

Tuck Q&A for Latin American Applicants

<p>Which dates would be the best to visit the campus?</p>	<p>Any time that classes are in session. October is a beautiful month to visit.</p>
<p>Is Tuck coming to Sao Paulo (Brazil) for an info session? (In case it isnt, are you planning to hold a video webinar with informations from Tuck?)</p>	<p>YES! Tuck will be in Sao Paulo - probably in August. If you are registered in our website, we will send you an invitation. Also, we will host a Tuck Coffee Chat in June or July...</p>
<p>Hello, I am interested in the Joint Degree with HKS. I mean the MPA/MBA, regarding there is no MPA pure at Darmouth.</p>	<p>The joint degree is a great program! We have an MPH - masters of public health at Dartmouth, but not a MPA.</p>
<p>How is a typical day at Tuck?</p>	<p>A typical day at Tuck depends a lot on the activities you are involved with and on the time of the year. For instance, in the Fall we have classes and many networking events for recruiting. During the winter, we also have classes but many of us are preparing for interviews. You can also participate in the clubs and fill your afternoons with these activities. Moreover, we have many sports events that you can join. Hockey is very popular :)</p>
<p>Swellen, what made you choose Tuck?</p>	<p>I believe that the main reason that made me come to Tuck is the personal experience that we have here. Professors and staff know you by name and are very open to help you with anything. You can connect better with your classmates and actually know them. Another reason was the core curriculum, in my opinion it's great because it puts everyone on the same page.</p>
<p>Hello, thanks for the opportunity! I have a general question regarding the dual degrees. Can I get admitted in Tuck for 19' and then, while doing the first year of the MBA, apply to the MPP and, if accepted, do its first year on 20'?</p>	<p>Hi! Yes! While most people will apply to both programs at the same time, you can also enroll at either Harvard KSG or at Tuck and then apply to the other program in your first year. It is more complicated, but it can be done. We only ask that you do your first year as one contiguous year.</p>
<p>In general, what do you think Latin Americans could improve in order to make their applications stronger?</p>	<p>Hi! I don't think there is something that only Latin Americans can do to improve their applications. ...but overall, I think it is important that any applicant has a good sense of what he or she wants to get out of the MBA experience. It is important to do your research. Visit if you can. ...but if you cannot, talk to current students and alumni. These things sound basic, but try to go beyond the website.</p>

<p>I would like to work like agent in computer services industry, and I would too in financial services at the same time. Can I do it and you can help me?</p>	<p>Financial services requires a lot of preparation, especially for Investment Banking. You have to put a lot of time in networking. I did wealth management and consulting and it worked fine. I believe that if you plan accordingly you won't have many issues.</p> <p>I think the beauty of the general management focus and the Tuck curriculum with our fully flexible second year is that you can customize your experience based on your interests and goals. I cannot see a problem with you exploring both.</p>
<p>How much (%) of the MBA course is case-based?</p>	<p>Most of our classes are case based, I don't have a % but it's the majority. We also have many lectures and practical experiences. I really enjoy classes with guest speakers.</p>
<p>What are some of the challenges that one can encounter as a foreign student when applying to Tuck?</p>	<p>Hi! I think some international students are not used to the comprehensive type of application process we have. Our goal is to get to know you, but that depends on you! Many people answer questions without giving us much insight in to who they are as individuals or how they might contribute to the Tuck community. All of those things are important to Tuck as part of getting to know you.</p>
<p>Do you think Tuck's MBA program is appropriate for a person changing career? Does the school offer assistance in career change (v.g., a career center, clubs, etc)? Thanks!</p>	<p>I totally think that you can use an MBA as a tool to change careers. I'm an example of that. I worked with financial markets before my MBA and I'll do my summer internship at BCG.</p>
<p>Does Tuck has courses or clubs related to impact investment?</p>	<p>Hi, there is the Tuck Social Venture Fund (TSVF) which is an MBA student-led venture capital fund pursuing market-returns in lock-step with tangible benefits to society (http://tsvf.tuck.dartmouth.edu/). That may be of interest?</p>
<p>Hi Swellen, would you mind telling us an experience in the program that reflects the strong sense of community Tuck has?</p>	<p>When I was recruiting for consulting I reached to many alumni who were working in the firms I wanted to apply for. ALL of them were amazing. They helped me so much!! I also reached out to 2nd year students to help me prepare for my case interviews and there was no student who said no. People are very open to help and I believe that it shows the sense of community at Tuck.</p>

