

TODAY: Chat with IIM-C MBAEx Students (7pm IST) | Chat with ExamPAL

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[nightblade354](#)

oa7, by the way, to bold a name, click on the name next to/below the picture

06:48 pm

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[oa7](#)

nightblade354, For sure, I will do that. Thanks a lot!

06:50 pm

[Itgelee](#)

Do you guys know what is the best resource for improving quant

06:59 pm



[nightblade354](#)

Itgelee, sources? Materials? Questions?

07:11 pm

[Itgelee](#)

nightblade354, I am now stuck around Q45. Don't know how to get better at it. So anything that works

07:16 pm



[nightblade354](#)

Itgelee, hard to find bad quant questions. If you need skills, I hear TTP is great

07:17 pm

[Itgelee](#)

Thanks mate. I will try it. Giid dat

07:18 pm



[nightblade354](#)

Itgelee wrote:

Giid dat

What?

07:22 pm



[LeoN88](#)

#Attention,

IIM C MBAEx chat commences in 30 minutes from now.

07:35 pm



[nightblade354](#)

LeoN88, thanks mate

07:35 pm

[radhika04](#)

ok

07:52 pm

[shibadude](#)

do you guys think the adcoms go on sites like this and clear admit and try to figure out which of their candidates are posting what?

07:55 pm



[Narenn](#)

Hi [LeoN88](#), [nightblade354](#), and all others. 😊

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[nightblade354](#)

[Narenn](#), probably no mod mode, given the number of people

07:56 pm



[Narenn](#)

We have IIMC students already in the chat room and we are ready to begin this much-awaited chat session in the next 2 minutes. Stay tuned!

07:57 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

Hello guys, Its Sagar, Navneet, Ankit & Padam from IIMC Student Admission Council..

07:58 pm



[Narenn](#)

nightblade354 wrote:

[Narenn](#), probably no mod mode, given the number of people

Let's go with mod-mode for initial few minutes. We will later decide upon it.

07:58 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

Please feel free to ask queries related to admission process & procedures etc for IIM Calcutta - MBAEx program

07:59 pm

[psrehal](#)

Hi, This is Padamdeep Singh, one of the students of MBAEx Program of IIM Calcutta - Co 2020. Before joining this program, I had 13 years of work experience in IT industry. I worked for TCS for 2 years and Microsoft for 11 years.

07:59 pm



[nightblade354](#)

[Narenn](#), fair enough

08:00 pm



[nightblade354](#)

[psrehal](#), [sagartaneja](#), welcome

08:00 pm



[LeoN88](#)

Welcome Team.

08:00 pm

[pgpexclass2020](#)

Good Evening Everyone. Happy Independence Day. This is Ankit Jain. I have 7 years of work experience in the Oil & Gas industry with Halliburton (5 Years) and KPMG(2 Years) before joining the course

08:01 pm

[psrehal](#)

Thank you LeoN88

08:01 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

thanks guys..

08:01 pm



[Narenn](#)

Thanks and welcome Ankit, Padamdeep, Sagar, and Navneet in this chat. We are really grateful to all of you for taking time to interact with prospective MBAEx applicants.

08:01 pm



[Narenn](#)

so should we start taking questions from applicants?

08:02 pm

[pgpexclass2020](#)

Yes

08:02 pm

[LeenaSai](#)

Hi all

08:02 pm



[Narenn](#)

alright.. Dear Attendees. Chat is open for Q&A. Feel free to post your questions for IIMC students here

08:03 pm

[LeenaSai](#)

Hello Ankit

08:03 pm

[psrehal](#)

Hi Leena

08:03 pm



[Narenn](#)

I also have received a lot of questions via email from our users who could not attend this chat. I will be posting their questions here time to time.

08:04 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

Hi This is Navneet Ojha, one of the student of MBAEx program at IIMC. Before joining the program I was in TATA Steel as senior manager supply chain.

