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ga tcrrajan	ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hello! Welcome to the Smeal MBA Program online chat. We've got students, admissions and student services??with us today. What questions would you like us to answer today?
ga	tcrrajan: ??Hi Guys, Rangarajan here.. Good day guys
ga	ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): ??Hello All. Welcome to the chat. I am Rama, a first year student. Please feel free to ask anything from us.
EzraNanes	ga(Jingwen First Year): ??Hello All, welcome to Smeal Admission Chat! EzraNanes: Hi Stacey, Good to talk to you! I have a couple of questions about summer timeline and pre-work. When should we look for the accounting pre-work to be up on the site, and approximately how long should we expect the work to take? Also, I am planning to do the MBA Math program. Are there any areas that you recommend paying particular attention to?
ga	ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Ezra--Rama is going to answer your questions about expected summer work load and MBA Math
tcrrajan NichoMullett	tcrrajan: yes Stacey, I would also like some info about the Math Program NichoMullett:
ga	Also with that, are there any books, manuals we will need to get for the summer work - I will be out of the country in about two weeks and need to get all that I will need before I leave
ga	ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Nick--nothing you need to get for summer work
tcrrajan	tcrrajan: Hi Scott, I got a mail from Akshay regarding temp accommodation. It was mentioned that i can contact IGSA
tcrrajan	tcrrajan: can you point me to any link oe any email contacts for the same?
ga	ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi tcrrajan--yes, you can contact the IGSA about temporary housing
ga ga	ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Hi Ezra. Pre-work is pretty much working on the basics of accounting and getting your career plan set. For the career plan, you will have to reflect upon yourself and write a document called PCS (Personal Career Strategy). This document is very important for you to set your goals for career search. ga(Stacey--Admissions):

Scott is going to look for some contacts for you

ga(raj_1st_year): ??tcrrajan, I took MBA math before coming to smel.?? It is pretty useful if you have no prior background to basic statistics, economics, and finance concepts.?? If you already have background in these areas, it may not be particularly helpful.?? However, it had been some time for me since I taken some of these courses, so it was a nice refresher.

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EzraNanes: Thanks Rama. That's great. When you refer to 1 hour per day. When does that timeline start?

EzraNanes

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Tcrrajan try

Scott

<http://www.clubs.psu.edu/up/igsa/>

EzraNanes: Raj, that's also helpful to know about MBA Math. I think it will be useful for me.

EzraNanes

jlh5352: To the first years - what amount of time should we expect to dedicate to group project work in the afternoons on a day to day basis during the first and second modules?

jlh5352

keb5030

keb5030:

Raj, did you find that the MBA Math was sufficient to prepare you for the accounting coursework?

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Ezra, the first accounting assignment deadline was 3-4 weeks before orientation. I think the PCS work will be sent out in June.

ga

tcrrajan

tcrrajan: Great Scott. Thanks

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Raj will be back with us in just a moment--his laptop battery just died...

ga

EzraNanes: Thanks Rama. It sounds like they do not require extra materials. I will be out of the country for part of June/July and want to be sure I can work from there if necessary.

EzraNanes

mehulpathak

mehulpathak:

One question team, can you please guide me to a link??where timelines for fees payment are mentioned? I mean I know the fees and the numbers of those fees (viz, tuition fees, program fees, global immersion fees, health insurance etc.). But i dont know the timeline by when these are to be paid.

ga(Jingwen First Year): Jih5352: I think the average hours spent on team projects varies between teams. My team spent about 10 hours per week to work on all the projects.

ga

tcrrajan: Regarding GA work, when will they actually start? During or after orientation period? When will we be allocated to our GA positions? Do we given any options to pick from?

tcrrajan

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ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Pankov, I do not understand what you sent. Could you please elaborate?

jlh5352
jlh5352: Thanks Jingwen. That's actually less than I expected. btw my name is John. Sorry for the confusing username everyone.

YPankov
YPankov: I wanted to ask about the I20 form. Could please outline the process of obtaining one?

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ga(Jingwen First Year): Tcrrajan: Again, it depends. RA, GA and TA start our work at different specific time.

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ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi John, you're more than welcome:)

EzraNanes
EzraNanes: Following on the GA questions, is there anything we should expect to do over the summer, any timeline to be aware of, or do we really get in to that once the program begins?

