

Gabelli 2013 - Junior Advising Program

Applying to Fordham's Dual Degree Program

Application Deadlines:

- To start taking graduate classes in the Spring 2013 Semester: October 15, 2012.
- To start graduate classes in the Summer 2013 or Fall 2013 semesters: February 15, 2013.

Requirements:

- For the MBA program, you're required to take the GMAT. In order to be a competitive applicant, your score must be 600 or higher. Your GPA also needs to be 3.5 or higher.
- For the MS program, in order to be a competitive applicant, you need an SAT score of 1650 or higher or a GMAT score of 550 or higher. Your GPA also needs to be 3.2 or higher. Note: SAT scores will no longer be considered in the admission process, beginning with students applying for 2016 admission to GBA. Students will be required to take the GMATs, and meet the indicated criteria as outlined by GBA.
- For both the MS and the MBA program, you also need some sort of internship experience. For more information on the latter, you may contact Tara Naughton (tnaughton2@fordham.edu), the Director of the Dual Degree program and the Undergraduate Accounting Program.

Taking the GMAT Exam:

- Unlike the LSAT, the GMAT can be taken at multiple times (although only once a month). You can select a GMAT test site and date at the official GMAT website, www.mba.com.
- It takes 2-3 weeks for the score to be processed, so I'd recommend taking it in the summer. If you need to retake it, you can also take it in the Fall or Winter, but 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) 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 to be found 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.

Please note: Don't assume you'll get in. Make sure you go through the traditional full-time employment recruitment (as well as applying to other graduate programs) so that you have options upon graduation. Also, if you get in, you may defer up to three years in order to pursue employment or other graduate opportunities. Additionally, you may only

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apply once to the dual degree program (although, if you are denied, you are welcome to apply to the regular masters programs after a year).

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