

Can I complete the online MS BA degree entirely online or are there in person requirements?

The program is designed to include three in person residencies. If you are concerned about the timing or feasibility of completing one or more of the residencies, please reach out to the Admissions team – admissions@simon.rochester.edu to discuss your options.

Is this a part-time or full-time program?

This is a part-time, lock-step program for people who are working full time while studying.

I see that this program is for managers. Do you require a certain number of years of experience? And what if I am not currently a manager, can I still apply?

The program is designed for candidates with 3-15 years of work experience, but there is not a minimum or maximum level of work experience for consideration. We expect to enroll candidates who are currently managers as well as individuals who are in line to move into manager roles as they advance in their career. You do not need to already be a manager to apply for the online MS BA program.

What is the requirement for math/quantitative background to be successful in this program?

Most applicants will have successfully completed at least one undergraduate or higher statistics course, as well as basic college math. For individuals with limited college-level math, we may require MBAmath.com, a non-matriculated undergraduate math course, or other demonstrated proficiency as a part of the application process.

Do I need to have a computer programming background to quality for this program?

The online MS BA program for managers does not require prior computer programming courses or experience. It is helpful to have an understanding of these concepts, but the degree is designed to provide training so that you can manage or supervise individuals who may be responsible for programming and technical analytics.

Is the program STEM designated?

Yes! The online MS BA program for Managers is a STEM-designated program.

Can I complete an internship and make a major career change with the online MS BA degree program?

If you are seeking a substantial career change or an internship, we encourage you to consider our Full-time MS or MBA program. Students pursuing the online MS BA degree have access to career coaching and professional development services to support their career growth.

Do the same faculty teach online and residential students?

Yes! The same esteemed faculty that teach our highly ranked undergraduate, MS and MBA students also teach in our online MS BA program.

Is the COVID-19 vaccine required for online MSBA students?

The University of Rochester requires the COVID-19 vaccine for all students who are completing in-person learning for one or more classes. Any online MS BA student who participates in the residency components, must complete COVID-19 vaccine is required.

Admissions/Application questions

I am an international student living in another country. Can I join this program on a student visa?

This program does not qualify for a student visa as it is structured as a part-time study option for working professionals. International candidates who wish to remain in their home country and continue working throughout the full duration of the online MS BA program will be considered for admission.

Is the GMAT or GRE required?

There is an option to waive the GMAT or GRE, depending on your academic background and professional work history. Please reach out to the Admissions office with a copy of your college transcripts and resume for an assessment and to confirm your eligibility.

Is Financial Aid available for this program?

Yes! Simon will consider candidates for a partial merit-based scholarship. Student loans are also available for U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Information is subject to change.