NichoMullett
NichoMullett: Robin, you had mentioned the ability to get IDs before orientation starts.?? When can we start stuff like that, and how much trouble is it if we would like to do that at a branch campus

ga
ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Mehul--great questions. Tuition is typically due once you get here. Global Immersion is on your tuition bill in the spring

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ga(Jingwen First Year): YPankov: After you received your offer letter, your I20 is in process.??

YPankov
YPankov: Thanks

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ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Mehul-- make sure that you have sufficient funds to show to the American Embassy during visa process. All the best.

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): Yordan--to clarify, you need to contact Global Programs to initiate the I-20 process

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): let me get you the link. The offer letter allows you to start that process

sujithraphael
sujithraphael: ??My questions??

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ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi Ezra, you should find out what your GA will be before Orientation starts (usually by late July). ??Once you're here, you will have a chance to meet the faculty or staff members that you'll be working with and learn additional details about what you'll be doing and what the timeline on your work will be.

jlh5352
jlh5352: What are some of the activities that we can expect during the 2-week orientation in August?

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): Yordan--here's the link:

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http://www.global.psu.edu/international_students/

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ga(Jingwen First Year): NichoMullett: You can get ID when you arrive here. Go to "HUB", you will be able to get your ID in the ID office with your passport.

tcrrajan: I heard some states allow International driving licenses. But Some states mandate that we take a license there.. What about Penn? Will my international car license be enough?

tcrrajan

EzraNanes

EzraNanes: Thanks Ron!

adina

adina: ??hello! sorry for the delay! Adina from Romania here.

ga

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Adina!

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Hello Adina! Welcome!

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ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): You're welcome - happy to help!

tcrrajan

tcrrajan: And reg Orientation, Can I see some kind of schedule for it. Would like to know what those 2 weeks will be about

yuan0219

yuan0219: Hello all! I'm Janice from Taiwan. May I ask what we should bring to the orientation? For example, summer work?!

sujithraphael

sujithraphael: 1. How long does the processing of I20 take once the ISSO receive all needed documents?? I know it's a bit busy there right now. 2. In the Visa application, there is an area asking about Penn State Scholarship. Can I put the tuition amount there as it is part of the GA offer?

ga

ga(Stacey--Admissions): tcrrajan--the orientation schedule should be up on the admitted student site on the student exchange within the next few weeks

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Janice--more info will follow about what you need for orientation. It will be posted on the admitted student site on the student exchange over the summer

nperuch

nperuch:

What computer specifications is recommended or when will we receive that information?

adina

adina: Is it enough to send scanned copies of my financial documentation in order to have my I-20 ready?

NichoMullett

NichoMullett: When will we need to schedule for classes, and how is the best way to do so??? I noticed on the website for eLion it said that grads could do so mid March.?? Is that something we need worry about, or will we do that in orientation since the classes are set for us?

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi tcrrajan, Pennsylvania's official Department of Motor Vehicles website states that "<meta charset="utf-8">Pennsylvania honors a valid foreign driver's license with an international driving permit for a period of up to one year. If the foreign license and/or international permit expires before one year, the individual must apply for a Pennsylvania learner's permit to continue to drive in this state." ?You can learn more about which kinds of international licenses work at the Department of Motor Vehicles website at?<meta charset="utf-8">http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/faq/faq-misc.shtml#Q05.

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EzraNanes

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EzraNanes: To the team, when can we join student associations, such as Net Impact?

ga(Stacey--Admissions):

Hi Adina--you can send scanned copies to start the process, however, they will need originals before they can issue the document

ga

NichoMullett

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Nick--student services schedules classes for you the first year

NichoMullett: Great, thanks Stacey.

ga

ga(raj_1st_year): ??sorry everyone..had some technical difficulties with computer. :) NichoMullett, your core classes will already be scheduled for you.?? You just need to confirm enrollment on elion website.?? The 220 staff are very helpful in assisting everyone with the courses when you arrive.

ga

mehulpathak

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Sujithra, usually it takes about 2-3 weeks to get the I20 after they process the documents. It is best to get the timelines from the global programs office.

mehulpathak:

Hi Stacey, Thanks for the answer. just one quick confirmation. I have a GA so tution is waived off for me.??Specifically in my case, I wanted to know when is the program fees due??Also a question folloqing to the same line..??are we allowed to pay this money in cash or they need to be through a bank account. As most of the international students would be carrying Cash or Traveller's Cheque.

