

# Gabelli 2013 - Junior Advising Program

## Applying to Graduate Business Schools



### Applying:

- For graduate business degrees, most schools have their application due in October or November 2012 for a September 2013 start. Thus, you'll want to have all the materials completed and ready by September 2012.
- Most schools are looking for a GMAT score between 500-600, while the best schools are looking for a minimum of 700. Your GPA should also be at least 3.5 and you ought to have some business-related experience (i.e. employment, internship, community service, etc.). Please be aware that many MBA programs prefer you to have been working for a few years before accepting you, no matter your GPA.

### Taking the GMAT Exam:

- Unlike the LSAT, the GMAT can be taken at multiple times. You can select a GMAT test site and date at the official GMAT website, [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com).
- It takes 2-3 weeks for the score to be processed, so I'd recommend taking it during the summer. That way, if you need to retake it, you can also take it early in the Fall (or even over Winter break depending on your chosen school's application policies). However, I'd recommend that you just do all the prep and take the actual test during the summer when you're not also taking classes.

### For those considering test prep:

- Visit the GMAT website ([www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)) and download their free GMAT Test Preparation Software, which includes "A 15-question practice section for each type of GMAT question, with answers and explanations for each question, 2 full-length computer adaptive practice tests with answers (detailed explanations of answers are not included), Accurate computing of Verbal and Quantitative scores, which you can use to judge how prepared you are for the actual GMAT exam, A comprehensive math review, and Real-time scoring." The website also has a page on how to prepare for the exam.
- Think about picking up a test prep book – there are plenty on Amazon, with ample review provided.
- If you feel you need it, you may also consider taking a test prep course, such as through Kaplan, Princeton Review, Test Masters, etc. Do your research to find the right one for you.

### Other things to start doing this summer for Business School:

- Start looking up the business schools you're interested in.
- Start pursuing recommendation letters.
- Prepare your Personal Statement
- Prepare your resume

*If you have any questions, please contact your Junior Class Dean,  
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