Admissions_Ashley   Hi, my name is Ashley. I work in the MBA Admissions Office and I am looking forward to answering your questions!

Admissions_Maggie  Welcome to the NYU Stern Part-time MBA Admissions chat! We are looking forward to chatting with you in a few minutes.

Admissions_Evan     Hello. My name is Evan and I work in the MBA Admissions Office. I look forward to answering your questions today.

Sammijoteek        Hi, do we have to choose a specific MBA program prior to applying or can we choose after we are accepted?

Admissions_Maggie  Hi Sammijoteek: Welcome to the chat! You need to choose to apply to the Part-time, Full-time or Executive MBA program ahead of time, as each application is different. You may select your specializations after you’ve entered the program though.

Shabih_Syed        Do you offer any weekend information sessions for the Part-time MBA?

Admissions_Maggie  Hello Shabih_Syed! We hosted an information session on a Saturday in early March and plan to do another in the Fall. We typically host sessions on weeknights. However, if you have questions for a member of the MBA Admissions Committee, you may email us at sternmba@stern.nyu.edu or call us at 212-998-0600.

Jim                 Hi! Does the Part-time program only begin in the fall?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi Jim. Welcome to the chat! The Part-time program offers the option to start in either the Fall or Spring.

Vay                 The Fall 2012 deadline is noted as May 15th but the site also states that you will be accepting applications through July 1st. What is the difference?

Admissions_Evan    Hi, Vay. Those students who submit a complete application by May 15 are guaranteed to receive an initial notification no later than August 1. After the initial May 15 deadline, we will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis until July 1. While we make every effort to review these applications in a timely manner, we do not have a corresponding initial notification date for applications submitted between May 15 and July 1.

RWong               What is the percentage of applicants are offered acceptance?
Admissions_Maggie  The percentage of applicants who are admitted to the program varies each year. We recommend taking a look at the typical class profile to get a better sense of the qualities of applicants who are typically admitted:  http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/community/class-profile/index.htm

Rok6790  What are you looking for? Is it more answering the questions straight forward or also including specific reasons why I am a good fit?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi Rok6790. Welcome to the chat! You are welcome to answer the questions directly; however we also encourage you to demonstrate why you are a good fit for the NYU Stern Part-time MBA program.

Monika_S  Hi everyone! Can you please tell me about the student clubs available to Part-time students?

Admissions_Evan  Hello, Monika_S. Stern offers nearly 40 clubs that Langone students are welcome to get involved in. Clubs range from professional clubs, to community based clubs, to sports and social clubs. I’m including a link to our Student Clubs page so you can check out all of them.  http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/community/student-clubs/index.htm

Naomikent  Are there alternative study times? For example, weekends or weeknights? And my other question is about how much the Part-time MBA costs

Admissions_Maggie  You may set up whatever study schedule you like - some people prefer to do individual and group work on weeknights and some on weekends. Please see our financial aid page for details about the cost of attendance:  http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/index.htm

Shaun  Hi, I was just wondering if there was an advantage in submitting an application earlier? Do they get reviewed in the order they arrive in queue?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi Shaun. The applications are not necessarily reviewed in the order they arrive. As long as you submit a complete application by the deadline, you will receive an answer by the initial notification date.

Vay  What are the key differences between Part-time Weekend and Exec-MBA programs?

Admissions_Maggie  I recommend taking a look at this chart for a program comparison:  http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/compare-mba-programs/index.htm

Shiyuechengineer  Is it possible for Part-time students to enroll in daytime classes, and if so, any special processes besides giving first priority to full-time?
Admissions_Maggie Full-time students are giving priority for daytime classes, and Part-time students are giving priority for evening and weekend classes. However, on a space available basis, Part-time students may take courses during the day and vice versa.

Msdelossantos Hi! I currently hold a BA in education and never took any business classes. Would I still be eligible to apply?

Admissions_Evan Hi, Msdelossantos. There are no prerequisites courses required to apply business topics prior to taking elective classes and pursuing specializations.

Saifnomani Are different specializations available at the Westchester campus vs. Manhattan campus?

Admissions_Maggie Our Westchester location offers the same specialization opportunities as our Manhattan campus. Also keep in mind that 25% of your coursework (15 credits) needs to be taken at the Manhattan campus if you enroll in the Westchester program.

Ilango_Subramanian How does the DBi program determine its location of study?

Admissions_Ashley Hi Ilango_Subramanian. DBi programs determine the corresponding locations of study based on the fit of the course that's being offered there.

Elena Hello, if I understood right from the last year chat, it is impossible to switch from Part-time to Full-time. Is the opposite switch possible?

