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Moderator: Welcome everyone to the Johnson chat. This space is to ask candid questions directly to the adcoms. I'd like to keep it "loosely moderated". Ask insightful questions. This chat will last an hour!

rohitgokul: Hello, could you throw some light on how your team converts under grad GPA's from a scale of 10 to a scale of 4?

Lindsay: Great question. We consider transcripts from all over the world so you do not need to covert to a 4.0 scale. Our team is familiar with all types of transcripts and will consider your GPA based on the scale in which it is provided.

wlr48: Hi Everyone, I'm Will a 2nd year student at Johnson recruiting in Corporate Finance. Before Johnson I was an asset allocator at a pension fund and over the summer I worked at IBM in their Transformation and Shared Services group. Happy to answer any questions about student life.

ec785: Hi Everyone! Thank you for joining, my name is Eddie and I'm currently a second year in the Class of 2018 full time MBA program here at Johnson. Before Johnson I was working in the hospitality industry in accounting and finance and this past summer I interned at a consulting firm in NYC. I'm happy to answer any questions about student life and life in Ithaca!

abhishek911: Enough has been spoken and written about round 1 or round 2 and which one is better, so I won't get into that. Just want to know whether Johnson offers scholarships in the November round to international candidates? Of course, provided they meet the criteria.

Chelsea: Great question! I recommend that you submit your application when it is best. I'd much rather see a great application in round 2 than a mediocre application in round 1, but if you are ready and happy with your materials, feel free to submit! There are more scholarship dollars available in the earlier rounds, and we do provide merit based scholarships for international students in the November round.

gmati3: What percentage of students, Johnson extend the scholarship to? Do you guys have any number?

Eddie: Typically, 1/3 of students receive some form of scholarship. Scholarships are merit based.

Nash1989: Greetings Cornell Admissions Team, I'd like to start off by asking you how's the technology industry responding to the 1 year tech MBA?

Lindsay: The tech industry is responding very well to the tech MBA. Most Tech MBA students are largely placed in NYC.

ashikaverma13: Who would you define as an ideal candidate for Johnson? What qualities would describe a person fit for the cornell community?

wlr48: The ideal candidate is collaborative, looking to work in and be part of a small community. You need to be a hard worker, a team player and a self-starter. Above the school looks to build the most diverse group possible every year....diversity of background, experience etc.

ashikaverma13: Thanks for the answer @wlr48, i just have one follow up questions as someone else also asked, how well be Johnson able to help me with a role in strategic consulting post MBA?

wlr48: Johnson will really provide you all the resources to transition into a role in strategic consulting. All the large consulting firms recruit here on Johnson and we have an amazing curriculum and staff that provides the preparation and knowledge to successfully recruit in strategy consulting and succeed during the internship.

anujshah1994: Hello adcoms, can you throw some light on the application essays and how do we go about answering the table of contents question?

Chelsea: Good question! The essays are a piece of the application in which you have the most control. They are a great place to let your personality come through. Don't forget to be authentic and answer the questions asked. The Table of Contents essay is your opportunity to showcase some creativity. We've received Youtube videos, PowerPoint documents, poems, songs, or standard Table of Contents helping us understand how Cornell MBA fits into your story.

mvictor: Are there any scholarships available for people coming from midwest states?

Lindsay: Johnson awards scholarship on the basis of merit. We award scholarships to students from all over the US and the world.

raghavendra jaipuria: Hi guys, how different is the one year prog from the 2 year?

Eddie: The one year MBA program is a more condensed version of the 2 year MBA program. The one year MBA program starts usually around May with the core classes beginning and goes all the way to the next year.

raghavendra jaipuria: Who should apply for one year?

Lindsay: Professionals with significant experience and advanced degrees or certifications (listed below) are eligible to apply. Professional certifications and/or advanced degrees may be awarded credits at the start of the program. We encourage you to Check your Eligibility for the program and if you have any questions or would like to gain a deeper understanding of the One-Year MBA, please schedule an Admissions Consultation with a team member.

rohitgokul: What percentage of your 1 year MBA candidates are typically seen to be triple shifters - in terms of geography, industry and job function? Would you say that the 2 year program is better conducive if I was looking to use my MBA to help myself with a triple shift, maybe?

Chelsea: Good question. The One-year program is structured typically for career enhancement and the Two-year MBA is tailored more for career / industry changers.