08:05 pm

[pavandeshpande](#)

what are the key hard skills taken into consideration badmissionsduring

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[sagartaneja](#)

sure

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[psrehal](#)

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Narenn

Just one request to participants: Please refrain from asking profile related questions.

08:05 pm



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08:06 pm

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psrehal

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There are multiple parameters considered including your GMAT score, Industry experience,Quality of experience, Extra curricular activities.

08:07 pm

sagartaneja

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equalizer

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psrehal

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Could you elaborate your question?

08:07 pm

Sahidul10

Hello, I am from IT background having 7+ years of experience and willing to continue building my career in Tech firm but in advance technology such as AI, ML, Data analytics etc. How are the opportunities after pursuing MBA program from IIM-C ? How are the electives offered in that field ? Do big Tech firms recruit on that area from IIM-C?

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navneetoiha88

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MBAEx have many USPs for example in this program we get to work in Live Projects in industries. Additionally we go to 2 weeks international immersion and we have very successful speaker series.

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[sagartaneja](#)

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you can go through the below link to go through the recruitment related details: [https://www.iimcal.ac.in/programs/pgpex ... 12th-batch](https://www.iimcal.ac.in/programs/pgpex...12th-batch)

08:09 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

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Diverse batch of students, excellent faculty, case based pedagogy to add a few more..

08:10 pm



[Narenn](#)

@LeoN88, Pls repost your question.

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[adkikani](#)

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Yes, there are courses on advanced technology and data analytics. Post MBA, you will have opportunity to enter into middle to senior management roles. For more details on electives, you can visit MBAEx section of IIM Calcutta website. For firms that come to recruitment is also there in placement report published on website

08:11 pm



[LeoN88](#)

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08:09 pm

[LeenaSai](#)

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08:09 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

adkikani wrote:

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It has to be someone professional who has seen your work. It could also be your client, colleague, partner etc too.

08:12 pm

[pgpexclass2020](#)

LeenaSai wrote:

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There is no such limit. The GMAT score is one criterion for the admissions. The current batch has a median GMAT score of 690
08:13 pm



[LeoN88](#)

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08:13 pm

[psrehal](#)

LeoN88 wrote:

Is there a word limit for it? How do you want us to approach
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500 words. Your SOP should define your strength. Put your best first forward in the story and showcase your achievements. Try to articulate on how this program can benefit you and at the same how can you add to diversity. I hope it helps

08:14 pm



[Narenn](#)

Email Question 1: How is a typical day of an MBAEx student? How many hours do you guys spend in the class, info/networking events, recruiting activities, off-campus activities?

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[adkikani](#)

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[Inm87](#)

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[Kautilya1622](#)

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08:15 pm

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Another question: I've taken the GMAT four times and I could not improve my score above 640. In my latest attempt on the GMAT I scored the same 640 as did in my first attempt. Can anyone of you guide me whether I should apply with my latest GMAT attempt or with my first attempt. Does IIM admission committee focus on GMAT score report or the scores which I've sent directly suffice? Point to note here is that the GMAT does not send any other attempt scores. Should I even apply?

08:17 pm

[pgpexclass2020](#)

Inm87 wrote:

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The candidate with sabbatical will be eligible to sit for campus placement only if they get a NOC from their company.

08:18 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

Narenn wrote:

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Good question. A typical day consists of lectures, case discussion, presentation, LIVE projects work, report submission etc. We spend around 6 hours + every day in class. Our learning happens outside classes too when we interact with students from another functional background.

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[sagartaneja](#)

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For the recruitment activities, the companies typically starts to visit the campus around November and the process continues till Feb-March.

08:18 pm

[psrehal](#)

adkikani wrote:

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Yes, we can interact with 2 years alumni too. Group activities have been amazing. It helps you look at the problem from different perspective since different students have worked in different industries. They are debates on topics that bring innovation in your thinking

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[sagartaneja](#)

Kautilya1622 wrote:

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GMAT score is not the only criteria for application shortlist. Its your overall profile that matters. You should go ahead with your application.