Admissions_Maggie You are correct that students may not switch from the Part-time to Full-time MBA program. On a space available basis, it is possible to request to switch from the Full-time to the Part-time MBA program.

Aferr85 Hi, I'm wondering how feasible it is to complete the Part-time program in just 2 years, per the sample schedules listed on the website?

Admissions_Maggie It is possible to complete the Part-time program in just two years. Students typically take two and a half to three years to complete the program, which allows a bit more time for vacations and work commitments, etc. Keep in mind that you will have a better idea of what will work for you after you have been the program for a semester.

NickNooch Good afternoon, when is the final cut-off date to apply for Spring matriculation?

Admissions_Ashley Hi NickNooch. The application deadline for Spring 2013 is September 15, 2012. Applications will also be considered on a rolling basis until November 1 (for Spring 2013).

Jim Will there be a second information session at the Manhattan campus besides the one next week?
Next week is the last session at the Manhattan campus before the May 15 deadline. We will host another information session at the Manhattan campus on June 5. I also recommend taking a look at our virtual information session: http://w4.stern.nyu.edu/admissions/media/Part-time-mba/virtual-information-session/player.html.

Hi my name is Sahana. I am applying for Spring 2013. My first question is: how does recruiting work in Part-time? Do Part-time students have access to career services?

Hello, Sahana_A. There are career services available for Part-time students through our Career Center for Working Professionals (CCWP). The CCPW is designed to provide Part-time MBA students with the skills necessary to conduct an independent job search and to effectively manage their career. While Part-time students don’t have access to on-campus recruiting, CCPW does provide individual career counseling, professional development workshops and job postings. I’m including the URL to the Career Center for Working Professionals’ page: http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/career/index.htm

My question is about essay #3. Besides the size restrictions, are there any specific essay types or choices of media that are not recommended?

Hi CAlexander. For information on the restrictions for essay 3, please visit http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/admissions/application-instructions/essays/index.htm

Are there different DBi programs that go on during the same Jan/May terms?

Hi Ilango_Subramanian. The DBi programs offered during each term may vary due to interest and availability. We have a large number of country offerings each year.

How flexible is the Part-time program?

Hi, Ria. The Part-time program is designed to be flexible, with students completing the program in anywhere from 2 to 6 years. Most students take around 3 years to finish the Part-time program. To accelerate the program, some Part-time students will enroll in Intensive courses. For those students needing to focus on work or out-side-of-school commitments, you can take a reduced course load if needed. We have sample schedules available on our website, so you can see what a 2 year vs. a 2.5 year vs. a 3 year plan looks like. http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/sample-schedules/index.htm

When is the deadline for the upcoming Spring semester?

Hi jlamande. The deadline for Spring 2013 is September 15, 2012. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until November 1.

If an applicant expresses interest in a slight career pivot (same functional role, different industry) is the Part-time or Full-time program better?
If you are looking to transition to a different industry but in the same function, the Part-time MBA program may be a reasonable choice for you. Keep in mind that on-campus recruiting for Part-time students is not available though, so you would need to take advantage of Stern's job postings and alumni/student network in order to make the transition. Counselors in the Career Center for Working Professionals are also helpful with resume review, mock interviews and other career development opportunities.

Hi, Are GRE scores accepted for Part-time MBA admissions?

Hello, Nitya31. We accept both the GRE and GMAT, and we do not have a preference between the two tests. More information is available in the Admissions portion of our website. Here’s the URL: [http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/admissions/application-instructions/gmat-gre-toefl/index.htm](http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/admissions/application-instructions/gmat-gre-toefl/index.htm)

What is it like working under the pressure of the "Stern curve?"

The "Stern curve" is not something you hear about as a student here. Students work hard, and professors want students to do well. Grades are not typically discussed among students and is more of a personal goal of each individual.

Is it possible to combine weekends and weeknights through the same semester?

Hi Elena. Initially, you should apply to the weekend or weeknight program. After the first two semesters, you are able to combine both weekends and weeknights in the same semester.

If we submit our applications before the May 15 deadline, do they get reviewed now or is it held until after the deadline?

Hi, Eric. We won’t start reviewing applications for the Fall 2012 Part-time program until after the May 15th deadline.

I would like to know what kind of companies hire Part-time MBAs?

Part-time students have access to the same job postings through Stern as Full-time students have access to. Keep in mind that Part-time students do not participate in on-campus recruiting though, so if you are looking to make a major job change, it will be a bit more of an individual effort (with the help of career counselors) in the Part-time program. The Full-time program is more geared toward students looking to make a significant career switch.

