

Seminar on Graduate and Undergraduate Admissions to U.S. Universities



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Agenda



- **Finding information**
- **Application and essays**
- **Testing**
- **Interviewing**
- **Funding**

Getting Started



- Get acquainted with the schools you are considering
- Look at various rankings and understand what these mean
- Each school is different and emphasizes different aspects of the MBA program:
 - i.e. MBA programs – Harvard, MIT Sloan, Wharton, INSEAD

Information Sources



- **School websites and blogs**
- **Students and alumni**
- **Independent discussion websites**

Admissions Criteria



- **Varies by school**
- **Common elements admissions committees look for:**
 - Fit with the school – academic and personal
 - Uniqueness of your candidacy
 - Contributions during and post your studies
 - Importance of the program for your future career

Preparing your Application



- **Current experiences and interests**
- **Future goals**
- **Transferable experiences**
- **Transferable skills**
- **Tell a coherent and logical story!**

Testing



- **TOEFL, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT**
- **Kaplan has the best reputation**
- **GMAT**
 - Math – straightforward algebra
 - Verbal – sentence correction, reading comprehension, critical reasoning
 - Analytical writing – analyzing and issue and an argument
- **Preparation - considering your options**

Funding



- **University scholarships**
- **Luys Foundation**
- **Armenian foundations abroad**
- **Educational loans arranged through the school**
- **Co-signed loans**