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**Gies College  
of Business**

### Master of Science in Business Analytics



### Orientation and Getting Started FAQ

As you are making your preparations to start the MS Business Analytics program in August, here are some additional details about orientation and getting started.

#### Orientation

- The MSBA orientation is a 2-week onboarding experience where you and your new classmates will get to attend professional development workshops, career training, business fundamentals, along with teambuilding activities and social events. While the first week of orientation (starting August 8<sup>th</sup>) is optional, we strongly encourage you to attend as there will be many sessions you won't want to miss, such as the MSBA alumni panel and registration info session. *The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of orientation (beginning the morning of August 15<sup>th</sup>) is mandatory and it is expected that students attend in person.* Since many of the on-campus housing options in Champaign-Urbana (whether a private apartment or University Housing) don't offer move-in dates until closer to the first day of classes, we

provided you with some affordable options available to you for a portion of the MSBA orientation timeframe (provided in the [MSBA Orientation Housing Options](#) email).

- We are still working on the detailed schedule (we will share with you by the end of July). The 1<sup>st</sup> week on orientation is focused on getting to know classmates, campus tours, registration info session, and an alumni panel. The 2nd week of orientation is mandatory (in person) and will have our skills bootcamp- attendance will count for a small part of the grade in one of your first courses. There will be additional networking and campus resource activities planned during week 2. Please plan accordingly.
- Incoming MSBA students are not allowed to register for courses prior to orientation- registration will most likely open on August 12<sup>th</sup> (after our registration info session at orientation). You will have a seat saved in all core MSBA courses. We put holds on the accounts of every incoming MSBA student in order to prevent them from registering prior to orientation in August- this hold will be removed when you are allowed to register. We want to discuss the registration process and curriculum with students prior to opening up registration.

### **Preparatory Courses**

Incoming MSBA students are required to complete two quantitative preparatory courses ([Exploring and Producing Data for Business Decision Making](#) and [Inferential and Predictive Statistics for Business](#)) by **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. These will count for a small part of the grade in one of your first courses. **You will submit the certificates of completion at the beginning of orientation.**

You can find the email notification for these courses [here](#).

### **Admitted Student Final Credential Requirements**

Students are required to submit final, official credentials. To be considered official, an academic credential must:

- List the conferral of all degrees earned, the degree awarded date, and all coursework completed.
- Be certified or attested by the registrar or comparable official of the University, and
- Be received in a signed/sealed envelope from the institution.

Students will need their official credentials sent by institution(s) to the graduate college electronically (preferred) or by mailed to the following address:

*University of Illinois  
Graduate College  
507 E Green St, Suite 101  
Champaign, IL 61820  
USA*

For more details on the methods of sending credentials and general requirements, please visit: <https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/admitted-student-final-credential-requirements>.

Sincerely,

Amber Glynn  
Student and Academic Services



## Mark Your Calendar

June 1: Start accessing the Career Management Foundations course. Review checklist for more details.

Early June: "Get Ready for Gies" Virtual Event Series begins and will help orient you to campus life in a fun and informative way. More details to come.

Week of August 8: One-week optional in-person orientation activities. This will be a great opportunity to get to know your cohort! We will also have a registration info session this week where you can learn all about your classes and what to register for. More information to come. *Make sure to look into housing now to ensure move in before this date.*

Week of August 15: One-week in-person **mandatory** orientation begins. It is expected that all MSBA students arrive by August 15 in order to attend.

August 22: First day of classes



## Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the program, please email Amber Glynn at [aglynn1@illinois.edu](mailto:aglynn1@illinois.edu).

If you have any questions for our Career Services Team, please submit them [HERE](#).



## Things To Do

Complete New Graduate Student Checklist  
Claim your NetID  
Join the MSBA WhatsApp Group



## Important Links

International Student and Scholar Services  
University Financial Aid  
Housing: On campus/Off Campus  
Current COVID policies  
Gies MSBA Welcome website - Miss an email? Find it here!



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