – Jennifer Yinli Luo.
21:31	Narenn	Welcome Jennifer!! This is the first time we are hosting NUS team in our live chats. Pleasure to have you here.
21:31	NUSMBA-Jennifer	Thanks Narenn! Hello Everyone from Singapore! Look forward to taking your questions!
21:31	Narenn	Today Jennifer will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at NUS Singapore.
21:31	Narenn	There are around 18 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 the chat....
21:31	Narenn	1. Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.
21:32	Narenn	2. Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
21:32	Narenn	3. Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
21:32	Narenn	Before we begin, I would like to request Jennifer to give your short introduction to our participants.
21:34	NUSMBA-Jennifer	Hi everyone. Glad to chat with you all here. I'm from the NUS marketing and admissions team. And have been working in MBA area for 5 years now.
21:34	Narenn	Thanks Jennifer!

21:34	Narenn	Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&A. Please ask your questions to Jennifer one by one.
21:34	aro	Hi. This is Arohi from India. What is the expectation in essay question related to critical problem facing you org/community?
21:35	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Aro, we don't have specific standard/requirements for all the essay questions. It depends on what our candidates would like to tell us.
21:34	nitishgera	Hi Jennifer. The NUS MBA is known for its extremely small class size and low acceptance rates. Could you give us a better idea of what are the top 3 things that you look for in prospective students? Thank you!
21:38	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@nitishgera, NUS MBA every year admits around 100 students for the full-time cohort. I think it's not a small class. But we are concerned about the student quality and mix. We expect every student can bring their own value to the class.
21:38	padma	Hi Jennifer. I met you in Bangalore and gave my interview with NUS on Dec 3rd. But my application got rejected. Will adcom provide any feedback so that I can improve on those areas for the next application?
21:39	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@padma, glad to meet you here again 😊 but sorry that we don't provide feedback for the interview.
21:38	Peddy	Hi. Good mrrng Jennifer. I am Parag from India. While the batch size of a particular year for NUS is around 100 as u said, what is the class size like?
21:39	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Peddy, we only have one full-time class a year, with 5 specializations.
21:40	Guest61920	I know NUS has not upper age/experience limit, but does it get really tough for an applicant having 10+ years of experience? If you do take guys with higher experience, what do you look for in such profiles?
21:41	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Guest61920, the average years of work experience is around 5 years of this current batch. The years of work experience our students have ranging from 2-15 years. Our admissions committee will take a holistic view of each profile. Academic background, GMAT score, work experience are all matter.
21:41	theincredible	hi Jennifer. I have heard that the GMAT scores get very competitive for Indians. Do Indians

		students get rejected for their low GMAT scores?
21:45	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@theincredible, as i said, we take a holistic view of the profile. GMAT score is one of the factors. Your work experience and other factors also play an important role in your application.
21:43	theincredible	Also could you let me know if local language is a pre requisite if a student wants to transition into management consultancy?
21:43	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@theincredible, the official language in Singapore is English. However, the language requirement will be role dependant.
21:43	Peddy	@Jennifer, Thanks a lot. How is the teaching method in NUS? Is it case studies which dominate the lectures throughout the 17 month tenure? Or is it a mix of Case Studies and concepts? I wanted to understand how a typical lecture progresses.
21:45	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Peddy, in NUS, we focus a lot on experiential learning. Some courses like accounting of course will be more concepts based and have exams for the evaluation. But most of the courses are case-study based.
21:45	nitishgera	Jennifer, how are entrepreneur or family business candidates looked at? Are they at any disadvantage when applying?
21:47	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@nitishgera, we don't have requirements for work experience. We value candidates from different background and industries as long as he/she is able to contribute to the experience of the classroom.
21:48	Narenn	Jennifer, I am asking a follow up question for your response to Padma's question. Since NUS does not provide feedback to rejected applicants, can you tell our participants, if rejected, what one should do to improve his/her candidacy while reapplying?
21:49	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Narenn, thanks for the follow up question. We will expect the re-applicants can tell us their personal and professional progress through the year.
21:52	Narenn	Newly Joined Members: We are chatting with Jennifer Luo, Asst Manager, Marketing and Admissions at NUS Singapore. If you have any questions about NUS's MBA program, you are free to ask them to Jennifer. But before asking a question, please make sure earlier questions are answered. Thank you!!

21:52	Narenn	Moderator Note: We will be saving a condensed version of the chat for the record and reference. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to ask their own questions. If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.
21:52	nitishgera	Thanks, Jennifer!
21:52	Peddy	@Jennifer. Thanks a lot.
21:52	nitishgera	Jennifer, the NUS application has a requirement to produce supporting financial documents. If I plan to finance my MBA using a loan, what document can I submit at this point and time?
21:55	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@nitishgera, you can submit your latest pay slip for the supporting financial documents for the application.
21:53	souvik15	Is there any opportunity of internship? Does NUS provide accommodation for international student?
21:54	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@souvik, our students are welcome to do the internship during 17-month MBA study since it will be one of the better way for non-local students to get hands-on experience in the local market as well as build your network. For housing accommodation: We do have on-campus accommodation for students. You can apply for it; alternatively you can also rent off-campus apartment.
22:05	hss0505	Jennifer, due to some reasons I am not working for past 6 months and prepared for GMAT & other competitive exams. How much a lack of job affects admission chances?
22:05	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@Kaushik, kindly understand that due to the large amount of the applications, we are not able to connect you with the students and alumni at the initial stage. However, you can reach out through LinkedIn/your own network directly. Or you can follow our upcoming events on the website if we organise the NUSConnect (coffee chat with our students).
22:12	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@hss0505, we only have the requirement that candidate must have at least 2 years of full-time work experience after the undergraduate study. For the gap, as long as you can provide an acceptable justification, it should be fine.
22:06	bhavani18	Hi Jennifer, thanks for taking the time to do this! My question is regarding how NUS evaluates non-traditional backgrounds. I come from a teaching background and while I have great references, a GMAT score, etc., I'm wondering about how the NUS adcom would view that.

