



XAVIER UNIVERSITY

MBA - URBAN MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the MBA-UMG Program about?

The MBA-UMG develops management expertise increasingly required in the urban sector. The Program has been instituted in consultation with industry leaders, to train specialized managers for city and public systems. Students develop the expertise in development and management of smart and sustainable city infrastructure, including financing, contracting and partnership arrangements for transportation systems, housing and real estate, housing finance, water and waste management, sustainable urban development, e-governance arrangements, urban environmental management, leisure and tourism management, and other areas.

2. How is the MBA-UMG program different from conventional MBA?

The MBA- UMG program equips the students with **vital urban sector domain knowledge *in addition to the functional area courses taught in regular MBA courses***. Thus the students learn specialised skills over and above conventional MBA and are therefore better equipped to deliver on urban tasks.

3. Who can apply for UMG Programs?

All graduates who have secured a minimum of 60% in the qualifying degree. Candidates with civil engineering, architecture, planning and geography are especially encouraged to apply.

4. Are applications for 2017-18 still open? What is the Last date for application?

Yes, aspiring candidates can apply online at www.xub.edu.in till 25th May 2017.

5. Why should I study MBA-UMG?

India is rapidly urbanizing and large numbers of jobs are being created which require urban sector domain expertise. MBA- UMG program was established based on specific industry feedback about professional skill shortages in this area, especially managerial skills.

6. What are the long-term prospects for MBA-UMG graduates?

Urban development is a sun-rise sector as urbanization is expected to accelerate in the next decades. Government policies are also increasingly emphasizing on building Smart Cities and developing urban infrastructure. So, the sector is expected to remain vibrant over a long period.

7. Where would MBA-UMG graduates get jobs?

Leading consulting firms, infrastructure development companies, Urban Development Authorities and various Government Departments, Special Purpose Agencies created Public-Private-Partnerships managing Smart Cities, NGOs, UN Organizations, International Development Agencies, Multilateral Agencies etc. among others.

8. Where can an MBA-UMG student find Summer Internship opportunities?

In the full range of firms mentioned above. The current batch of MBA UMG students are doing their SIP in leading companies and NGOs like Ernst and Young, Jones Lang La Salle, GIZ, Spectrum Technologies, CRISIL, Janagraha etc.

9. What is the Placement experience so far?

The MBA-UMG Program is in its second year and final placements will take place in 2018 February. The Summer Placements in the current year are with leading organizations, some of which are listed above. Also, the demand was substantial, with two opportunities available for each candidate.

10. Why is the MBA-UMG in the Xavier Center for Urban Management & Governance?

The Center was initiated in response to industry requests for development of professional capacities for the urban domain, prior to the establishment of the MBA-UMG Program. The first set of UMG Programs were incubated in the Center in 2016 while the necessary arrangements for a University School were still being made: the Programs will be under a full Habitat School under the University in this academic year.

11. What are the avenues for higher study after MBA-UMG?

Graduates of the MBA_UMG Program can go on to further study in Ph.D programs in a wide range of disciplines and topics, such as Urban development, Housing, Transportation, Public Policy, Planning, Governance, Urban Finance, Real Estate, and a host of others. Xavier University also offers an Integrated Ph.D and a Ph.D in Urban Management and Governance. For details, go to www.xub.edu.in or write to umg@xub.edu.in .

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