

SHOULD YOU GO TO BUSINESS SCHOOL?

30 Questions to Ask Yourself

If you're a passionate individual trying to figure out the next step in your career, you may find yourself debating whether or not you should pursue an MBA. It could be a strong idea.

After all, an MBA is flexible and the skills taught in business school can be applied in almost every field. But, if you're settled into the workforce, you may be wondering if the financial burden is ultimately worth it.

If you're torn about whether or not an MBA makes sense for you, here are 30 questions to ask yourself to figure out if business school should be your next move.

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How many years have you taken off after college?

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Are you ready to go back to school?

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Have you led any significant projects at work?

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Would you enjoy studying economics, finance, and marketing extensively?

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Are you already thriving at work without a business degree?

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How is your GMAT score?

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Are you an entrepreneur, or would like the skill set to become one?

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Are you happy with your current income?

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If you've started your own business, is it doing well?

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Would an MBA help you switch to another industry you're passionate about?

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Do you require an MBA for a promotion you've always wanted?

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Do you have significant work experience?

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What skills do you have that might prove useful in a business setting?

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Have you worked at a consulting firm? Did you enjoy it?

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Do you only want to pursue an MBA for the money?

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Do you have other interests and could do without business school?

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What are you hoping to accomplish as a result of going to business school?

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Is business your one true passion?

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Can you afford to leave the workforce for 3 years?

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Do you have an undergraduate business degree?

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Do you want to expand your job prospects?

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Are you ready to spend thousands of dollars on a business degree?

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Would an MBA help you understand the business principles in your field better?

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Do you want to enhance your professional network?

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Does your ideal ten year plan involve a business-related field?

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Would your credentials and story help you stand out among a diverse pool of applicants?

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Do you enjoy financial analysis?

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Are there other avenues for learning what business school can teach you?

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Could you see yourself as the CEO of an international company some day?

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Do you ultimately see business school as a worthy investment?

After going through the questions, if you decide that business school isn't right for you, it's time to do some more soul searching and consider what you're actually passionate about.

But, if you believe that you could definitely thrive because of attending business school, go ahead and start preparing your application.

As with any other admissions process, you should aim to make yourself stand out as a candidate with strong skills, stories, and qualifications. Good luck!