

FINANCE (SMEAL)

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Educational Background

Applicants must:

- Submit a completed online Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>), including nonrefundable application fee, a Statement of Purpose, resume, and two letters of recommendation.
- Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).

GMAT and/or GRE scores will not be required for admission. Accordingly, these scores will not be accepted.

Students who do not have foundational backgrounds in accounting or statistics may be required to take MBADM 811 and/or MBADM 813 (or equivalent course work) prior to entering the program. The program faculty director will assess the background of each applicant.

Language of Instruction

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Core Application Packet

- Completed official online Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and payment of nonrefundable application fee.
- Statement of Purpose: a 600 word essay articulating career and educational goals that demonstrate strong written communication skills.
- Résumé.
- Two letters of recommendation that attest to readiness for graduate study.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).
- Visa Application (International Candidates).
- Official English Language Proficiency Exam Scores (International Candidates).