Are career services are they accessible to Part-timers as well?

The Part-time program has its own career services office (the Career Center for Working Professionals). These counselors are available to help with resume review, mock interviews, etc. They are available for both in-person and phone appointments.
KW Hi. In ranking program preferences in Essay 2b, is it acceptable to exclude one of them entirely, for example Westchester-weeknights?

Admissions_Ashley Hi KW. You are welcome to exclude any programs that do not work for you.

NickNooch What specializations would you recommend to someone in banking with a strong interest in risk management?

Admissions_Maggie There are a number of different finance specializations available. I would not focus too much on specializations prior to starting the program though and would encourage you to take some electives that you find both interesting and relevant to your risk management goals. This will be helpful in determining which specialization(s) make the most sense for you. You may select up to 3 specializations, and these do not need to be decided ahead of time.

jlamande Can you apply for a Part-time MBA if you have less than 5 years experience in your industry? (e.g., financial industry)

Admissions_Ashley Hi jlamande. You are eligible to apply for a Part-time MBA if you have less than 5 years of experience in your industry. Most applicants have between one and fifteen years of work experience and come from a variety of professional backgrounds, such as consulting, financial services, entertainment, consumer products, nonprofit and technology.

monicalopez16 I would like to apply to your Part-time MBA program, and I am a college senior graduating this semester... when would you advise me to apply?

Admissions_Evan Hi, Monicalopez16. The choice of when to apply to an MBA program is ultimately yours. Students have taken many different paths to NYU Stern. Keep in mind that the typical range of work experience for the Part-time program is 1-15 years. If you submit your application prior to the conferral of your bachelor’s degree or equivalent, we will still evaluate your application. If an offer of admission is made, it will be contingent upon the conferral of your degree prior to enrollment.

arif_hassan Does Stern allow non Stern student to take stern courses?

Admissions_Ashley Hi arif_hassan. Stern does not offer for-credit coursework to students who are not matriculated in a degree program here. NYU Stern does offer non-credit, 2 to 3 day open-enrollment programs on the latest management thinking and practice through our Executive Education program. The NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies also offers courses in a wide variety of subjects, such as Finance, Marketing, Management and E-Business.

Ralph What about the other 20% outliers, as these above or below that range usually?
**Admissions_Maggie**  Hi Ralph: Take a look at our typical class profile for the 80% range in the GMAT: http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/community/class-profile/index.htm. 10% of students typically score above a 730 and below a 620. We do not have a minimum GMAT score that is required.

**Ahad**  If I have 11 years experience and a very strong resume and references, will low GMAT score i.e less than 600 impact my MBA application?

**Admissions_Ashley**  Hi Ahad. The Admissions Committee takes a holistic approach to the application review process. For instance, the GMAT is one of many components of the application that we evaluate holistically to make an informed admissions decision. You may always retake the exam if you are dissatisfied with your previous score(s), and we will only consider your highest overall score.

**Njannini**  Is there a minimum GMAT score that you will accept for the Part-time program? Is there a base score that one should have before applying?

**Admissions_Evan**  Hi, Njannini. We have no minimum GMAT or GRE score required to apply to NYU Stern, as we evaluate each candidate holistically across three dimensions throughout their complete application: academic profile, professional achievements and aspirations, and personal characteristics. If you would like to see a typical class profile, we have one available for the Part-time program. Here’s the URL: http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/community/class-profile/index.htm

**RonaY**  The structure of the program seems to be geared towards those living in NYC and don't have to relocate. What % of students come from other states?

**Admissions_Maggie**  Most students live in the tri-state area, but some students commute from cities such as Boston, Washington D.C. and Baltimore. If you plan to change jobs and move to NY in order to begin the Part-time MBA program, we typically recommend making this job change prior to starting the program.

**MidasMulligan**  My question is the following: I simply don't test well, but have built a successful business - does NYU weigh experience with respect to admissions?

**Admissions_Ashley**  Hi Midas. NYU Stern seeks students with strong intellectual ability and superior interpersonal skills. Stern evaluates each candidate holistically based on his or her academic profile, professional achievements and aspirations, and personal characteristics.

**Rui**  I have a bachelor in business from a Portuguese University. Can you please tell me if I can only apply to financial aid after I get in?

SarahBerry  For the Part-time program, are students required to have a job when they start the program?

Admissions_Maggie  Students are not required to have a job when they start the program, but as a program geared toward working professionals, we typically recommend beginning the program with full-time employment. If you are not currently working, please explain in your application essay your job search plans.

