



# Masters of Arts in International Business Applicant Handbook



Non-U.S. Resident/Non-Citizen Information  
Academic Year 2009-2010  
Hough Graduate School of Business  
University of Florida

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### Non- U.S. Residents/non-Citizens

#### Application deadlines and dates for 2009/2010 (to begin MAIB in June 2010):

August 1, 2009	Begin accepting application materials
December 11, 2009	Application deadline for non-U.S. Citizens/Residents
<b>Start date:</b>	<b>June 28, 2010 (only one start date per year)</b>
Program orientation:	June 24 and 25, 2010 ( <i>tentative</i> )

**MAIB APPLICATION:** We are pleased by your interest in pursuing a graduate education in International Business at the University of Florida. In addition to reading this letter you should review the various pages of our MAIB web site: <http://www.cba.ufl.edu/maib>. Once here, you can get to other pages by clicking on the headers at left (“Curriculum”, “Eligibility”, etc.). Our unit makes a concerted effort to use as little paper as possible. Thus, we have an e-file on each applicant and we prefer to receive all materials on-line, and to receive your resume by e-mail. The exception is the test result (GRE, GMAT, TOEFL...), which will be mailed to us from the testing service via paper copy. Rather than submitting materials all at once, we do prefer that you submit materials as they are ready. This will ensure also that your application is finalized by the particular deadline under which you are applying.

**DEADLINE:** Because of the time it takes to review and verify credentials, and then the time it takes to create and mail the I-20 (document you use to obtain the study visa) if you are admitted, we must be strict with our application deadline. All applications that are incomplete as of December 11<sup>th</sup> will be moved to the next calendar year for admission consideration.

In order for us to begin reviewing your application, we must have the following:

1. **Completed application** to the University of Florida Graduate School, submitted online (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/start.html>). The \$30 application fee can be paid online or a check/money order can be mailed to the UF Office of Admissions. Your application should list June 2010 (Summer B) as your intended start date. *Submit essay and letters of recommendation (if possible) as part of the online application.*
2. **Official GMAT or GRE scores** sent to UF, or more specifically the Management Dept. GRE code for UF= 5812; GMAT code for UF Intl Business = J7Z-5J-45  
*\* Score considered: combination of Verbal and Quantitative sections*  
If you take the test less than one month before the deadline: To ensure that your file is considered “complete” by the deadline, please send, fax, or e-mail to us a *copy* of your test score report. You should receive this in the mail 2-3 weeks after taking the test.
3. **Official language proficiency exam scores (TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB) or proof of successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute program.** Exemptions are granted for students from countries where English is an official language or for students who have studied at a college/ university for at least one calendar year in a country where English is an official language. TOEFL code for UF = 5812.
4. **A minimum of two written recommendations** highlighting your talents and personality based on your academics, volunteer work, campus and community involvement, research background, or work/internship history. We prefer online recommendations, but we also happily accept paper-based recommendations if your recommender prefers that method. On-line: As you fill out the on-line application, you will have the opportunity to list the name and contact information for your recommenders. Those individuals will then receive an automatic e-mail with username and password instructing them how to go on-line and submit the recommendation. The instruction e-mail will not be sent to the recommenders until you have finalized and submitted your on-line application.
5. **Application essay** highlighting your background, ambitions and career intent. This is your opportunity to tell us what is not evident from other application materials. Submit essay as part of the online application. Please limit the essay to approximately 2 double-spaced pages. If you wish to submit a longer essay and you need to exceed the character limit of the on-line application, you can e-mail your essay directly to Ana Portocarrero.
6. **Current resume or curriculum vitae** - do not limit it as we prefer to see all activities. Email your resume as a Word or PDF attachment to [ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu).
7. **Official undergraduate transcripts from all institutions attended**, in the original language and translated into English by the degree granting school or by an approved credential evaluation service.
8. **Copy of Bachelor’s degree** (original language & translated) if it has already been awarded
9. **Certification of Financial Responsibility** (<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/issdownloads.htm>)

**Academic Ability:**

**Minimum “adjusted” GPA: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. For candidates completing degrees outside the United States, transcripts are evaluated with the local grading system in mind. We do not report non U.S. GPA’s in our class profile statistics.** We look at all courses taken and all evaluation results when we review transcripts for admission consideration. The subject of study, course load, attended institution, and non-academic activities and are considered when we are judging your qualifications for the MAIB program and ability to perform well in our courses should we choose to admit you.