Scott

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions):

Sujith, The I-20 process can take a while, as you said they are often quite busy. In the scholarship area you can mention your Graduate Assistantship and the fact it has a full tuition waiver.

adina: Stacey, I already sent them my documentation, however, I did not receive any answer from them. I need to know if the documents are OK before I send them by mail into the US. Since I have no answer from them in such a long time, do you know who can tell me if the documents I have are OK and sufficient to obtain my I-20?

adina

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi nperuch, if you have a computer that's not more than a year old and can run Windows Vista / Windows 7 comfortably, you should be OK. ??You will need the Windows version of Microsoft Office to run several required software add-ins in your first year; while many of our students (including me) use Macs, we have to run Windows via Boot Camp, Parallels, or VM Ware to run these add-ins. ??If you don't already have a computer, any computer that can run Windows Vista / Windows 7 and the latest version of Microsoft Office comfortably should be just fine.

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tcrrajan

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tcrrajan: Thats Great Stacey.. Thanks

ga(Stacey--Admissions):

Adina--please contact Global Programs again and let me know if you don't hear anything by the end of the week. They need to verify that for you

nperuch

adina

nperuch: Thank you

adina: OK, Stacey! Thank you!

EzraNanes: Ron, thanks for the info on laptop specs. I would like to go Mac, but I wanted to get your opinion. Do you think it is easier to go with a PC? Did you encounter any issues being on a Mac or is it just a matter of having the right software?

EzraNanes

adina

adina

adina

mehulpathak

adina: Rama, I didn't have to pay for other fees (except tuition)?

adina: *you?

adina: sorry!

mehulpathak: Great, Thanks Rama.

sujithraphael: Where can I get the details regarding the summer pre work?

Is this mandatory to all?

sujithraphael

adina

adina: I see! Thank you!

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Adina, no, we did have to pay the orientation fee though.

ga

tcrrajan: Hi Ron, Since you said Mac + vmware is fine, Will it be ok I I use Linux on my PC and run Windows on Vmware!? Is there any Penn State standard which my laptop must adhere to?

tcrrajan

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): ??Hi Sujithraphael - You will receive communication via our Monday message series beginning in Mid-May and as well we will send pre-term accounting details around that time as well.?? These will help prepare you for the accounting courses.

ga

mehulpathak

mehulpathak:

Hi Jingwen, how about program fees? I read somewhere that GA waiver doesn't include program fees.

adina

adina: But I can choose to pay for these fees from my deposit?

ga(raj_1st_year): jlh5352, there are a lot of nice activities planned for orientation.?? You have team building activities, career services workshops, alumni pannels, and ice breakers that get you acquainted with fellow students.?? It is really nicely designed and the two weeks helps you to better acclamate to the new surroundings.??

ga

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi tcrrajan, you should be fine. ??Since you're using Linux, I assume you're comfortable configuring and troubleshooting it and have a pretty good grasp of technical / IT knowledge -- if that's the case, you should be able to get it to work. ??We don't have any specific standards that your laptop has to adhere to; the only thing our campus network will react to is viruses and trojans. ??If the network detects (or thinks it detects) any malware spreading from your computer, it will suspend your access...other than that, you should be fine.

ga

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): All -- We are getting lots of questions about the various fees including orientation, global immersion, etc.?? Many of these answers can be found on the Admitted Student Site.
<http://mbastudents.smeal.psu.edu/admitted-students/preparing-for-fall>

ga

NichoMullett: Since we are talking about computers...?? Is there a standard list of programs we will need??? Anything in addition to the standard Office suite???

NichoMullett
adina
mehulpathak
tcrrajan

adina: Thank you, Robin!

mehulpathak: Thanks Robin

tcrrajan: Great Ron, Thanks

ga(Jingwen First Year): Adina:I think you should prepare this amount of money in your bank account.??

ga

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi EzraNanes, the only problem we had with using a Mac was the fact that the Macintosh version of Microsoft Office was not compatible with several required software add-ins that we needed to run in our first-year classes. ??These software add-ins were required in order to complete several final exams and other deliverables, so we needed to either run Windows through Boot Camp / Parallels / VMWare or borrow someone else's Windows laptop. ??Borrowing someone else's laptop was always difficult to do because they tended to need it for the exams as well, so that's why we recommend running Windows on your Mac. :)

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Adina -- I would suggest that you not carry that much money in cash. The orientation fee is in the hundreds, hence it is a lot of money to carry around. And plus, I do not think the bursar (where you pay the fees) accept cash.

