IEOR Application FAQs

BEFORE

Q: Where can I get information on the IEOR graduate programs?
A: Please follow this link to IEOR Academic Programs.

Q: When will the application site be opened?
A: The online application site will be open: September 2015.

Q: Can you look at my CV and GRE scores and tell me if I qualify for admission?
A: The admissions committee does not assess the chances of admission. A complete application must be submitted before an application can be evaluated.

Q: Can I transfer credit from other institutions?
You cannot transfer credit from other institutions if you are seeking a Ph.D. degree. Up to six quarter units or four semester units of credit for work you have taken elsewhere can be credited toward the master's degree if (a) the work was taken in graduate status at an accredited institution, (b) it did not form part of a program for a degree previously awarded at Berkeley or elsewhere, and (c) the grade received was at least a "B" and the student's overall GPA at both institutions was at least 3.3. Acceptance is subject to the approval of the Graduate Division upon recommendation of the department concerned. Transfer of credit will not reduce your academic residence requirements or the required minimum of 200-series courses in the major field.

Q: Does IEOR department offer financial aid to incoming students?
A: A number of fellowships and assistantships are (almost exclusively) available to incoming PhD students. You do not need to apply for fellowships separately. All students applied before the financial aid deadline are considered for fellowships and teaching assistantship. In addition, research assistantships may be available to qualified incoming students if there are open positions. If you are interested in a research assistantship position with a faculty member, contact the faculty member individually after (not before) you are admitted.

Q: Are there other sources of financial aid?
A: Many organizations offer financial aid to US citizens and permanent residents. We encourage you to apply for all financial aid that you are eligible. Please see list of financial aid sources.

Q: Can I apply for Spring admission?
A: No. All applicants are for the Fall term only.

DURING
Q: What is the GRE/TOEFL institution code for U.C. Berkeley?
A: It is 4833.

Q: What is the GRE / TOEFL department code for the IEOR department?
A: There is no Department code for the GRE or TOEFL.

Q: My GRE verbal score is below 400. Should I apply to IEOR?
A: Although there is no official minimum verbal score for admission, students with verbal score less than 400 are admitted in exceptional cases if the student’s record is outstanding in all other aspects.

Q: My GRE quantitative score is below 700. Should I apply to IEOR?
A: Although there is no official minimum quantitative score for admission, no students with quantitative score less than 700 are admitted in the last few years.

Q: Should I take the GRE Subject test for admission to IEOR?
A: Although not required, we encourage applicants to submit a GRE Math Science Subject Test score.

Q: Does the Department require that I calculate and list my grade-point-average (GPA) on the application?
A: We require that all applicants (including international) calculate and submit their Cumulative GPA on the 4.0 scale. In addition, domestic students must calculate their Advanced GPA. International students, who need to convert their grades to the 4.0 system, may find the following pages helpful:

http://www.ieor.berkeley.edu/Admissions/Grad/GPAworksheet.pdf

Additional information and tables are listed here.

Q: Should I apply for the MS program or the PhD program?
A: If you are interested in working towards a PhD and already have an MS, you should apply for the PhD program. If you are interested in ending your studies with an MS degree, apply for that program. On rare occasions, students move from the MS to the PhD program, but this is the exception, not the rule.

AFTER

Q: I applied after the deadline. Will my late application be accepted?
A: Unfortunately, we cannot accept late applications.

Q: Will my supporting documents be accepted after the deadline?
A: All supplemental materials or supporting documents (Transcripts, 3 Letters of Recommendation, GRE, TOEFL Scores) are due the same day the application is due. We cannot guarantee that documents received after the deadline will be reviewed with your application.

Q: Will I be notified when my application arrives or is complete?
A: During our open hours, we will do our best to check and see if applications are complete. However, with the volume of applications we receive, it is improbable that we will be able to check on all the documents before the beginning of January. If you have turned in the following items, please know that your application is complete: a completed online application, the application fee, 3 letters of recommendation, uploaded transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (if applicable).
Q: How can I check on the status of my application and/or supporting documents?
A: If you would like to check your application status, or see exactly which documents have been processed for your application, please log on to your application.

Q: I want to replace an old document with a revised one. How do I do this?
A: Once you have submitted your application, you will no longer be able to update uploaded materials.

Q: I sent my GRE scores to the wrong department code. Will you be able to receive them?
A: As long as you sent it to a graduate program code at UC Berkeley (4833), we should be able to retrieve your scores which are sent to us electronically. We cannot retrieve scores sent to undergraduate programs.

Q: I sent my TOEFL to the wrong institution code. Will you be able to receive them?
A: As long as you sent it to a graduate program code at UC Berkeley (4833), we should be able to retrieve your scores which are sent to us electronically. We cannot retrieve scores sent to undergraduate programs.

Q: Can you check if you received my test scores?
A: All test scores received should be viewable by logging into your application.

Q: I've submitted my application. Can you please tell me if there are any other materials I am required to submit?
A: Please see the Required Materials section of the website.

Q: How do I accept/decline an offer of admission?
A: If you are recommended for admission by the department, the Graduate Division then completes a final review of your application and sends you instructions on how to accept or decline our offer.

Q: When can I expect to learn the admission decision?
A: The admissions committee usually starts evaluating the applications at the end of December. A thorough evaluation of hundreds of applications requires significant time. Most admission recommendations are made by mid-March. It may take up to two weeks for the departmental admission recommendations to be processed by the University. If you do not receive a reply on application from the University by April, please contact us at gradadm@ieor.berkeley.edu.

Q: Are applicants required to mail an official transcript to the school with their application?
A: No, applicants are not required to mail in an official transcript with their application. However, they are required to upload a transcript online. If they are accepted into the program, they will be contacted and instructed on submitting an official transcript.

Q: What are the application deadlines for the M.S. and Ph.D. Programs?
A: Application deadlines: December 4, 2015, Midnight, PST; Supplemental Material deadline: December 4, 2015, Midnight, PST.

Also, see the following URL: Graduate Programs & Application Deadlines

If you have a question not answered here, please contact us at gradadm@ieor.berkeley.edu.