FALL_2012  Can you please explain what career related services are NOT offered to Part-time students compared to Full time students? Thank you.

Admissions_Maggie  Part-time students do not have access to on-campus recruiting (on-campus interviews and corporate presentations.) They have access to Stern job postings, club events, networking opportunities with current students and alumni and the Career Center for Working Professionals.

Sahana  NYU is known for networking events. Do Part-timers have access to these events?

Admissions_Maggie  Part-time students have access to networking events hosted by the Career Center for Working Professionals (which is the career services office for Part-time students) and to club networking events. Stern clubs have both Full-time and Part-time MBA students.

mk4081  I'm considering both the Wagner MPA and the Stern MBA. Do these programs overlap much, or are they kept fairly separate?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi mk4081. Stern students can take up to 25% of their coursework at Wagner or other NYU schools. In addition, Wagner students are also able to take Stern classes.

TigerVik  My ultimate career goal is to enter a PhD program in 5-7 years (and until then). Would that goal place me at a disadvantage for admission?

Admissions_Maggie  It does not place you at a disadvantage for admission. However, please keep in mind that you do not need to complete an MBA program in order to apply for PhD programs at Stern.

Dipen  How would you compare new-format GMAT scores (with its additional section) with the older-format scores beginning this year?

Admissions_Maggie  You should not worry about comparing the scoring systems. We will evaluate candidate's scores based on whichever score format is used for the test they took.

Jim  Why isn’t the Part-time program suited for those considering switching careers?
The Part-time program does not offer on-campus recruiting, and an internship between the 1st and 2nd years of a Full-time program is typically important in order to easily facilitate a major career shift.

Do Part-time MBA students qualify for the F1 Visa?

The Part-time MBA program does not provide a visa for international students, so you would need to have a visa that would allow you to live in the United States.

Is it preferable to do the GMAT over the GRE, or are both tests given equal merit?

Hi RTP. You are welcome to take either test, as they are both given equal merit.

Is it advisable to pursue a Part-time MBA program when I work full time for over 10 hours during weekdays?

That is your decision, depending upon how you could handle a Part-time program. Many students work over 50 hours a week and are able to complete the program, but it is an individual choice.

Is there a way to waive GMAT score?

Either the GMAT or GRE is required for admission. They cannot be waived.

How long after the May 15th deadline will applicants find out about the admissions decision?

If your application is complete by May 15, you will receive an initial notification decision no later than August 1.

Does your EMBA program require corporate sponsorship?

No, the EMBA program does not require corporate sponsorship. It does require the permission of your employer though.

What is the timeframe for finishing a part-time weekend course? How many hours per weekend are in class?

Hi HD. Weekend classes are offered from 9 am - 12pm and from 1pm- 4pm. You are welcome to review sample schedules on our website at [http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/sample-schedules/index.html](http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/sample-schedules/index.html)

Hi, I was wondering if I can complete the Part-time course within 1 and half years somehow.
Hi, HT. The fastest you could complete the Part-time program is 2 years. We provide sample schedules online, if you would like to see what kind of course load a 2 year plan entails. Here’s the URL: [http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/sample-schedules/index.htm](http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/sample-schedules/index.htm)

**jlamande**  
What is the estimated cost of a Part-time program?

**Admissions_Ashley**  
Hi jlamande. The total estimated cost of the PART-TIME program can be viewed at [http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/index.htm](http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/index.htm)

**Eric**  
Is it possible to complete the program in 2 years if you only take weekend classes?

**Admissions_Evan**  
Hi, Eric. If you are only available to take classes on the weekend, it typically will take about 3 years to complete the program. However, if you have availability to take Intensive courses during the late summer and in January, you would be able to complete the program in 2.5 years (though this would typically involve some weeknight courses.)

**Chert**  
I have a BS degree from China. I have more 10 years work experience in USA. Do I need to take the TOEFL?

**Admissions_Maggie**  
If your undergraduate degree was not completed in English, then the TOEFL is required.

**jlamande**  
Can you apply for a Part-time MBA if you have less than 5 years experience in your industry? (e.g., financial industry)

**Admissions_Evan**  
Hi, Jlamande. We have no minimum work experience required to apply. Students typically have between 1-15 years of work experience.

**roblomba**  
Are Part-time students eligible to participate in programs such as study abroad?

**Admissions_Maggie**  
If your office allows it, Part-time students may study abroad for full semesters. Students more frequently participate in Doing Business In programs, which last for 1-3 weeks and offer 1.5 to 3 credits.

