



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT SAMBALPUR

Admission Policy for the MBA 2026-28 Batch for Overseas Candidates

Definition of overseas candidate

Any Indian or foreign citizen, living, working or studying outside India during the period from January 1st, 2025, to February 28th, 2026, and for that reason is not able to appear for CAT 2025 scheduled on November 30th, 2025, will be considered to be an overseas candidate for admission to IIM Sambalpur for the MBA 2026-28 batch.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme, a candidate must have at least a Bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks awarded by any of the Universities incorporated by an act of the central or state legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The equivalence of the foreign degree needs to be certified by the Association of Indian Universities. The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate for the bachelor's degree would be calculated based on the practice followed by the university/institution from where the candidate has obtained the degree. In case the candidates are awarded grades/CGPA instead of marks, the conversion of grades/CGPA to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the university/ institution from where they have obtained the bachelor's degree. In case the university/ institution does not have any scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by dividing the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA and multiplying the result with 100.

Candidates appearing for the final year of Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification examination and those who have completed degree requirements and are awaiting results can also apply. If selected, such candidates will be allowed to join the programme provisionally, only if he/she submits a certificate at the time of joining from the Principal/Registrar of his/her College/Institute stating that the candidate has completed all the requirements for obtaining the Bachelor's degree/equivalent qualification on the date of the issue of the certificate.

GMAT Score

Candidates applying using their GMAT score should have a minimum score of 670 and be in the top 15 percentile bracket. The GMAT score should be valid for 2026.

Selection Criteria

1. GMAT score – 40% weight for the score exceeding the minimum required
2. Relevant work experience – 20% weight
3. Past academic performance – 10% weight
4. Personal interview – 30% weight

Application Process

1. The last date of application for overseas candidates is **February 1, 2026**
2. The candidate will have to apply via an email to admissionoffice@iimsambalpur.ac.in
 - a. Arrange to send a copy of the latest GMAT score certificate, valid for 2026
 - b. Attach self-attested copies of all the relevant academic certificates and marksheets (Class X, Class XII, graduation, etc.)
 - c. Attach all the supporting documents for establishing the validity of any relevant work-experience being claimed
 - d. Attach a copy of all the passport pages having official entries
3. The candidates will have to appear for a personal interview to be conducted by IIM Sambalpur in the online mode, tentatively in March or April 2026