
Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by Yazman - 2008/09/19 11:48

My undergraduate GPA isn't too great. However, I do have an MBA. What consideration do admissions offices give the graduate degree when the undergraduate GPA isn't stellar?? :(

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by sly - 2008/09/19 11:57

Your MBA is a soft factor. Law schools only use your UG GPA and LSAT to calculate your index score. Thats not to say that your MBA is not valulable.

Where is your MBA from? GPA for the MBA? What was your focus?

Soft factors are very valulable is your GPA and LSAT are marginal.

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by GelRon - 2008/09/19 12:01

Some schools use a formula based on your GPA and your LSAT score to calculate a number called the index number. They use that number in decisions: scores above a certain number will be auto-admits, scores below a certain number will be auto-dings. Schools come up with their own formulae.

So, for example, if a school's index formula is $LSAT+10*GPA$, then a 165/3.5 will give you an index number of 200. If that school has an auto-admit threshold of 190, then you are probably in; if the auto-deny threshold is 210, then you are probably out. Of course, each school is different.

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by jpol - 2008/09/20 14:55

I would think having a post graduate degree completed before you get to law school would be a pretty big plus?

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by Wizkid - 2008/09/21 13:52

How was your Isat score that might give you the boost you need?

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by Yazman - 2008/09/22 10:47

Thanks, MBA from University of St. Thomas, and focus was on finance. I haven't taken the LSAT yet, but I have taken practice exams which have put me at about 160-165.

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by sly - 2008/09/22 10:54

160-165 is solid. A high LSAT score can level the playing field on your application. Are you taking the Oct or Dec LSAT?

Also, what was your Ugrad GPA?

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by Yazman - 2008/09/22 11:02

2.6 in Journalism. I am sitting for the test in Oct.

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by sly - 2008/09/22 12:06

2.6 is a bit low. If there is a reason for the low GPA, I would attach a statement to the application (e.g. death in family, sickness, military duty, etc)

Nail a 165+ and you can probably get into a T-40, T -50 school. Do you have your top 5 pic?

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Re:Undergrad GPA not so good, MBA GPA ok

Posted by sly - 2008/09/22 12:08

I'd get some tutoring help just so you dont have to retake in Dec, Feb.

Kaplan and Princeton review have good online tutoring advice to polish your skills.

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