<p>I saw in the employment report that around 5% of your students go to Europe afterwards. Do a lot of recruiting companies from Europe go to Tuck?</p>	<p>I don't know exactly about what companies are you referring to but I know that for consulting firms you can select the office you want when you apply. All the consulting firms come to campus. I can send you the contact of our Career Office, I believe they can answer this question better than me.</p>
<p>Is age a factor when considering an application?</p>	<p>No. Age is not something we consider. We do look at your experience.</p>
<p>I'm an engineer planning to shift career to OB/HR. Do I have space at Tuck?</p>	<p>Hi! We have many engineers at Tuck who are looking to change careers. As I mentioned earlier, the general management focus and the Tuck curriculum with our fully flexible second year allows you to customize your experience based on your interests and goals. The majority of the students at Tuck are changing careers. The Career Development Office at Tuck is a terrific resource to help you develop/chart your path.</p>
<p>Do MBA students only have activities with other Tuck students? Or do MBAs also have activities with the rest of Dartmouth community (other schools and undergraduate students)?</p>	<p>Considering social activities we have more interaction with other Grad schools (Geisel and Thayer). Regarding classes, you can attend classes in Dartmouth too as electives.</p>
<p>Do you have a statistic for the number of international students that are employed in the US after completion of the course? If not, judging by your colleagues do most of them stay or go back to their home country?</p>	<p>Employment levels and compensation rates for Tuck's classes are amongst the highest of top MBA programs worldwide. International students do very well. If you like to look at statistics, check out the numbers here: www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-advantage/employment-statistics</p> <p>Eduardo, for example in the 2019 class we are 7 Brazilians. Only 2 are going back to Brazil for their summer internship. I'm one of them and I'm going back because I want to. In the 2018 class, also 7 Brazilians, only 1 is going back and also because he wants to.</p>
<p>How is the life far away from a big city? Specifically for those who have always lived in big cities.</p>	<p>Hi, I was born and raised in Rio and I was living in Sao Paulo before Tuck. I had the same concern; however living in Hanover is amazing. The experience is great and the small town helps to create bonds with your classmates. We are only 2h away from Boston which is not so far.</p>

<p>Do you have any tips for applying as a couple?</p>	<p>Hi: Tuck has several couples who both attend Tuck. While I don't have any special tips, you should ideally apply in the same round. There is a place for you to tell us that you want to be considered as a couple in the application.</p>
<p>Swollen, was it hard to adapt to Tuck's weather?</p>	<p>It is hard in the beginning but you get used to it. Also you buy proper clothes, wear many layers and it's fine. I was here during the winter break when we had -35oC and I didn't have any problems.</p>
<p>Do non-US students have a difficult time finding jobs in the US after the MBA program? How hard it is to obtain the working Visa?</p>	<p>It depends on the US government, the process for H1B visa is a lottery so we can't say too much about it. Companies sponsor visa but it also depends on many factors that we cannot control.</p>
<p>How do you evaluate GMAT scores from foreign students? I have this idea that, since English is not my native language, I could never compete with other American students. Also about that, how is the process and criterions to apply for a scholarship?</p>	<p>Hi, When we look at the GMAT or GRE, we are asking ourselves about your ability to thrive and contribute in the classroom - both from a quantitative standpoint as well as English. I bet you will have no problem - but it is not about competition. It is more about wanting to make sure you can both follow AND contribute in a fast-paced classroom discussion. To answer your other question: everyone is considered for scholarships when they apply. There are no specific criterion, but we look at merit and how you might contribute/add to the class. I hope that helps.</p>
<p>Concerning financial aid, are there any for Latin American students?</p>	<p>YES. Tuck offers financial aid to our admitted students as well as scholarship support. We realize this is an important investment for you and we try to do everything we can to help. We also have special Latin American scholarships.</p>
<p>Thanks for all the answers so far! Most of the graduates in the class of 2017 went on to jobs in consulting or financial services, which is expected as that is the case with most MBAs. Do you believe Tuck's program prepares students better for a certain type of industry? Does Tuck have a closer connection to companies in a certain industry?</p>	<p>Tuck core curriculum is very broad and prepares you to any industry. On the 2nd year you can have the experience you want by selecting the electives that would be more helpful in your career. I believe that you would be well prepared to any industry.</p>