**GRE or GMAT**

UF does not mandate minimum GRE scores. GRE test scores will be used in the context of a holistic credential review process. Above average performance on the subtests of the GRE or GMAT will be looked upon favorably. There is a minimum required score for the GMAT, and that is a 465 total (verbal + quantitative). The following score range is considered good for the GRE; anything below or above would be considered either weak or excellent respectively:  
GRE: 1100-1200

You must have earned (or will soon earn) a Bachelor’s degree from an approved institution, reflecting either a major or a minor in business administration or a related area. However, we consider all applicants based on individual experiences and skills. There are no guaranteed admissions even if minimum requirements have been met. Please review the current class profile on our web site. We do not admit conditionally under any circumstances; you must meet our minimum requirements to be considered for admission. Once admission is offered there are no additional requirements to be met.

**Language Proficiency**

Non-US and Puerto Rican applicants **must** have at least a 320 verbal GRE score and at least the required minimum score for one of these English language tests:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – minimum score: 6
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) - minimum score: 77
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) –minimum score: 213 computer-based; 80 internet-based; or 550 paper-based

Applicants may be exempted from this requirement if:

1. They have official proof of successfully completing the UF English Language Institute (ELI) prior to applying
2. They are citizens of a country where English is the official language. Click on this link to view a list of such countries: <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/personnel/english-testing-exemptions.html>
3. They have proof of spending at least one year as a full-time student at a college or university in a country where English is the official language. (Please note: time spent in ESL [English as a Second Language] programs does not qualify for this exemption.) Click on this link to view a list of such countries: <http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/personnel/english-testing-exemptions.html>

**Personal Character:**

The applicant's written essays, resume, and recommendations provide the best opportunity to convey one's unique background, personality and ability to add to the diversity of the MAIB program. Involvement in extracurricular and community activities is also looked upon favorably since it provides additional insight into the interests, social awareness and leadership potential of the applicant. We reserve the right to interview a candidate should we choose to do so (telephone interview). Applicants can choose to decline this opportunity without penalization.

**Professional Experience:**

The MAIB program is designed for individuals with little or no professional experience. MAIB students typically have received their Bachelor's degrees within 1 year of the start of the program and the average age is 23. All applicants are considered, however applicants with significant work experience should also research our Florida MBA programs.

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/mba>

**Deadlines and Important Dates for 2009/2010 (to begin MAIB in June 2010):**

August 1, 2009	Begin accepting applications
December 11, 2009	International student application deadline*

*\*This deadline is early because of the time it takes to evaluate foreign documents and then prepare I-20 paperwork for the visa. If you received your Bachelor's degree from a U.S. institution, you can adhere to one of the "regular" MAIB application deadlines.*

**Submitting Application Materials:**

Application materials can be submitted in pieces- do not hold materials in order to submit a complete packet at once. The MAIB office does have access to anything that was submitted online through the UF Graduate Application process. The essay and recommendations can be submitted this way.

**The MAIB program office must receive:**

1. A complete application submitted online (include essay here)\*
2. A copy of the GRE or GMAT score report
3. A copy of the TOEFL score report
4. A minimum of two written recommendations submitted via the online application (preferred). If you need to submit paper-based recommendations, please send them directly to the MAIB office.
5. A current resume or curriculum vitae. Email resume as a Word or PDF attachment [ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu](mailto:ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu)
6. Official undergraduate transcripts (original and translated)
7. A copy of your Bachelor's degree (original and translated) if already awarded
8. Certification of Financial Responsibility

**The Office of Admissions must receive:**

1. A complete application submitted online\*
2. A \$30.00 application fee (bank check , money order or paid online with credit card)
3. Official GMAT or GRE scores (UF code: 5812)
4. Official TOEFL scores (UF code: 5812)

*For all materials that need to go to other campus offices, such as the transcripts or the Certification of Financial Responsibility, we will send them there.*

**\*Online Applications only need to be submitted once; both offices have access**

**Understanding the Admissions Cycle:**

After the December 11 deadline your file will be reviewed for an admission decision. Because we must wait for the UF Office of Graduate Admissions to approve your credentials and verify authenticity, we can give no indication of when a decision will be made. Upon receiving application materials, the MAIB office will send one e-mail regarding the status of your file. Further correspondence must be student initiated. If you are denied and wish to be considered for the following year, you must re-submit all application materials. If you are admitted and choose not to attend the year in which you are admitted, you can defer your admission for one year only. After that, you must re-apply if you still wish to do our program.