08:20 pm



[Narenn](#)

Dear Participants: Students do not work with admission teams so they may not be in position to comment on your admission chances or answer admission-related questions. e.g. If your GMAT is sufficient to get you in the IIMC or not. Instead, you should ask questions on their class room experience, teaching methods, post MBA opportunities, etc.

08:21 pm

[equalizer](#)

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08:19 pm

[Rakesh2019](#)

Hi Team,

08:21 pm

[cfc198](#)

Hi guys! Thanks for taking out the time to chat with us. I have a friend who has around 5 years of experience with a career gap of 1 year because she wanted to prep for CAT and OMET. Will this gap affect her chances?

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[RupamPaul13](#)

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As stated, GMAT is one of the criteria for the evaluation of candidates. The admission committee will look at your work experience, SOP, reference etc. Regarding, the GMAT score, the last accepted scores are reported to college from GMAC. The median score of the current batch is 690. So you can take a call if you want to attempt the GMAT again.

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[sagartaneja](#)

RupamPaul13 wrote:

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Yes you can that..

08:24 pm

[psrehal](#)

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All the professors are subject matter expert in their area of expertise. It's up to a student on how to take maximum help from them. For Example: you can work on a project with Professor from your area of interest and he/she will guide you in a structured way. I hope it helps.

08:24 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

equalizer wrote:

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Right our alumni interaction is very rich and fruitful, essential to building an impactful career. Our placement department is very supportive and almost every student get a placement offer before graduation.

08:24 pm

[sagartaneja](#)

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you can check this

08:25 pm

[equalizer](#)

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[adkikani](#)

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08:25 pm

[pgpexclass2020](#)

cfc198 wrote:

Hi guys! Thanks for taking out the time to chat with us. I have a friend who has around 5 years of experience with a career gap of 1 year because she wanted to prep for CAT and OMET. Will this gap affect her chances?

Your friend can give reasons for the gap in the additional section and SOP.

08:26 pm



Narenn

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08:28 pm

psrehal

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If you have some leadership story to tell, you must write it. As such, there is nothing most or least. It's the overall quality of application. You can make an impact being a leader such as Technical Lead or you can make impact in another roles too. It's the impact that differentiates rather the designation. Extra curricular does have weightage. Thus, if you have anything substantial to write in additional space, please feel free to write it

08:28 pm



LeoN88

From the placement report, I see that most of the students gets placed in IT consulting. Does business consulting firms recruit from the campus?

08:29 pm

navneetojha88

adkikani wrote:

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In IIMC we give great emphasis to Entrepreneurship, in fact, we have a dedicated cell to support the budding ideas. You can visit the website here <http://www.iimcip.org/>. Many students take LIVE Projects in startups through CIP which give a great learning opportunity about the startup business.

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unflinchingSubhs

Regarding Letter of Recommendation , the website mentions that we need to just provide two references with their email . My question is how the institute will contact them .

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iamsiddharthkapoor

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08:30 pm

sagartaneja

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There are many guest lectures from time to time, mostly from the industry holding CXO positions. There are many visiting faculty from different colleges, who provide electives for various subjects.

08:32 pm

psrehal

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An email notification will be sent to the Recommender

08:32 pm

navneetojha88

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In our current batch, we don't have any student with the family business background however few students have startup experience.

08:33 pm



Narenn

LoneSurvivor: Avg GMAT, placement stats, etc things are available on the website. No need to ask such things here.

08:34 pm

unflinchingSubhs

Also in the LOR , I assume we should provide official address of the referees . But my current organization filters out emails from outside domains and they will not be able to respond . Can we provide personal mail or what is the way round .

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psrehal

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You can download the offline form and have your recommender fill, scan, and send the Recommendation to PGPEX office over email.

08:36 pm

sunny91

If one wants focus on data analytics as major during his mba study, how does the college program help? I want to know the activities/career path/ opportunities one can have in particular during the program.

