Petition Process

You can petition to substitute significant professional experience, or a prior master’s degree, in place of the GMAT/GRE on your graduate application for the Georgia WebMBA® program through Georgia College by writing a request that:

- Explains how your professional experiences have prepared you for graduate study.
- Addresses how an MBA fits into your career development plans.
- Describes how you will balance time demands between work and the MBA program.

The written petition must give clear evidence of your motivation for the program and the value you will add as a student in the cohort. Provide career examples to explain how your maturity and self-discipline will enable you to successfully complete a Web-based MBA program.

Along with the petition you must submit an up-to-date resume and copies of transcripts from all colleges you have attended. The transcripts submitted with the waiver can be unofficial copies; however, official transcripts must be submitted if you decide to apply to the program.

Submit the petition, transcripts, and resume electronically to Lynn Hanson, Director of Graduate Programs in Business, as an e-mail attachment: lynn.hanson@gcsu.edu or by fax 478.445.5249.

The petition to substitute professional experience for an exam does not eliminate any other requirement or any other documents of the graduate admission process. The substitution decision is separate from the admission decision.

Foundation Courses

Most applicants with a non-business bachelor’s degree need to take one or more foundation modules/courses prior to beginning coursework in the program. Applicants with a business undergraduate degree may also be required to take a module or course.

Predicting Success in a Graduate Program

The committee will make a decision about substituting significant professional experience in place of an exam based on your written narrative, prior academic record, and resume. The committee does not publish specific guidelines because professional experiences vary widely, but it will consider factors such as:

- The amount and level of experience reported – successful applicants typically report eight to ten years of full-time professional experience after receiving a bachelor’s degree. While valuable, experience prior to receiving a bachelor’s degree is not considered for a GMAT/GRE waiver.

- The progression of work experiences exhibited – successful applicants exhibit a pattern of promotions above the entry-level.

- Prior academic success – your undergraduate record is an important predictor of your ability to successfully complete graduate-level course work.

- On-going professional development – please provide evidence of professional certifications and post-undergraduate training courses.