Kyle: How well did Johnson prepare you for getting into consulting? I've been working in market research for the past 4 years in the advertising/entertainment industry, but am interested in pivoting.

ec785: Johnson has done a great job at preparing me for consulting. Coming into Johnson as a career switcher, I had no experience in consulting, but in the past year I feel that the program has done a great job not only from an academic standpoint, but also a career standpoint. The Consulting Club here at Johnson really prepares you for recruiting in Consulting. Feel free to take a look our the Consulting Club's website for how the club can prepare you for Consulting: <https://johnson.campusgroups.com/consult/home/>

anujshah1994: Under the two year full time mba program do we get a chance to study at the nyc campus?

wlr48: Yes absolutely there are opportunities to spend a whole, a part or simply a few weekends at the NYC campus

Slimshady123: Are re-applicants interviewed again?

Chelsea: Reapplicants can be interviewed again if we feel that we'd like to move the applicant forward to the next step.

raghavendra jaipuria: Do recruiters prefer two year mba grads over one year?

ec785: Recruiters do not prefer the two year MBA over the one year MBA. Both degrees are exactly the same on your resume and the curriculum is very similar. You should look to do which program fits your needs better based on the point in your career and life.

StratusMBAcounselor: I have a question about the Table of Contents "essay." What format (powerpoint, word, a specialized graphics program? do you see the most? I assume you get it as PDF so maybe that is not clear- but very helpful to hear what kind of formats have you seen the most?

Chelsea: We've received many different formats for the Table of Contents essay. We've received Youtube files, Powerpoint documents, poems, Word documents, etc. This essay allows you to show some creativity and personality.

sayak2708: What are the prospects for someone who has chosen for a professional shift, such as from engineering to finance?

wlr48: Excellent prospects. I have several people in my year that have successfully made that shift. If you commit to it you will succeed.

KS15: Is it acceptable if applicants have a combination of experience in corporates and family businesses?

Eddie: Yes, it is acceptable to have a combination of experience in both corp and family business. In the application process, you want to make sure articulate "why a MBA?" and "why now?".

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Chancier: Hi Current Students! Thanks for taking our questions today. Could you share something that you experienced at Cornell that makes it unique?

ec785: I think what really makes Cornell and Johnson unique is our collaborative culture and the charming town of Ithaca. We are a relatively small program located in a small town in upstate New York. I think this only helps improve the MBA experience and makes us unique when compared to other larger MBA programs or programs located in a city. Being in a small town, we really grow close together as a class and I think this makes our culture unique.

Chanishere: Thanks ec785 for your answer! I had a follow up question, how competitive is it get courses in electives? Does Cornell have bidding points like some other schools?

ec785: No, we do not do bidding points like some other schools. Usually there is a specific time that registration begins and if you have your schedule prepared the the classes you want to take loaded in your planner, you will have no problem getting into a specific class/elective.

souvik101990: Can you give us a brief snap of how an applicant is evaluated after they hit submit?

Chelsea: Candidates are evaluated holistically. We will review everything from your GMAT/GRE scores, TOEFL score, undergraduate performance, work experience, essays, and letters of recommendation.

Oldpapabravo: What about recruitment on campus?

wlr48: Companies come through campus early in the 1st semester for corporate briefings and then again for interviews. The exact timeline is dependent on what vertical (e.g. banking, consulting etc) that you are recruiting for.

aanchalkawatra: How much weightage is given to the IR scores from GMAT? If we have a low IR score and a good GMAT score, would you recommend justifying this low IR score in the optional essay?

Eddie: Johnson looks for students who are looking to develop as leaders. Also, we are looking for applications who are looking to be part of a close knit community. And we are looking for those who have a good sense of their goals and are a goof fit for the program.

chirayubelthur: Is it necessary to give TOEFL?IELTS? Given the candidate has completed undergraduation studies from a university where medium of instruction is english?

Lindsay: TOEFL/IELTS is not required if the medium of instruction was English. You will need to submit documentation from your institution that your medium of instruction was English if it is not documented on your transcript.

ceduquin: Hello, I am a curious about the one year MBA program. I started my career in public accounting and am currently working in private equity. My goal is to make a switch from accounting to management consulting. Would it be difficult for me to meet this goal if I chose to apply to the one year program over the two.

ec785: My background is actually quite similar and I have successfully made the transition into management consulting. The consulting firms do not have a preference over the 1 year vs. 2 year MBA program. The curriculum is very similar with the exception that the one year program is much more accelerated. You will not be at any disadvantage if you apply to the one year MBA.

