

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of school	Public
Academic calendar	Semester

SURVEY SAYS...

TK
Solid preparation in: TK

STUDENTS

Enrollment of parent institution	10,781
Enrollment of MBA Program	261
% male/female	68/32
% part-time	75
% minorities	6
% international	2
Average age at entry	28
Average years work experience at entry	4.0

ACADEMICS

Academic Experience Rating	TK
Profs interesting rating	TK
Profs accessible rating	TK
Student/faculty ratio	22:1
% female faculty	21
% minority faculty	7

Prominent Alumni

General B. B. Bell, Four-Star
General in U. S. Army

Academics

UT Chattanooga's College of Business offers an MBA program "geared to the working professional, with classes starting at 5:30 P.M." Students—a mix of regionally based recent undergrads and returning professionals—report that "UTC's MBA program is a great place for students to extend their base knowledge, especially if your undergraduate degree is not business-related." The focus here is on producing management generalists; no concentrations are offered.

CoB's academic strengths include an "entrepreneurial focus" in the curriculum and "great attention focused on international business." Students complain that MIS and finance and investment are underrepresented in the course catalog. Professors earn high marks for "real-world experience, motivation to teach, excitement about their areas of expertise, and the level of research each professor is involved in." One student notes "The majority of our professors not only teach the material, but also practice outside of the classroom. Our global management professor is a partner at a global management consulting firm, our business law professor is a former partner at a large law firm in Michigan, and the list goes on." Professors "also make themselves available for students, which is a great asset."

UTC offers an Executive MBA that "mainly meets on weekends" "every other week." The program "has its own room that is well equipped...[with] nice chairs, large workspaces and multimedia." Students report "good camaraderie" and a "learning atmosphere conducive to enhancing the educational experience," but wish that "the projects could be established to promote more teamwork among students."

Career and Placement

UTC maintains a Career Resource Center for all students. The center houses a library of job-search related materials, including literature, annual reports, and job postings. The school's Placement and Student Employment Center also hosts on-campus recruitment interview sessions, one major annual career fair, and a number of special career fairs each year. Students and alumni may post their resumes online with the Placement Center. Students tell us that "the business school could improve with its internship program. They do not offer credits, nor push students to do summer internships." On the upside, they report that "alumni remain active within and around the university. They are always willing to help out in any way. The networking is great."

Student Life and Environment

"There are plenty of activities...to be involved in" on the UTC campus, which students describe as "medium-sized, accessible and located in the heart of the metropolitan area." As one MBA puts it, "UTC is the perfect size for a college. It is large enough to offer a diverse range of opportunities (lectures, concerts, extra learning opportunities) but not so large that you feel lost." Another adds, "The student population is large enough that you get the college experience yet small enough that you can easily get involved or receive extra help." But while students here observe "The campus seems to be very lively with lots of activities (recreational and social) in the evenings...when we are in class," most are "working professionals who have little time to spend on campus." These students "Sometimes work with other students on group projects" but otherwise spend minimal time, and even less of their leisure time, on extracurricular pursuits.

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Although they don't hang around long enough to enjoy it, students tell us that the UTC campus "is beautiful," "clean and well-kept," and "very green." "Most of the buildings are modern and those that are not are in the process of being renovated," one student notes. Those in student housing report that "UTC has some of the best housing in the Southeast."

When it comes to admitting students, "UTC focuses on getting a broad range of students rather than being exclusive like Vanderbilt or Harvard." Fortunately, "The workforce here in Chattanooga generally skews toward high-achieving people such as engineers, computer systems specialists, and financial experts." Still, some here feel that "UTC could raise its minimum requirements such as undergraduate GPA and GMAT scores for entry into the MBA program without hurting the total number of students enrolled." The student body is a mix of some "starting right after undergrad, so they are still college students" and "full-time workers [who] seem to be excited to be back on a campus and ambitious to meet a new challenge."

Admissions

Applicants to the MBA program at UTC must be admitted to the UTC Graduate School. Admittance is based on a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.7. Students must also be admitted to the MBA program by the College of Business Admissions Committee with two official copies of transcripts for all academic work completed after high school and an official GMAT score report, or alternatively achieve a minimum score of 1000 on the GRE with at least a score of 400 on the verbal section and 500 on the quantitative section. All applicants must achieve a minimum score of 450 on the GMAT. Students who do not meet the above-mentioned qualifications may still earn conditional admission. International students whose first language is not English must submit an official score report for the TOEFL (minimum grade required: 550, paper-based; 213, computer-based; 79 Internet-based) or the IELTS (minimum score 6.0).

FINANCIAL FACTS

% of students receiving aid	43
% of first-year students receiving aid	66
% of students receiving grants	6
Average award package	\$12,163
Average grant	\$8,259
Average student loan debt	\$32,204

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Selectivity Rating	TK
# of applications received	280
% applicants accepted	41
% acceptees attending	90
Average GMAT	497
Range of GMAT	450-570
Average GPA	3.17
TOEFL required of international students	Yes
Minimum TOEFL (paper/computer)	550/213
Application fee	\$30
International application fee	\$35
Early decision program?	No
Deferment available	Yes
Maximum length of deferment	1 year
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Transfer application policy:	
Students can transfer up to six hours from an AACSB-accredited school. All transfer courses are subject to department approval.	
Non-fall admissions	Yes
Need-blind admissions	Yes

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE

Career Rating

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Top 5 Employers Hiring Grads

Blue Cross Blue Shield, Unum, TVA, Decosimo and Company, Volkswagen