ga

adina: Who can I ask to put me in contact with students from Romania from PSU?

adina

adina: OK, Rama! Thank you! But I think I will not be able to pay with my Romanian card, right? And at the time I will not have a bank account yet. How did you do it?

adina

ga(Jingwen First Year): Adina: Before the program starts, there will be an international students association exhibition in Bryce Jordan, and you can find Romania student association there.??

ga

ga(raj_1st_year): NichoMullett, I think you'll be fine with laptop and office suite items.?? During orientation, you will be provided with more information about any other tools that you would need to install on your laptop.??

ga

EzraNanes: Thanks Ron, I can imagine borrowing a laptop is not the easiest way to go. I've never used Boot Camp / Parallels / VMWare. Anything special I should know or is it pretty standard stuff? - Ezra

EzraNanes

adina: There is no Romanian Student Association because there are few students from Romania at PSU

adina

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Adina, I think I got my bank account set up on the first day of orientation. You can pay by money order as well.

ga

adina

adina: Thanks!

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Adina,?? The University Office of Global Programs may be able to provide some insights and perspective of where you could post

ga

mehulpathak

mehulpathak:

Team, I was in US for a year working on L1 visa. I had my SSN number??then. Can I use the same SSN card while I am studying at Smeal??

adina

adina: OK! Thank you, Robin!

ga

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): an inquiry about students from other countries.??

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Mehul, you can use the same SSN number.

Scott

mehulpathak

mehulpathak

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Adina, you will have to check with Student Affairs. Here is a link to Student Organizations

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/studentactivities/search.asp>. I would suggest calling the number or visiting their office once you arrive here on campus.

mehulpathak: Thanks Rama.

mehulpathak:

Can students get Credit card? If so do we need to pay any deposit or need have a minimum balance in our account to avail the same (since we dont have any credit history)?

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi Ezra, it's pretty straightforward -- the only requirement is that you need to purchase a copy of Windows. ??I recommend waiting to do so until you're here, as you can get a very nice student discount at our on-campus computer store. ??Beyond that, there should be plenty of second-year students that can help you get up and running; we also have an MBA tech squad that is made up of second-year students who can help you troubleshoot any problems you may have.

ga

tcrrajan: It was mentioned in the GA mail that the working hours may be extended to 20 hours per week depending on the department. Just wanted to know was there any such instance last year. what are the chances for it.Wouldnt want to roughen my first year

tcrrajan

ga

ga(raj_1st_year):

Everyone, I unfortunately have to leave for another obligation.?? Best of luck to you all.:)

EzraNanes

tcrrajan

EzraNanes

EzraNanes: Ron, thank you again. I am going Mac!

tcrrajan: Thanks Raj

EzraNanes: Thanks Raj!

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Mehul, if you have a credit history, then you should be able to get a credit card. I did not, so I had to wait for 6 months. And there should be a average balance of \$600 in you account for those 6 months to qualify for a credit card.

ga

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): You're welcome - happy to help!

ga

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): tcrrajan - 1st year assistantships are for 10 hours given the workload and adjustment to school.?? There are times in the second year when an assistantship may increase to 20?? hours per week but that is dependent upon the requirements of the assistantship and the departmental needs.?? This past year about only 5 2nd year positions were 20 hours.

ga

tcrrajan

tcrrajan: Great news Robin. Thanks

adina

adina: Is there anything we can do to be sure we obtain the assistantship that offers 20 hours per week?

mehulpathak

mehulpathak: Thanks Rama

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Mehul -- anytime!

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Adina, No I am afraid there is nothing you can do to ensure that you will be able to go up to 20 hours in your 2nd year.

Scott

adina

adina: OK! Thanks, Scott!

adina: I would like to buy a better laptop when I get in State College. Will it be ok if I don't have a laptop during orientation until I get my new one?

adina

ga(Jingwen First Year): Adina:I would suggest you to get your laptop prepared before orientation. The thing is you will arrive State College several days prior the orientation. So you can go to the laptop shop on campus and buy one there.??

ga

tcrrajan: I have the same question as adina. Is it ok If we go without lap first few days

tcrrajan

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): And Adina, there will be a laptop orientation day where you set up certain software in your computer. It will be good to get it set up in your new laptop.

ga

mehulpathak

mehulpathak:

Hi Robin, I did go through the link that you mentioned above (Admitted students website - - >preparing for fall). There is a section called Fees which has approx \$812 allocated to it. I want to know if under a GA its waived off or not. If not by when are we expected to pay that?

tcrrajan: @Jingwen, Can I have any link pointing to the laptop shop in campus. Would like to see what they offer

ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Guys, because we will also need our laptop for the pre-term accounting, and you will get even busier as orientation starts. So I would say prepare your laptop as early as possible.