<p>Ms Laca, can I take computational science in Engineering school within my MBA in Business School? Thanks</p>	<p>If a specific engineering class makes sense as part of your career goals, we can allow you to take a class at other graduate schools in place of a Tuck elective. ...but honestly, there is so much you can do at Tuck, that most people don't end up doing that. Many Tuck students also pursue independent studies as well as a way to combine specific interests.</p>
<p>What are the main activities in the winter months?</p>	<p>Hockey and skiing are very popular. Many students buy passes to Killington (a ski resort close to Hanover). Dartmouth also has a ski way that is very fun. We still have parties in the winter, nothing changes regarding social life.</p>
<p>How is social life at Tuck? Do you have a lot of social events? Do most of the interactions happen with grad students?</p>	<p>It's great!! Besides parties, we have small group dinners, sports activities. I love going to the alumni gym, it's a great sports facilities close to campus. Most interactions happen with grad students but if you want you can sign up to mentor an undergrad student.</p>
<p>Does Tuck try to create a connection between clubs? For example, a Latin American student may be in the international club and not in the energy club, but he or she might have some helpful knowledge about the energy topic, so people create important bonds that can motivate future networking and friendship. In other words, besides a small classroom and a small town, how Tuck helps in creating a strong community?</p>	<p>You can participate in as many clubs as you want. If you have previous knowledge or interest I'm sure that you can contribute and that people will be happy about it. This is not an issue at all. :)</p>
<p>Do you help poor colombians?</p>	<p>Yes! We have a strong relationship with ColFuturo that includes specific Tuck Colombian scholarships.</p>
<p>Does Tuck has a large community of international students?</p>	<p>I would say we are around 40% international students at Tuck, which I believe is the average for most MBA programs. Of course the number of people is smaller because we are a smaller program, but we still are a big part of the community.</p>
<p>Following up on the question about GMAT scores. Does Tuck look at the score in the integrated reasoning session? Some people say colleges will not consider that score whether it's great or terrible, is this true for you guys?</p>	<p>Yes, we look at and consider everything in the application.</p>

<p>I'm married and have a 4 months old baby girl. How is life at Tuck for a young family like mine?</p>	<p>I'm single and I live in the dorms but I can say that life for families at Tuck is great. We have many students with kids and partners here. Most of them live in sachem village where they have social activities for the kids. Partners also have an amazing experience, they have clubs and can also attend classes if they want to.</p>
<p>Swellen, following up on another question: how is life for the single MBAs? And how is life in the student dorms?</p>	<p>It's great!! We can enjoy many social activities and explore whatever you want. Living in the dorms is very convenient especially during the winter :)</p>
<p>I was thinking more from an engaging perspective. How does Tuck collaborate, outside the classroom, in getting everyone involved in the final goal: be a wise leader to better the world of business? :)</p>	<p>Tuck is such a personal experience. People who come to Tuck tend to be very active in the community. The interactions and collaborations are very natural.</p>
<p>If we are going to visit Tuck before applying, what do you think we could do to fully enjoy the experience?</p>	<p>Get in touch with the students and tell them that you are visiting. They can take you out and talk about their perspectives.</p> <p>Just come! You will have an amazing time and get to see if Tuck is the right place for you and your partner.</p>