**Computer Requirement:**

The Warrington College of Business requires its students to have unrestricted access to a laptop computer. This is mandatory—no exceptions! Computers will be used for completing assignments; communication with faculty, staff, and classmates; word processing; spreadsheet preparation; statistical analysis; and research. For up-to-date technological specifications please refer to the following website:

<http://www.cba.ufl.edu/programs/computer.asp> (Junior/Senior/Master's)

**Computer Skills:**

Proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and Internet software is essential. The MAIB program primarily relies on Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, and Netscape Navigator. The University of Florida, through a partnership with the NETg, also offers computer tutorials in a variety of areas. More information on available courses can be found at: <http://netg.ufgartner.ufl.edu>

**Costs:**

All costs are estimated for the entire program, *not* a per month basis, based on fall 2009:

Program fee: \$350 (due when student accepts program offer)

Total Program Tuition: \$32,137\* (non-Florida residents)  
(based on fall 2009; tuition increases by 5-10 % before every fall term)

\*Tuition for the study tour is charged at the FL-resident rate, regardless of your status.

Total Books & Materials: \$1400

Required Study Tour: \$3,000 (program fee, airfare, food, visa, incidentals)

Required Laptop Computer: \$1400

Housing & other costs: \$7000

Review international student fees (SEVIS & insurance) here: <http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss.htm>

Tuition is due per semester (2 weeks after the start of classes) and is based on the number of credit hours for which you are registered in that semester. Tuition per credit hour is: \$ 1119.57. The standard credit breakdown per semester for MAIB students who attend full-time and graduate in May (no foreign study) is:

Summer B	6 credits
Fall	12 credits
Spring	12 credits

### **Study Tours:**

The study tour is a mandatory part of the MAIB program. The study tour is a seven-day trip that takes place in mid-October between Fall Modules 1 and 2. The country visited varies from year to year, however the trip is always in Europe and includes visits to both companies and economic/governmental organizations. The study tour is designed to offer a practical education in international business practices. Past study tours have been in Paris (1999 & 2000), Prague/Munich (2001), Dublin (2002), Brussels (2003), Munich (2004), London (2005), and Budapest (2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009). The study tour location and dates for October 2010 have not yet been determined but will likely again be Budapest. There will also be an option for a small number of MAIB students to attend the Entrepreneurship study tour in Dublin. Each program (MAIB or Entrepreneurship) assists students in obtaining a study visa for the trip.

### **Exchange Programs (Optional):**

Tuition for exchange programs is charged as UF FL-Resident tuition for the number of credits to be taken abroad. Cost of living varies from country to country and can fluctuate from year to year, thus this should be researched by the student with the assumption that costs could increase or decrease by 5-10%. The MAIB program offers a unique international perspective, and that understanding can only be truly appreciated while applied in an international context. Students will witness this to a certain degree during the study tour, but as many past students have stated: "it just isn't the same thing as living and attending daily classes abroad." Students are not guaranteed their first choice for the exchange as we can only send a small number of students to each partner school. Exchange choices are submitted to the MAIB staff in July and by the end of the Summer B term students will be notified of where they are approved to go for their spring study abroad. Decisions will be based on undergraduate grades, test scores, language background and prior international experience, resume, and an essay of intent for the particular foreign program if the student chooses to submit one. Summer programs are unlimited, thus students wishing to only do a short summer program at the end of MAIB will get their top choice. If a student wishes to attend a non-exchange institution (Australia, Argentina, Mexico, or other you have selected), we will work with you to help you through the application process. You will be required to pay tuition directly to the non-exchange institution.

We have exchange agreements with more than 30 well-respected universities and business schools around the world. We recommend that students participate for a full term of 3-6 months. However, students do have the option of going for a shorter period at designated schools. If a short-term option is selected the student would have to gain additional credit at UF in the spring or summer before (or after) going abroad. This can be worked out with relative ease because our UF graduate business courses are taught in 8-week modules. Exchange selection and administrative approval for the exchanges is done at the start of the program in Summer B. **None will be approved before then.**

**Financial Assistance:**

We regret that we are unable to offer any scholarships or financial aid for non-U.S. citizens. You will be required to pay for program costs on your own through personal funds or privately secured loans.