**Jim**  
I'm interested in a JD/MBA joint program. Is this possible and have Part-timers done it before?

**Admissions_Maggie**  
No-the dual degree programs must be completed full-time.

**HK**  
Is there a comparison of after graduation job data for Full Time MBA vs. Part-time MBA?
Admissions_Maggie  Since Part-time MBA students often do not intend to switch jobs and prefer to progress within their company, we do not keep placement details for Part-time students.

calexander  Are specializations printed on the degree?

Admissions_Ashley  No-specializations may be put on your resume. They will not be printed on your diploma.

Ria  Are there any courses that you feel are absolutely necessary to have before entering any of the MBA programs, which are not listed?

Admissions_Evan  Hi, Ria. There are no prerequisites required to apply. We have students who come from all different educational and industry backgrounds.

Nitya31  Hi, How many specializations can we take in a Part-time MBA program?

Admissions_Ashley  You may select up to 3.

Shiyuechengineer  When is orientation for the Fall 2012 program?

Admissions_Evan  Orientation is September 15 and 16, Shiyuechengineer. Here's the URL for the Orientation page: http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/academics/orientation/index.htm

Elena  Does early application increase the chance to get financial aid?

Admissions_Maggie  Financial aid would be in the form of student loans by filling out the FAFSA or by applying to private loans, so no; applying early would not affect this.

Kevin_Eng  Is an undergraduate GPA taken into consideration less heavily the longer you have been graduated and working?

Admissions_Maggie  We review applications holistically, so some areas may be stronger than others, which is fine. I recommend briefly explaining in Essay #4 if your undergraduate GPA is not as high as you would have liked.

B-Mansberger  Do you accept transfer students from M.S. Finance programs from other schools? Will having an advanced degree from another school prevent acceptance to Stern?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi B-Mansberger. Having an advanced degree from another school will not prevent your application from consideration for the program. Please note that NYU Stern does not accept transfer credits. Enrolled students may waive a few core classes by passing proficiency exams or, in some cases, based on their undergraduate/graduate major. If you waive out of a class, you would need to replace those credits with an elective class. Even if you waive courses, you must complete 60 credits for the Stern MBA.

RTP  Do a lot of students come from the healthcare industry?
Admissions_Evan  Students come from many different industries, and we do not prefer one industry over another.

Nitya31  Are all specializations available for weekend and weeknight classes?

Admissions_Maggie  If you only take classes on weekends, you may specialize only in Finance and Management. If you supplement with weeknight courses or intensives occasionally, then you may specialize in any area.

Gguim  Are there many Stern Alumni in Latin America? I intend to work in Brazil after my MBA and I was wondering how numerous is the Alumni in that country?

Admissions_Ashley  Hi Gguim. NYU Stern offers one of the largest, most successful alumni bodies of any business school in the world. With 100,000 alumni working in over 100 countries worldwide and more than 500 alumni CEOs, Stern alumni are among the best and brightest minds in the business community. For more information on our alumni community, please visit http://www.stern.nyu.edu/programs-admissions/Part-time-mba/community/alumni/index.htm

Ralph  What percentage of candidates are accepted prior to the deadline of May 15th? And when does the rolling admissions deadline end?

Admissions_Maggie  We do not begin reviewing applications until May, so there is not a benefit to applying prior to May. Other than completing the application earlier to get it off your hands! After May 15, we will accept applications on a rolling basis until July 1.

RWong  Typically, for Part-time Classes in Westchester, what days/hours are the classes held?

Admissions_Maggie  They are offered weeknights (Monday-Thursday) from 6-9. Most students take courses 2 days per week.

Grace099  I have to travel 20-30% of the time at my job. What happens when I don't make it to a class?

Admissions_Maggie  Attendance is required in the program. Some professors may be flexible and allow you to miss 1-2 classes in a 3 credit course, but you would need to discuss this with each professor ahead of time. You should not plan to miss any more coursework than this.

Arpansomani  I realize that weekday/weekend preferences are mentioned in the application. Has there been an instance when one has changed the preference post admit?

Admissions_Evan  Hi, Arpansomani. Students take courses in their preferred program (weeknight vs. weekend) for the first two semesters. After that, students would have the option of taking courses on both weekends/weeknights on a space available basis. You may also switch entirely from weekends to weeknights (and vice versa) after the first two semesters.
Cyrrus Does the Part-time program accommodate self-employed professionals, say public speakers that travel across the country and overseas?

Admissions_Ashley Self-employment is absolutely fine for Part-time students.

Admissions_Maggie The chat is officially closed. Thank you for joining!! A transcript of the questions and answers will be posted on our website shortly. Thanks for chatting with us!!