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi Adina and tcrrajan, you definitely need to have a laptop before Orientation starts -- there's a lot of work to do between getting your laptop up and running with some of our software packages, handling email and other online work to get set up with the University, and there's also our Pre-Term Accounting course that starts during orientation that you'll need your laptop for. ??You will also find that if you don't buy a laptop before Orientation starts it will be hard to buy one during Orientation because you'll be so busy. ??While we do have computer labs on campus, trust me--you don't want to spend all day in orientation and then all night in a computer lab.

ga

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): The link for the computer store here on campus <http://computerstore.psu.edu/>

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi - the University fees associated with tuition - facility, activity, it - total ~\$812 is covered by graduate assistantships.

ga

tcrrajan: Many a Thanks Scott

mehulpathak: Thanks Robin !

jehunter07: ??Hi all! ??I have a quick transportation question. ??During visitation weekend current students mentioned we could get parking passes for the Bryce Jordan Center and walk to the Business Building if we wanted to drive. ??Who do we get in touch with if we're interested in a parking pass and when are they available for next year?

jehunter07

adina: Thanks, Ron!

adina: Robin, that is good to hear!

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): You're welcome! :)

EzraNanes: Hi Robin, following up on GA expenses, does our admissions deposit apply toward anything? I wasn't sure how that factored in.

EzraNanes

adina: About how long does it take to receive your I-20 in an envelope to your home?

adina

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Jess, you will need to contact Transportation Services <http://www.transportation.psu.edu/parking/>

Scott

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi Ezra, the admissions deposit will be refunded to you upon matriculation.??

ga

bwt5075: ??Hey guys, Biko here, is Stacey still in the room?

EzraNanes

EzraNanes: Oh, wow. Fantastic! Thank you Robin.

ga

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi Biko - Stacey just stepped out for a minute but will be back soon.?? Is there anything we can help with?

jehunter07

jehunter07: Thanks Scott!

Scott

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Adina, I am afraid there is no set time. Sometimes the program can take quite a while. My best advice is to make sure you have all your materials together and get them to Global Programs.

bwt5075

bwt5075:

afternoon Robin...

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bwt5075

bwt5075: Are we to expect a packet in the mail shortly?

adina

adina: I see! That's why I am trying to get in touch with them so badly!

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Hi Rashmi, do you have any questions for us.

tcrrajan

tcrrajan: On my enrollment I was told that I would be getting a admission packet by mail . But, I am yet to get that after 3 weeks. What that packet suppose to contain?

Scott

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Biko, did you recieve an initial package after you were admitted? It would have had your acceptance letter inside a portfolio?

rashmi_gks

rashmi_gks: ??Hey Rama! Thanks for asking. I had questions regarding the I-20 which have already been addressed by other folks so I am just following along :)

bwt5075

bwt5075:

hey Scott, I did receive that, however I thought i may have heard someone refer to another packet coming

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YPankov

YPankov: What can we do if we cannot get in touch with Global Programs?

Scott

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Tcrrajan, did you recieve an initial packet with your acceptance letter?

ga

ga(Stacey--Admissions):

Hi Biko--glad you could join us!

adina: Is there any organized transportation for international students from big airports (NY, Washington) to State College?
bwt5075: thanks Stacey...glad to be here
tcrrajan: yes Scott. I got that. That's the only one?
ga(Robin MBA Student Services): You will also receive a packet of information - A welcome packet upon enrollment - those will be coming shortly.
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Scott
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Scott(SCott MBA Admissions): Ok you are then speaking of the Enrolled packet and you should be receiving that shortly
ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Dear Adina,
sujithraphael: Scott, same with me. I havent got the portfolio.. :(??
abhishekchikara85
abhishekchikara85: ??Hi good afternoon
varunverma: ??My question is for Stacey - I have not received any information from the ISS post enrollment. Although I have a hint as to what all documents we need to be submit for the I-20 , an official mail will certainly help my case
varunverma
bwt5075
mehulpathak
bwt5075: ok, thanks Scott
mehulpathak:

Team, can you please tell me what time we have classes in first semester (I mean like monday to friday - 9-6)?