We do not use Master's students to teach or do research. Thus, we do not have any available assistantships or fellowships for tuition waiver + hourly payment.

**Visa:**

If you are accepted and decide to do the MAIB program, we will contact the UF International Center to notify them that you will need an I-20. They will then correspond with you directly regarding that process. You will then be required to take your I-20 paperwork to the U.S. consulate or embassy in your home country to apply for your student visa. A personal interview is likely to be required.

**Careers and Alumnus History:**

Although our MAIB alumni have followed a variety of career paths (Education, Law, Medicine, Government), most do enter "typical" business jobs within Consulting, Accounting, Finance, Sales and Marketing, and Information Technology. While in-program, students are required to participate in a variety of professional development activities to enhance their presentation and interviewing skills and afford them with better job hunting and offer negotiation skills. International students are able to do Optional Practical Training for one year in the United States after receiving the degree. Many companies in the U.S. are unwilling or unable to sponsor non-U.S. citizens or Residents for professional jobs. So, please do not assume that earning a U.S. Master's degree will guarantee that you can then stay here for employment.

Past and current MAIB employers include: FedEx, Motorola, Ford, ING, Daimler-Chrysler, Ernst & Young, Hewitt & Associates, Deloitte & Touche, Raymond James, Siemens, Bayer, Yale University, CSX Transportation, Lockheed Martin, Cordis and Ortho of Johnson & Johnson, SunTrust, Wachovia, Franklin Templeton, American Express, Xerox, Home Depot, IBM Consulting, Disney Cruise Lines, Toys 'R Us, Citigroup, UBS, General Electric, Bank of America, Se World (Anhauser-Busch), Downtown Disney and Disney Cruise Lines, Macy's East, Wal-Mart, Lanier Worldwide, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and Regeneration Technologies.

## Application Packet Checklist

(For Student Use)

**\*Send in items as they become available\***

- Online application & essay**
- \$30 application fee paid to Graduate Admissions**
- Official undergraduate transcripts- original language and translated**
- Copy of Bachelor's degree- original language and translated**
- 1<sup>st</sup> written recommendation**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> written recommendation**
- A current resume/ curriculum vitae**
- Official GMAT or GRE score**
- Official TOEFL Score or other acceptable English language test**
- Certification of Financial Responsibility (admission decision is not based on this; we MUST have this document if you are admitted and expect to receive the I-20 for obtaining the U.S. study visa)**

**Application Deadline:                      December 11, 2009**

### MAIB Program

<b>Information Contact:</b> Mindy Kraft, Director Stuzin Hall Room 249 D Mindy.kraft@cba.ufl.edu TEL: 352-273-0343	MAIB/University of Florida Stuzin Hall 249 PO Box 117164 Gainesville FL 32611 Fax: 352-392-7347	<b>Application contact:</b> Ana Portocarrero*, Coordinator Stuzin Hall Room 249B Ana.portocarrero@cba.ufl.edu TEL: 352-273-0341
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## MAIB Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. *Can I start the program in Fall or Spring?*

No. The MAIB program has only one start date per year and that is at the end of June, coinciding with the UF Summer B term. Only UF students doing the combined Bachelor's/Master's option or students doing another Master's degree concurrently with MAIB (must already be accepted to the other program) can start courses at another time. Concurrent and Combined MAIB students must meet with an MAIB advisor to determine a schedule and timeline, as it is highly individual for each student.

### 2. *What kinds of job offers do MAIB graduates usually receive?*

Our students have diverse educational, activity and work/ internship backgrounds. So, the jobs pursued and secured by our students can vary tremendously. Though some recent graduates and several alumni are working abroad, MAIB graduates generally will not get an overseas assignment right out of school because of the lack of work experience and proven professional success. It is possible, however, for you to secure a job that utilizes your international background and knowledge, and requires some international travel, if that is what you actively pursue. Well-known consulting firms such as Accenture and Ernst & Young as well as large multinationals such as Citigroup, FedEx, Motorola, and ING have hired MAIBs in the years since the program began. Some students also choose small or start-up companies, government jobs, or pursue more education such as law school or PhD programs. The intense curriculum, study tour, and international study opportunities are all designed to encourage a managerial, creative solutions thought process relating to all business operations of multinational corporations as well as domestic companies and organizations. The knowledge and experiences gained from MAIB can help you excel in a multitude of career paths. The MA degree is not a "magic ticket" to a big title and large starting salary directly upon graduation, but instead it is a tool that can be used, combined with your other assets and experience, to significantly enhance your long-term career & salary potential.

