



## International Student FAQs

### What differentiates the Simmons MBA?

Simmons offers the leading MBA program in the United States designed specifically to advance women in their careers. The school was founded in 1973 by two Harvard Business School professors and is based on the Harvard case study method. The only program of its kind, the Simmons MBA is designed to help women obtain leadership positions in the corporate, non-profit and public sectors. Simmons School of Management has gained national recognition for its Entrepreneurship program (named one of the 25 best programs in the nation by *Entrepreneur* magazine and The Princeton Review) and attention to Corporate Social Responsibility.

### What full-time program options are available?

Simmons offers a full-time 16-month program as well as an accelerated 1-year program for those with significant business experience. The 16-month program affords the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience through an internship; global experience through a study abroad course; or simply alter the pace of your program. Full-time programs begin in the fall. Simmons also offers a part- to full-time program completed in 18- or 22-months beginning each January.

### Are concentrations available in the full-time MBA program?

The Simmons MBA offers an integrated and broad-based interdisciplinary curriculum. It is designed to give students flexibility in developing their own areas of concentration, through the choice of electives, and/or internship. Students may also work with the faculty on independent study projects to develop deeper expertise in their areas of interest. Simmons also offers post-MBA certificates in entrepreneurship and healthcare management.

### Who are the Simmons School of Management faculty?

Simmons School of Management professors are distinguished educators, business leaders, consultants, analysts, researchers and authors. Their expertise covers disciplines from corporate finance, accounting, and technology management to marketing, negotiations, and organizational change. Faculty publish widely in both academic and professional journals and consult with corporate, nonprofit, and government organizations. Top media outlets, including *CNN*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *BusinessWeek* regularly interview SOM faculty and the dean on strategic business topics. Learn more at <http://www.simmons.edu/som/about/faculty/list.shtml>

### What is the cost of the program?

Tuition (\$1035 per credit x 48 credits): \$49,680

Books and supplies: \$3,000

Student Fees: approximately \$75

\*Costs are for the 2008-2009 academic year. Costs may increase slightly on an annual basis.

### Do you offer scholarships?

Simmons offers merit-based scholarships. Loan opportunities are also available to students who qualify. Over half of Simmons MBA students receive financial aid packages.

### **May I apply with a 3 year bachelor's degree?**

Yes. Students may apply after completing their 10+2+3 year education.

### **What are the admission requirements for the Simmons MBA program?**

All candidates are required to submit the following materials:

- ♦ A completed MBA application form, including 3 essays
- ♦ A non-refundable application fee of \$75.00
- ♦ 2 letters of recommendation
- ♦ An official transcript(s) of all undergraduate and graduate level courses (official transcripts need to be translated and notarized if necessary)
- ♦ An official GMAT score report (the code is 3761 for SOM)
- ♦ An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) score (the code is 3761 for SOM) or IELTS
- ♦ A current resume
- ♦ Phone interview (strongly recommended)
- ♦ International students must also submit an International Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) form once admitted

To apply online visit <http://www.simmons.edu/som/mba/admission/process/requirements.shtml>

### **Is there on-campus housing available?**

Simmons offers on-campus housing options for Graduate students. On-campus housing is limited but ample off-campus housing is also available.

### **When does the program start?**

Simmons full-time programs begin each August. We also admit students for the spring semester, which begins in January. Spring options include a part- to full-time MBA program that can be completed in 18-months or 22-months as well as various part-time options.

### **When is the application deadline?**

The priority deadline for international applications is April 1<sup>st</sup> for fall enrollment and October 1<sup>st</sup> for spring enrollment; after, which time we move to rolling admission on a space available basis. We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2009 and January 2010.

### **Can I fill in the application online?**

The MBA application and guidelines are available online at <http://www.simmons.edu/som/mba/admission/process/requirements.shtml>

### **Is there a way for international students to waive the TOEFL iBT?**

Candidates whose native language is not English and who have not earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S., U.K., Canadian, or Australian/New Zealand institution are required to submit a TOEFL iBT score. You may still submit your application, pending your TOEFL iBT test.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions about applying to Simmons School of Management?**

Please contact the office of MBA Admission at [somadm@simmons.edu](mailto:somadm@simmons.edu) or call 617-521-3840.