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abhishekchikara85
abhishekchikara85: sorry for being a late joiner

Scott(SCott MBA Admissions): Sujith, So you have not recieve any packets from us? The initial portfolio or the Enrolled Student package?
Scott

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Adina - sorry I pushed enter too quickly.?? There are not any organized transportations from major airports.?? Typically students arrive via bus.?? The Admitted Student Site has information pertaining to travel to Penn State and likely avenues for transportation.
ga
abhishekchikara85
abhishekchikara85: Mr Scott, I too have not received any package
ga(Jingwen First Year): Mehul: From Monday through Thursday, you will have 2 classes from 8am to 12:30PM.??
ga
sujithraphael: Scott, I havent received any .. Neither the portfolio nor the enrolled student package
sujithraphael

varunverma: Question for Robin - Is there any arrangement done by the School for students arriving early on campus ? Will it be free or paid ?Would request you to help us understand the boarding and lodging as most the the off -campus leasing starts late august .
varunverma

EzraNanes: Hi Jingwen, what do Fridays typically look like, or does everyone make of that day what they choose for themselves?

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Varun--all of the I-20 info is on the Global Programs website. You can find it here:??http://www.global.psu.edu/international_students/??You need to fill out the visa application and financial guarantee forms

mehulpathak: Thanks Jingwen, This schedule looks relaxed??but I know these 2 classes are enough to keep one??busy the whole rest of the day. :-)

ga(Jingwen First Year): EzraNanes: Mine was get a good rest, attend some career events, and attend team meetings.??

EzraNanes: Great, thanks Jingwen!

ga(Jingwen First Year): Mehul, you are quite right. You won't feel there are too few things to do anyway.

varunverma: Stacey - we will not be receiving any postal mail for the I-20 ?

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Dear Varun, The Office of Global Programs has a program available for students arriving early to campus.?? Those details can be found http://www.global.psu.edu/international_students/orientation_fall.cfm

abhishekchikara85: Mr Scott, I sent the application for I-20 and the financial docu on 29 apr , have not received any ack from them

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Sujith, you would not have recieved one because they are new this year and you were admitted last year. As a deffered student we did not send them out except for to new admitted students. However email me at ssylves@psu.edu with your correct mailing address.

ga(Stacey--Admissions):

Varun--all of the application documents for the I-20 are online. You will, however, get a hard copy of the final I-20 document

varunverma: Stacey - Thanks for the information.??

ga(Stacey--Admissions): you're welcome

sujithraphael: Thanks Scott ??for clarifying... will do so !??

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions): Abhishek, you should not expect anything back from them that quickly. The process will take a while. I would not begin to expect anything from Global Programs for a few weeks.

Scott

abhishekchikara85: Thanks Mr Scott

abhishekchikara85: I will wait

varunverma: Jingwen - How many deliverables are there each day in the first and second semester ? ??

varunverma: Ron - Can you name the companies that recruited international students this year for your batch ?

mehulpathak:

One silly question, do we have a dress code in MBA classes (like business attire or business casuals - I meant the classroom sessions and not the career events or meetings)?

sujithraphael: Stacey, for the docs related to I20, we can first send the scanned docs via email and then on confirmation from the global programs, send the originals by post....is this the right action? Are the hard copies mandatory?

ga(Jingwen First Year): Dear Varun, it depends. It's really hard to count the daily numbers, however, I think we spent at least 4-5 hours in dealing with these deliverables everyday.??

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Yes--you can start the process with scanned docs, but will need to follow up with hard copies

varunverma: Robin - How many additional GAs does the college offer in the second year. The website quotes 15 but as per Carrie it was 7. Would request you to clarify the number please.

ga(Jingwen First Year): And, you will be able to handle more and more tasks as time goes by.

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Varun -- Dell, Sears, Computer Associates, Dupont, Novartis Pharma, Apple, Amazon, Cummins, Deloitte -- these are some of the companies that international students got an offer or interview call from.

NichoMullett: Not a silly question Mehulpathak - I am a beach guy...?? my business attire is shorts and t-shirts ;)?? I was wondering the same!

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ga(Jingwen First Year): Mehul: we do have dress code introductions during the orientation. Meanwhile, we will have a career immersion after the first Mod, in Fall. You will have specific introduction about dress code.