### 3. *How much does the average MAIB graduate make in the first year?*

Starting salaries follow the current economic trends, and also vary greatly depending on the industry. The average salary package for the Class of 2008 was \$51,000. Starting packages (salary + bonus) will vary between industries, current state of the economy and individual student background. A typical MAIB student without professional work experience should expect to start in the range of \$38,000- 62,000. We have seen that the majority of our students get a significant raise or promotion within the first two years at a company/ organization. Or, once they have acquired a few years of professional experience, students move on to another job at a much higher salary. In 2008, corporate financial training programs and sales related positions within the biomedical and pharmaceutical industries were offering the highest starting packages. U.S. government jobs are becoming more available and are climbing in starting salary as well since a large part of that work force will retire in the next 10 years.

### 4. *Can I receive admission to the MAIB program if I have more than 2 years of work experience?*

We do not discriminate in the admission process against students who have significant professional experience, and at least 10% of our class each year falls into this category. The MAIB program is a rigorous graduate program with coursework focusing on the practical aspects of global business and how it will apply in real world settings. We share courses with all other Warrington Master's programs and the professors who teach in the program are very experienced with a variety of audiences from undergraduate to PhD level. MAIB graduates who do have professional experience can expect more substantial job offers upon graduation due to prior experience and professional growth.

### 5. *My GMAT/GRE is low, but I have a strong GPA and other experiences (or the reverse situation with a low GPA and high test score). Do I still have a chance for admission?*

We ask for a variety of application materials for a reason. We review every applicant file individually and all of the contents of that file are scrutinized. Most important to us in admissions are: undergraduate academic performance, international experience, prior internship or professional work experience, extracurricular activities (show social consciousness, ability to cooperate, and leadership abilities), and outstanding recommendations. We also interview random applicants and assess interpersonal and communication skills. Because the admission process for MAIB is competitive, students with very low test scores should attempt a re-take.

### 6. *Do I need to speak a second language for this program?*

Though it is looked on favorably in the admission process, a second language is not required. Second or third language fluency can help you, but a lack of it won't hinder your chances for MAIB admission. Only 49% of the

Class of 2010 possesses an intermediate level of fluency or higher in a second language. All of our exchange partners, except for the ones in Brazil, Chile and Peru, offer many courses in English and non- second language speakers will have no trouble finding a valuable foreign study program option.

7. *Am I required to study abroad when I am in the MAIB program?*

In addition to the mandatory one week Study Tour in October, students without prior international experience are ***strongly encouraged*** to study abroad, as it enhances your academic experience and adds value to your international business degree. There are very short program options (2 weeks) for students who have financial or family constraints. Or, a long option of up to 6 months can be selected. A study abroad experience is truly a once in a lifetime experience and students should take advantage of it before they devote a lifetime to employment!

8. *What are the foreign study options?*

We now have more than 30 exchange options around the world. They are listed on the MAIB website and you can link to a detailed profile of each school from the “Study Abroad” page. MAIB students are able to choose a variety of courses when they do an exchange. This enables them to tailor the program toward their career interests.

9. *What if I am not accepted after the first deadline? Do I need to re-apply?*

Students who are neither accepted nor denied after the first or second application deadline will automatically be considered again for admissions under the final deadline. Those applicants will receive notification that they have been put “on hold”. If these applicants wish to submit more recommendations or a new test score, they may do so. Applicants who have a good chance of being admitted could be put on hold for a number of reasons. Further, applying by the earliest deadline does not increase your chances of gaining acceptance. It just allows the accepted students to start planning sooner for the next year.

10. *Are there any scholarships or assistantships available? Do I have to apply for them?*

The MAIB office offers no assistantships for teaching or research. We generally do have money available for small MAIB scholarships, and qualified candidates are selected through the admissions process. The typical scholarship award is between \$1500 and \$3000, and only U.S. Citizens/Residents are eligible. The mean GPA for scholarship recipients was 3.84 (upper div) and 3.8 (cumulative); the mean GMAT was 610, and the mean GRE was 1202 (based on 2009). Recommendations & the resume are equally as important in our scholarship decision making process.