KshitijVerma: Hi, I wanted to check on two things: (1) If the format of Table of contents answer is PDF, do we need to adhere by the word limit, or the file size limit? (2) I have interest in operations management, and I am looking at the 1 year program. I wanted to check with immersions will be more suited considering my interest?

Chelsea: A PDF file for the Table of Contents will be fine, but please be mindful of the file size limit. Also, operations management is great with our SSO immersion (semester in strategic operations).

MAYF: Is CFA better studied before an MBA Program or after? and what kind of jobs experiences are best fit for Finance students before applying for an MBA?

wlr48: There are no best fit experiences. What matters more is the you articulate why Johnson and why now. Depending on what you intend to focus in in your MBA you may want to do the CFA before hand. There are some asset managers that demand CFA charters some do not.

golumolu: Hi, Just want to understand the job prospects of people who opt for Consulting with Digital Tech immersion. Thanks!

ec785: There are several job prospects in Consulting for those in the Digital Tech Immersion. The immersion learning here at Johnson is one of the cornerstones of our curriculum. There is no specific immersion that is dedicated to consulting. This is done on purpose because consulting spans so many different industries. The immersions are meant for you to help boost your knowledge and experience in what you feel is the most necessary for your development.

lalaForest: I wanna ask about Johnson school's tradition. for example, some school say they are academic, but some school have different style... like a focus on networking and some focus on training students for a new job so. what is Johnson's style?

wlr48: Johnson is known for its great reputation in academics, community, and recruiting prospects. We focus on all aspects of the recruiting and training process.

aanchalkawatra: How much weightage is given to the IR scores from GMAT? If we have a low IR score and a good GMAT score, would you recommend justifying this low IR score in the optional essay?

ec785: We will look all pieces of the GMAT score including the IR and take your best possible score.

snepal01: Is there any data on the median GRE scores at Johnson?

Eddie: There is still a small subset of applicants taking the GRE vs. the GMAT. Typically, if a student is around the 160 in each section, they are around our average

Ravi Dhillon: What are some of the largest social events on the campus?

wlr48: Every Thursday the school hosts Sage Social where the Johnson community all gathers together. There are tent pole events like Diwali, Chinese new year etc where the school has an event. In general there is something going on every weekend.

snepal01: Is the one year tech MBA specifically crafted for students who want to enter tech product management?

Eddie: The Tech MBA is for students who are looking to bring digital technology and business together. Some of the areas we see students go into are product management, entrepreneurship, FinTech, and more.

ceduquin: Is the Park fellowship offered to one year MBA's or is this solely for the two year program. If it is not offered to one year MBA's, is there a similar opportunity?

Chelsea: The Park Fellowship is for Two-year MBA students. We do offer merit based scholarships for One-year MBA students

glaftchi: Do you have any strict GMAT/GPA cutoffs for your MBA/MHA applicants?

Eddie: When applying to the MBA/MHA program, each application is looked at separately from our respected Admissions teams. When looking at applicants, it is a holistic approach that we take. So there are no cutoff scores. You want to articulate why the dual degree makes sense.

rohitgokul: Do you have alumni interviews for international candidates?

Chelsea: At the time, alumni do not conduct interviews.

chirayubelthur: What is the scope of analytics consulting in Johnson?

ec785: Although I don't have that much experience with analytics consulting, I do know that there are some firms that recruit here at Johnson specifically for their analytics practices. We also have a great Data Analytics core class that is a good introduction into analytics.

satsurfs: If I apply for 2 year MBA and One Year MBA/Tech would that count against my application?

Eddie: You are only allowed to apply to one of our MBA programs.

kyliao: Question about adding work experience to the application. The startup I work at was acquired by a larger company about 2 years ago. When entering my professional experience, should I just list working at the larger company for 4 years and talk about the startup being acquired somewhere? Or should I split it out into two companies - the startup for 2 years and the larger company for 2 years?

wlr48: I would split it out and then explain what happened in the optional essay

satsurfs: Thank you GMAT Club and Cornell Team! :) I hope I make it and hope to see everyone on campus one day!

Lindsay: Hi Everyone! Thanks for all your great questions!! Take a look at our events page - we would love to meet you on the road or on campus! [https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Program ... ons/Events](https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Program...ons/Events) Feel free to email us if there is anything else we can do to help you!
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wlr48: Good chatting with all of you I hope to see you on campus in the future!

Moderator: Alright - thanks everyone from Cornell from participating. Have a great evening/ morning/afternoon!

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