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi Varun, This year the number is around 10.?? Dependent upon the year this may vary somewhat but we anticipate that it will average around 5-10 over the next few years.

abhishekchikara85: Rama, what was the percentage of international students getting an offer?

ga(Jingwen First Year): Moreover, Nick and Mehul, you can go to the Career Service to ask relevant questions.

varunverma: Jingwen - Thanks for the information and the encouragement. Students who work as GAs or in wage pay roll positions, how do they manage the timelines ? ??

bwt5075: 1st and 2nd years, any and all can reply....Consulting...i notice that not many firms come to campus, however is that indicative of our representation? In your research and communications with career services do we have a strong presence in the consulting realm?

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi mehulpathak, we don't have a set dress code - many people wear casual clothes (t-shirts and shorts, flipflops, and the like in the summer; jeans in the winter, and so on). ??That being said, you will probably have interviews, professional events, and presentations fairly often that you'll want to wear business professional or business casual to. ??We also have a lot of alumni and recruiters that visit the building from time to time, so it makes sense to look nice most days just in case. ??I tend to wear "nice" casual (a nice sweater with jeans or khakis, for example) most days and business casual or business pro when necessary.

ga
mehulpathak mehulpathak: Thanks Jingwen, Thanks Nick.

adina: International students usually receive paid internship offers or unpaid?

mehulpathak mehulpathak: Thanks Ron

ga(Jingwen First Year): Varun, it depends on your positions. For some TAs, they need to teach or attend classes at a certain time, and for GAs or RAs some work can be done at your free time. But I'm sure you will be able to arrange your time line with your supervisors or professors according to your class schedule.

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Abhishek -- 62% of the international students have a full time offer as of May 3rd, 2010. The summer internship also should be along the same lines.

varunverma: Rama - Thanks for the information. how many companies out of the ones you mentioned offered internships ? Basically I want a break up of companies converting interns to full-time and companies only recruiting full-time

ga(Jingwen First Year): You're welcome Mehul

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi adina, most of our students receive paid internships. ??Those that do not are typically working for start-ups and entrepreneurial companies that can't afford to pay salaries and offer stock options or the like instead.

abhishekchikara85: Thanks Rama- but 62% is not a very encouraging figure!!!!

sujithraphael

sujithraphael: All, I notice that Smeal doesn't feature in FT2010 ??rankings. The last time we participated in the assessment was in 2007. Is there any reason that we haven't participated since then? And why were we knocked off from FT 100 ranks?

ga

ga(Rama - 1st Year(almost 2nd)): Adina -- Paid internships depend on the company that is offering the internship. Most of them are paid internships, but I know a couple of students who accepted unpaid internships just for the experience and learning opportunity.

ga

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi bwt5075 - we do not have a large number of consulting firms come to campus to recruit but working with the folks in Career Services you can identify ways of working toward identifying opportunities that exist outside Smeal.

varunverma
bwt5075

varunverma: Jingwen- That sounds good brother. thanks for the information
bwt5075:

thanks Robin, this is Biko, btw

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ga

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Abhishek--keep in mind, that 62% is as of TODAY...that typically increases greatly in the next month or so. It is up from where we were at this point last year. It's a positive trend.

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mehulpathak

ga(Jingwen First Year): Varun, thank you sister:)
mehulpathak: :-)

adina

adina: When does the Immersion Week fee (\$1,700) have to be paid?

varunverma

varunverma: Robin- Even I was eyeing consulting as an option. I believe Deloitte has recruited in the past. Any other companies that come for consulting positions ?

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Sujith, we fell out of the rank in FT due to low response rate from alumni. We are working to ensure that that doesn't happen again. It was unrelated to program quality

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adina

abhishekchikara85

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi Adina,?? The Immersion fee will be assessed in the Spring of your 1st year and is payable at that time (January).

adina: Thanks, Robin!

abhishekchikara85: Thanks Ron

adina

adina: During the summer internship, is there any work that needs to be done for school?

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): Hi Adina--no, there is not

adina: Is there any "homework" that needs to be prepared before arriving in campus?