11. *Can I do an internship?*

Although we always encourage students to gain practical experience from internships, we do not award credit for internships. The one exception being if you study in Australia at the University of New South Wales while in the MAIB program, you can earn 2 credits for an internship arranged for you and monitored by the University. The internship credit appears on your UNSW transcript with a grade, thus we are able to transfer it in to the UF record. If you do secure an independent internship and the company/organization wants you to be registered for internship credit through UF, we can do that for you. However, the credit will not count toward the MAIB program.

12. *How does this program compare to other international business programs?*

The MAIB program is unique in the United States. If you research various Master’s programs that offer a track or specialization in International or Global Business, you won’t find one exactly like MAIB. Aside from the high-quality classroom education you will get from world-renowned University of Florida professors, MAIB also offers students the opportunity to experience international business through practical opportunities such as the Study Tour and the exchange programs. This all occurs in one year! Furthermore, the MAIB students are a very unified and close group. The program requires much group and teamwork and it also offers many opportunities for students to get to know each other as well as forming friendships with the incoming graduate level exchange students. Our own students typically comment positively on two aspects of the program more than any other: Diversity and personality of the students, and the ability to create their own unique experiences within MAIB based on their personal needs and interests. We have heard frequently from former students that this was one of the best years of their life. MAIB is a challenge; you will work hard and must manage your time effectively, but you will also have a lot of fun and you will expand your mind in ways you never thought possible.

*13. How does MAIB compare to an MBA program?*

Good MBA programs that are consistently highly ranked in the most recognized ranking mechanisms require professional work experience. If you have recently graduated or plan on doing a graduate business degree immediately after getting your Bachelor's degree, you should think about the following when comparing MAIB to MBA:

- If you get your MBA right after the Bachelor's degree, you use up an opportunity that you can never use again. What will you do if you then want to change industries or acquire another specialization later on in your life? You will not be able to get another MBA in order to do so. Getting a MA does not eliminate the future MBA opportunity.
- How long is the MBA program? If it is 1 ½ or two years, is the extra cost worth it as compared to the one-year MAIB? Is there a difference in the return on investment?
- Does the MBA program offer flexibility in coursework and diverse international experiences at highly respected global business schools? Is the curriculum comprehensively international or global in focus?
- What is the research, organizational, and international activity of the majority of professors teaching in that MBA program? Are they recognized in their fields?
- What will my peer group be like? Things to consider: age of students, undergraduate backgrounds, diversity, motivation, ability to unite and work in teams effectively.
- Is this business school and university globally recognized and respected by higher education and the corporate world alike?

Several students doing the MAIB program each year think they may want to do an MBA later in life, especially if an employer pays for it. They choose to do MAIB because of the recognition and respect UF and the Warrington College have around the world and also because travel and international study are difficult later when you are more settled and have obligations you may not have currently. Also, in completing a Master's degree before they start their careers, they already have a tool that will help them advance and move into the higher ranks of a company or organization. One never knows if going back to school later in life will be a viable option.

*14. What is the U.S. job placement rate for non-U.S. Citizens/Residents?*

Typically only one international student is hired for U.S. employment from year to year. The U.S. economy is struggling (2009) and unemployment is quite high as compared to previous years. VERY FEW employers are willing to sponsor individuals for work visas. Further, even if an employer is willing to sponsor you, it is possible you will not win the visa "lottery" controlled by the U.S. Government, thus you will be forced to leave the country anyway. Our Graduate Business Career Services Office host an international student workshop in July to counsel students about job seeking in the U.S.. Advising services are also available in the UF International Center.

*15. How many international students are in the MAIB program and what are the backgrounds?*

MAIB typically has 5-10 non-U.S. Citizens each year. That is less than 8% of the total MAIB class. This is not intentional and deliberate as part of the MAIB admission process; it is just a result of the higher tuition costs for non-Florida Residents. Most non-U.S. Citizens in the MAIB program hail from China, Korea, and Thailand. Typically we also have 1-2 students each year from South America and 1-2 from Europe or Africa. The MAIB courses, however, have a good number of non-U.S. Citizens due to the large number of exchange students we host each year from foreign partner universities.