

## CLEAR ADMIT School Snapshots

### Core Courses at Saïd

- Finance I
- Decision and Data Analytics
- Financial Reporting
- Strategy I
- Firms and Markets
- Leadership Fundamentals
- Marketing
- Operations Management

~33  
ELECTIVES

## Saïd BUSINESS SCHOOL

Saïd Business School, part of Oxford University, is located in the university town of Oxford in England. The school offers a one-year, full-time MBA program and a part-time Executive MBA program as well as two-year dual-degree options. Saïd is recognized for the opportunities it offers in the wider Oxford University, its international community of professors and students, and its emphasis on combining rigorous academic training with practical experience.

### ACADEMICS

#### Faculty

Saïd employs more than 60 professors, lecturers, readers and visiting professors who teach courses across the business school's 11 subject areas. Additional researchers from the University of Oxford support the initiatives of Saïd's eight research centers, which cover topics such as retail management, business taxation, and entrepreneurship and innovation.

#### Curriculum

Saïd breaks down the teaching methods for its courses into four separate categories: 25 percent case study, 40 percent lectures, 10 percent simulation and 25 percent team projects. The school prides itself on teaching courses in partnership with industry practitioners to ensure material is relevant to real-life situations.

The 12-month program begins with a formal induction in late September. Prior to that, students meet each other during a welcome reception and a team-building treasure hunt around the Oxford campus. Classes start at the beginning of October. Saïd structures its program into three terms of 10-week classes that stretch from October to June, referred to as the Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms. Students then select one of four summer options, followed by a two-week capstone course in September. There are two approximately month-long breaks in the winter and spring between the 10-week terms and a shorter break before the start of the summer session. During the spring break, students may elect to go on a one- to two-week student-led trek to visit alumni and recruiters located around the globe.

In the Michaelmas term, students take six required core courses, covering business fundamentals such as finance, decision-making, strategy, marketing and operations. Students are also divided into small study groups that reflect the diversity of the class; these groups review course material together throughout the term. Starting in January of the Hilary term, students complete two elective courses alongside two more required courses. Finally, in the Trinity term, students take five elective courses out of roughly 25 options, covering academic areas from private equity to retailing. During the summer, students can complete a four- to six-week strategic consulting project, or complete an eight- or nine-week internship while taking two shorter elective courses.

As part of Saïd's emphasis on applied learning, students



## Degree Offerings at Saïd

### Full-time MBA Program

[www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/mba](http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/mba)

### Oxford 1+1 MBA Program

[www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/1plus1](http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/1plus1)

### Executive MBA

[www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/emba](http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/programmes/degrees/emba)

must complete a one-week Entrepreneurship Project in the ninth week of the Hilary Term. In this project, students develop a business plan and then present it to a panel of investors. Students can gain further practical experience by working in teams during the summer on a Strategy Consulting Project for a corporate or non-profit sponsor. As of 2013, students can also take part in the newly launched Global Opportunities and Threats Oxford initiative.

## Other MBA Degree Options

Beyond the 12-month full-time MBA program, Saïd also offers a part-time Executive MBA program that takes place over 21 months. In addition, the school offers the Oxford 1+1 MBA program, which allows students to complete—in two years—an MBA and another master's from one of eight Oxford departments: the School of Geography and the Environment, the Department of Education, the Oxford Internet Institute, the Department of Computer Science, the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Department of Sociology, the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, the Faculty of History, or the Centre for Criminology. There are a total of 25 dual-degree options across the participating departments.

## CAMPUS LIFE

### Clubs, Conferences & Competitions

Saïd students are welcome to join the more than 200 clubs and societies established at Oxford. For instance, the Oxford Entrepreneurs club is currently the largest entrepreneur group in Europe. The club organizes speaker series, business plan competitions, a mentorship program, meetings with angel investors, and an incubation center for students interested in launching a business while at the University. Students may also participate in a full range of sporting activities, from organized club sports such as hockey or rugby to more casual games of cricket on the business school lawn. Oxford University's 38 colleges are another source of social activity and networking on campus. Every Saïd student is a member of one of the university's colleges, which are known for their individual identities. Colleges often compete against one another in athletic events and host musical and theatrical performances.

In conjunction with its students and centers, Saïd organizes a number of conferences each year. One such conference is Silicon Valley Comes to Oxford, an annual event that invites successful Silicon Valley entrepreneurs to Oxford to lead master classes, tutorials and panel discussions. The school also hosts the Oxford Private Equity Forum, which brings investors and advisors to campus to discuss challenges and opportunities within the global private equity industry.


In addition, students may participate in a number of entrepreneur-related competitions. For example, the Venture Capital Investment Competition allows students to evaluate and invest in actual companies, while the Saïd Business School Seed Fund invests in startups led by students and alumni.


## Campus Spaces

200+  
CLUB  
OFFERINGS

## Get in touch with Oxford

 MBA Office  
Saïd Business School  
Park End Street  
Oxford  
OX1 1HP  
UK

 +44 (0)1865 288800

 +44 (0)1865 288805

 [inq.applyyourself.com/?id=ox-sbs&pid=1791](http://inq.applyyourself.com/?id=ox-sbs&pid=1791)  
[www.sbs.ox.ac.uk](http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk)



# Great leaders rely on expert advisors.

## Shouldn't you?



### **MBA Admissions Consulting**

Clear Admit exclusively recommends Veritas Prep for MBA admissions consulting services.