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Adina--other than PCS and pre-term accounting assignments, no.

ga(Stacey--Admissions): unless you choose to do MBA Math--that's an additional optional course you could take before arriving

NichoMullett: What is the possibilities of taking additional undergrad courses while in the grad program, and how would one go about that??? Say language classes or other specialized classes depending on what we decide to do our specialty in? (above and beyond grad level courses)

NichoMullett
adina

adina: Do we receive these assignments by email?

ga(Jingwen First Year): Varun: Yes it is recruiting here. Sure there are some other companies such as Ernst and Young recruiting for consultants too. Meanwhile, there are many other companies recruiting consultant. Dell is recruiting Supply Chain Consultant, for example.

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mehulpathak

mehulpathak:

Do we generally need to write??macros in Excel for our MBA coursework?

varunverma: Robin - Is it necessary to resign from an organization in order to apply for jobs from your campus ? Like in my case I'll be applying for a sabbatical of 20 months from my current firm with the option of joining back. However, can I still apply for a job through career services or otherwise???

varunverma
Scott

Scott(Scott MBA Admissions):

Adina, Student Services will take over the weekly Monday email campaign shortly and you will see updates and information from them on when and what you will need to do before orientation.

ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Hi Nick - You can take undergraduate classes in your 2nd year of the program as long as they fit with your MBA schedule.?? These courses do not count toward graduation credits but can be taken.??

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adina: Stacey, you read my mind! :) I wanted to ask you what is you opinion about this course, MBA Math. Is it helpful and recommended?

adina

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi mehulpathak, you'll only need to write macros in Excel in a few second-year classes (Supply Chain modeling and Financial modeling). ??You'll need to use VBA plug-ins in a few first-year classes, but you won't need to write them yourself.

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adina
mehulpathak

adina: Thank you, Scott! I can't wait for those emails!

mehulpathak: oh ok. Thanks Ron

NichoMullett: Thanks Robin, good to know.?? Do you know if there is an additional tuition charge for taking additional courses?

NichoMullett
ga

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Happy to help!

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Nick--if you take between 12 and 19 credits, it's the same cost. MBA you typically take 12.

ga
NichoMullett

NichoMullett: Thanks!

varunverma: Ron- As advised by Jingwen- Deloitte and EnY are big firms in the consulting domain - how many internationals did they recruit this year ?

varunverma

ga(Stacey--Admissions): We have a few minutes left if you'd like to ask any final questions...

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ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Dear Varun,?? I would think that if your company is willing to provide you the opportunity to take a sabbatical it would be with the expectation that you would return to them.?? With the signing of the honor code it would seem most appropriate that you would resign from your company prior to applying for other positions.

ga

NichoMullett: At what point do we have to declare our specialty??? Taking a lot of these courses the first year could really open ones eyes to possibilities...

NichoMullett

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Hi Varun, unfortunately I don't have that data available. ??Most companies, including Deloitte and EnY, take at least one or two students each year.

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ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Dear Nick, You will select your concentrations at the end of your first year.?? The first year core requirements do not allow much opportunity to take additional courses outside Smeal.

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varunverma: Ron - Thanks for the information

varunverma

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Sure thing - happy to help!

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varunverma: Robin- can we discuss my case offline please ?

varunverma

ga(Stacey--Admissions):

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Hi All--we are out of time, but happy to answer any additional questions via e-mail if you still have things to ask! Thank you all for participating!

NichoMullett

NichoMullett: Thanks to all the staff and students for your time!

adina
varunverma
yuan0219
abhishekchikara85

adina: Stacey, you read my mind! :) I wanted to ask you what is your opinion about this course, MBA Math. Is it helpful and recommended?

varunverma: Thanks to all !!??

yuan0219: Thank you all!!

abhishekchikara85:

Thanks

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EzraNanes

ga
mehulpathak

ga(Ron Second Year (almost alum)): Thanks for coming, all!

EzraNanes: Thank you all! This was very helpful!

ga(Jingwen First Year): You guys are more than welcome! Look forward to meeting you all in fall!

mehulpathak:

Thank you all !!

ga

ga(Stacey--Admissions): Adina--Raj answered the question earlier and said it was helpful--and definitely recommended if you need to brush up in Math

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ga(Stacey--Admissions): We hope you found this to be a productive and informative session, and we're really glad you could join us. Please feel free to contact us at SmealMBA@psu.edu for any further questions. Thank you for spending the time with us, The Smeal MBA Program Team.

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ga(Robin MBA Student Services): Dear varun,?? Yes that would be fine.?? You can email me at rsb1@psu.edu.?? I'll be unavailable the remainder of the day however but tomorrow may work.