08:35 pm

equalizer

6. What kind of roles are offered in corporate IT or IT consulting companies visiting the campus? I could not find the roles offered in the placement statistics. Do you know if "Technology Strategy consultant" role is offered by the recruiters in technology consulting? Or can you please shed some light on the presence of alumni in companies such as SAP, Workday, Salesforce, EY, Deloitte?

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psrehal

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Recommendation should be sent from official ID

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Narenn

IMP Note: As per the latest inputs received, students can't speak in detail on placement numbers/stats as there is a Non-Disclosure agreement which prohibits them from making such info public.

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psrehal

sunny91 wrote:

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Could you elaborate on what is your end goal?

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sagartaneja

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Personal email ids are not allowed. Please get it touch with pgpex@iimcal.ac.in. They will help you with offline reference option

08:39 pm



[nightblade354](#)

debtanuB, your profile will NOT be posted

08:42 pm

[SShawarma](#)

If you don't mind me asking what's the average experience of both the youngest and oldest in your cohort? Also, what was their job experience in?

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[sunny91](#)

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[sagartaneja](#)

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Can you elaborate your questions.

08:45 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

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Our batch is quite diverse with students from various functional areas and with the number of work ex ranging from 5 years to 15 years.

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[psrehal](#)

sunny91 wrote:

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You anyways need some sort of technical skills even when you are solving Business problems. Since I am not sure about the Niche you have mentioned, I can't comment more on it. One thing for sure, you don't have to loose your technical skills completely.

08:47 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

SShawarma wrote:

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The youngest student is from Automobile industry while oldest one is from the IT consulting industry. Hope it helps.

08:48 pm

[sunny91](#)

I want to know the opportunities one can have if one wants to pursue major in data analytics. As I was asked to mention my goals in details, I mentioned that the below- to be a strategy consultant with a niche skill in technical infrastructure where I solve business problems through visual skills. Mainly I dont want to completely loose my technical touch.

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[SShawarma](#)

Is experience as a manager expected for MBA-Ex?

08:51 pm

[sunny91](#)

Now, If I am not wrong, majorly of the applicants are from IT-Consulting. What advice do you want to give those applicants regarding how to differentiate yourself with other IT-Consulting applicants. I guess the IT-Consulting applicants have a lot in common, and its quite difficult to distinguish the profiles.

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[sagartaneja](#)

SShawarma wrote:

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Manager experience is not a mandatory criteria. Min work experience should be 5 years,

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[psrehal](#)

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There are good chunk of applications from IT, not necessarily IT consulting. To distinguish yourself from others, you have to tell your story. Everyone has his/her unique story based on Education qualification, Work Experience, Extra Curricular activities. You need to identify that story for yourself.

08:55 pm



[Narenn](#)

We are closing in 2 minutes! Any last questions?

08:57 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

Guys to know more about us you can visit Instagram Link - <https://www.instagram.com/iimcmbaex/> Twitter

- <https://twitter.com/iimcpgpex?lang=en>

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/iimcmbaex/?ref=py_c

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[SShawarma](#)

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[sagartaneja](#)

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No, I had 13 years of Technical Experience. I am part of batch

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[Narenn](#)

Moderator Note: Chat with GMAT Expert will start in this same room in exactly 30 minutes.

09:00 pm

[navneetojha88](#)

Best of Luck

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Narenn

WoW! Nice!

09:00 pm

psrehal

Thank you Everyone

09:01 pm

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09:02 pm

sagartaneja

Thank you everyone for the questions. Do drop the mail on pgpexclass2020@gmail.com, pgpex@iimcal.ac.in in case of any query. All the best for your applications!

09:02 pm

navneetoiha88

Thank you Everyone 👍

09:02 pm

sagartaneja

Thanks Narenn for moderating the session.

09:02 pm



Narenn

Thanks Ankit, Sagar, Paramdeep, and Navneet for visiting the chat today

09:03 pm



nightblade354

So much color in chat right now.....

09:05 pm