Veritas Prep has a highly accomplished and diverse MBA admissions team that has helped applicants get into the most selective MBA programs around the world. Getting into these competitive business schools requires standing out from the pack, yet it also requires demonstrating fit with each of your target MBA programs.

Your Veritas Prep Head Consultant has insider experience at a top-tier business school, and has evaluated thousands of applications.

#### **Veritas Prep Helps You Stand Out**

- ✓ Present your candidacy in the most compelling and memorable way possible.
- ✓ Showcase the traits that top MBA programs are looking for.

#### **Veritas Prep Helps You Demonstrate Fit**

- ✓ Ensure that your applications are perfectly tailored to each school.
- ✓ Prove to the MBA admissions committee that you understand their school's culture and explain why you'll be a good fit.

#### **Multiple Ways to Work with Veritas Prep**

- ✓ With a School Package, you aren't paying for hours—they'll work with you until each of your applications is completed.
- ✓ Choose among hourly consulting packages, Essay Excellence Service and Mock Interview services, too.

## **Sign up for a free consultation**

and a complete assessment of your MBA candidacy!

**Fill out our online form at**  
**[www.clearadmit.com/services/free-consultation](http://www.clearadmit.com/services/free-consultation).**

**Can't wait? Talk to an admissions expert directly at 310.295.2098!**

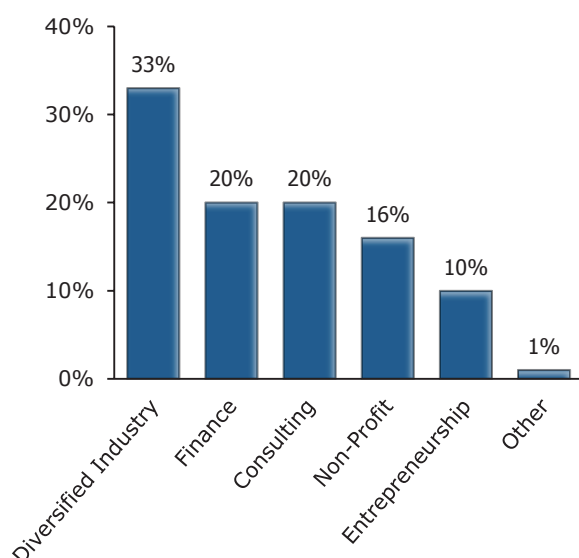
Curious about your chances at Saïd?  
Contact Veritas Prep for a free assessment!  
+1-310-295-2098  
[clearadmit.com/services/free-consultation](http://clearadmit.com/services/free-consultation)

The Saïd Business School building opened in 2001 and houses most of the MBA program. The building, arranged around an open courtyard, encompasses four lecture theaters, a common room, a 300-seat auditorium, an outdoor amphitheater and multiple seminar and project rooms. The two-story Sainsbury Library is also located in the building and offers two reading rooms for both quiet study and group work.

The Thatcher Business Education Centre opened in 2013 at Saïd, made possible by a recent donation of £15 million by the school's original benefactor, Wafic Saïd. With its formal opening ceremony taken place early in 2013, the facility has allowed the business school to expand its teaching and executive education operations.

Housing is not guaranteed, and students may accept accommodations offered by their college. Saïd students may opt into one of seven colleges exclusively for graduate students or one of the 30 colleges and six private halls for undergraduate or graduate students. Students also have the option of renting rooms off campus.

## Post-MBA Industry Placement



## POST-MBA

### Career Services

Saïd's Careers Service helps students with their job search, prepping for interviews and building their career-related skills. Senior executives specializing in different industries serve as sector consultants, offering expert advice to students in panel discussions and one-on-one meetings. Careers Service also organizes industry panels, case study workshops, and workshops on résumés, networking and interviewing. Roughly 80 companies visit Saïd each year to give corporate presentations, participate in career panel discussions, and recruit students for internships and full-time employment.

### Career Statistics

For the class graduating in 2013, Saïd states that out of the 166 graduates who reported back to the school, 89% had secured employment within three months after graduating. The average salary was £60,589.

Of those who found employment, 20% went into consulting and financial services each. Sixteen percent joined the non-profit sector, while 10% pursued entrepreneurial opportunities. The remaining took places in diversified industry. Companies that hired two or more students from the graduating Class of 2013 include Amazon, PwC, Accenture, KPMG and McKinsey & Company.