22:10	swanidhi	Hello Madam! Thank you for addressing our doubts and concerns. My question is - I belong to the Indian IT male category (Accenture) and have a low GMAT score of 600. Would my essays be reviewed if I fall into such a category with a sub average GMAT score!
22:16	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@swanidhi, as you may understand, we receive a lot of applications similar to your profile. GMAT score will also be a factor for short listing the application.
22:11	mib_1l40cl	Hi Jennifer, you might have missed this question: What would you say distinguishes NUS from other MBA programmes (Insead, SMU etc)
22:20	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@mib_1l40cl, sorry to overlook your question. I can tell you what NUS MBA programme can offer you, but I'm not in the position to compare across schools as you are a better judge of what you want from an MBA programme/schools.
22:11	Narenn	Moderator Note: We will continue the session for another 15 minutes only. If you have any questions left, ask them early. Thank you!!
22:12	souvik15	What percent of students are given on campus accommodation?
22:12	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@souvik15, generally our students who apply for the accommodation will be able to get. It's a not a big concern.
22:12	nitishgera	What is the job scenario in Singapore for internationals graduating from the NUS MBA? Are there any visa hurdles or obstacles that may find job search difficult for internationals?
22:16	tillion15	Hi Jennifer. Thanks for taking the time. How easy is it for a student to change his/her stream post an MBA? How has NUS fared in such scenarios historically?
22:27	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@tillion15, it really depends. It's not possible to tell without knowing where you come from and what kind of experience you have and which industry you want to jump. Basically I can only say it's as easy as YOU make it to be.
22:22	aro	is the management practicum held in the NUS campus or the students are based out of the company offices and get to collaborate with the leadership teams of the companies?
22:29	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@aro, I would like to tell more about the Management Practicum since it's really a unique module. Every year we have more than 40 companies providing us more than 70 projects for our students to work on. You may find out more information from our website: http://mba.nus.edu/academic-experience/114-management-practicum or search the related video from youtube.

22:26	Peddy	@Jennifer Thanks for answering. What kind of roles are offered to candidates by Fast Moving Consumer Goods Sector Companies, i.e Retail & Consumer Product Firms, like Unilever, Procter & Gamble etc. Mktg / Strategy / Operations?
22:26	pria131	Will the results after interview be released once the first deadline i.e. 31 January is closed?
22:30	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@pria131, 31st January is the deadline for submission. It takes around 6-8 weeks for the review after we receive a completed application.
22:26	souvik15	Do NUS help in getting work permit in Singapore?
22:27	bhavani18	@Jennifer, I think my question may have gotten buried under an earlier barrage: My question is regarding how NUS evaluates non-traditional backgrounds. I come from a teaching background and while I have great references, a 700+ GMAT score, etc., I'm wondering about how the NUS adcom would view that.
22:27	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@bhavani18, to be fair to all the applicants, we don't offer the pre-assessment of the MBA application. I suggest you submit your completed application online asap. And anyway, the application is free.
22:27	bhavani18	@Jennifer, I think my question may have gotten buried under an earlier barrage: My question is regarding how NUS evaluates non-traditional backgrounds. I come from a teaching background and while I have great references, a 700+ GMAT score, etc., I'm wondering about how the NUS adcom would view that.
22:32	pria131	@Jennifer- How does NUS grads compete with INSEAD people?
22:32	cruise19	@Jennifer Hi Jennifer ! I have reported 600 as my official gmat score to NUS. but ve got 650 in an earlier attempt. I also plan to push the score to a 700 in the near future. Will it negatively impact the adcom decision if i submit the application by jan 31?
22:33	NUSMBA-Jennifer	Hello everyone, thanks so much for participating tonight. I can see a lot of questions still and I might not be able to answer all. Feel free to drop us an email: mba@nus.edu.sg
22:33	souvik15	thank you
22:33	Narenn	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.

22:33	Narenn	Sincere thanks to Jennifer Luo for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chat, Jennifer.
22:34	Narenn	We will publish summary of this chat in NUS forum in few days. http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-nus-singapore-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200736.html
22:34	NUSMBA-Jennifer	@cruise19, you can submit your application first and update us your latest GMAT score.
22:34	Narenn	Thanks everyone again and Have a great day!!
22:34	mib_pkemck	Thanks a lot for taking out the time.
22:34	NUSMBA-Jennifer	Thanks a lot Narenn
22:34	Narenn	My pleasure!! 😊
22:34	NUSMBA-Jennifer	Thanks everyone for joining! Wish you all the best for the application! Don't forget our first round deadline is 31st jan 2016

- 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>

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