

# THE ESSENTIAL MBA CHECKLIST

Use your own grading system to make a useful comparison of your shortlisted schools.

<b>NAME OF SCHOOL</b>				
Duration of MBA				
Location				
Total fees				
Do fees include international trips?				
Do I have a guaranteed place on all the trips that are proposed?				
What are the additional costs?				
How much do I have to pay to secure my seat if accepted?				
Are scholarships and financial aid available?				
Will my scholarship be confirmed in writing before I have to pay?				
What is cost of living per month?				
What is the ROI ranking?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Will this MBA offer an affordable and enjoyable lifestyle?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is there a doubt as to how much my MBA will cost?</i></li> <li>• <i>Is this the ideal place for my family?</i></li> </ul>				
Is there a campus or simply a shared space?				
Are there dedicated MBA group work rooms when not in class?				
Is there a specialised office to deal with international students/housing?				
Size of cohort				
Average age in class				
Average professional experience of class				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Will I be an anonymous participant in a big class?</i></li> <li>• <i>Team work – are groups changed regularly?</i></li> <li>• <i>Will I learn from experienced classmates?</i></li> <li>• <i>Will my classmates provide a useful resource for networking?</i></li> </ul>				
EQUIS				
AACSB				
AMBA				
Grade Master – is MBA recognized by ministry of education?				
Financial Times world ranking?				
Economist world ranking?				
When was the school created?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>When did MBA first open?</i></li> <li>• <i>Does the school have a strong history?</i></li> <li>• <i>Am I reassured of its reputation?</i></li> </ul>				
Will the curriculum help me meet my career goals?				
N° of members in school's alumni network				
Effectiveness of alumni network (Economist rank)				
Is faculty involved in executive training?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Is there proof that professors are high quality?</i></li> </ul>				
Are career services dedicated exclusively to MBA students?				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Is there proof of results among alumni?</i></li> </ul>				
<b>OTHER</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Is the admissions team reactive?</i></li> <li>• <i>Am I receiving personal replies to my questions?</i></li> <li>• <i>Am I being given enough time to think before making my decision to accept?</i></li> <li>• <i>Forums – have alumni shared experiences online?</i></li> <li>• <i>Overall, do I have a good feeling about this MBA?</i></li> </ul>				