## ADMISSIONS

### The Class Profile

Saïd's MBA class that entered in the fall of 2014 was comprised of 230 students. The average GMAT score of the class was 692. At the time of matriculation, the average student in the class was 28 years old and had completed five years of work experience. A full 16% of students came to Saïd from the consulting sector, while 20% had previously worked in financial services and 9% in the technology industry. Smaller

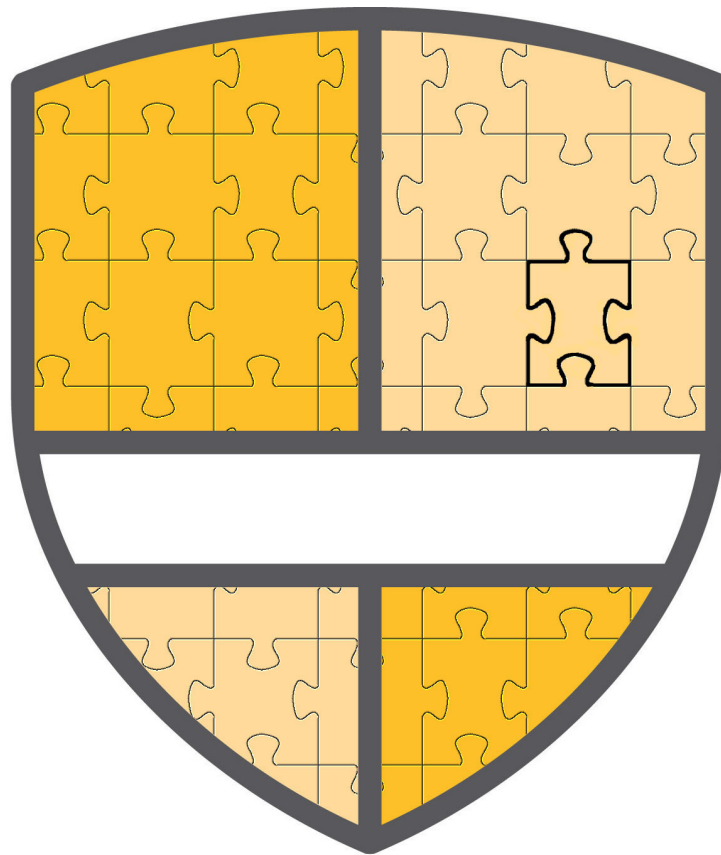
Average Age	Average GMAT	Avg. Years of Work Experience
28	692	5



**The 'snapshot' is only one piece of the puzzle.**



**Get the full picture in the Clear Admit School Guide.**

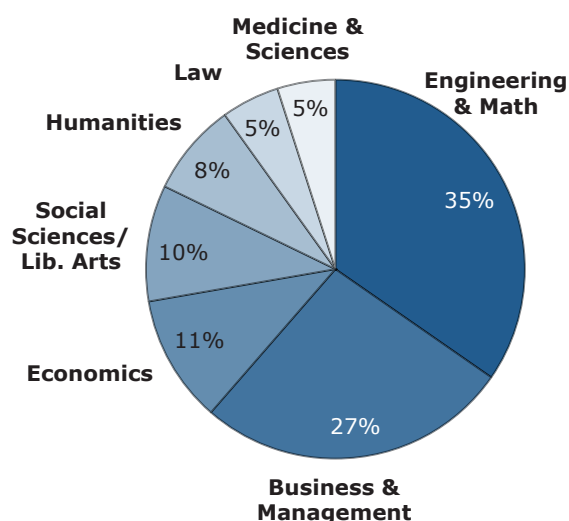


**Download these comprehensive guides in our shop!**

Anderson School of Management, Chicago Booth School of Business, Columbia Business School, Darden School of Business, Fuqua School of Business, McDonough School of Business, Haas School of Business, Harvard Business School, IESE, INSEAD, Indian School of Business, S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management, Judge Business School, Kellogg School of Management, Kenan-Flagler Business School, London Business School, USC Marshall School of Business, McCombs School of Business, MIT Sloan School of Management, NYU Stern School of Business, Ross School of Business, Said Business School, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Tepper School of Business, Tuck School of Business, Wharton School, Yale School of Management



## Undergraduate Majors



numbers of students had pre-MBA careers in media and entertainment, consumer products and non-profits sectors, among others. Thirty-five percent of students in the entering Class of 2015 hold undergraduate degrees in maths or engineering, while 27% studied business or management. Only 8% of the class pursued the humanities during college, 11% have academic backgrounds in economics, and 5% hold degrees in medicine or science.

A full 95% of the students who began Saïd's MBA program in 2014 are international. Close to a quarter of the class comes from North America, while 23% of students hail from Central Asia, 15% from Europe and 8% from Eastern Asia. Eleven percent of students are dual citizens, and women make up 33% of the class.

## Application Procedures

Applicants to Saïd may apply in one of six stages, which take place in mid-September, mid-October, mid-January and mid-March, late April and late May. However, the school strongly recommends applying early. To apply, candidates must submit academic transcripts, a GMAT score, a CV, an online application form, two academic or professional references, three essays and a £150 application fee. Applicants who are non-native English speakers should also send in a TOEFL or IELTS. Once applications are completed, the admissions committee invites selected candidates to interview in person at Oxford, at overseas Information Events or via Skype with a faculty member, sector consultant or senior administration member. Interviews are required for admission.

## Application Checklist

- ☐ Online Application Form
- ☐ GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS
- ☐ CV
- ☐ Application Fee of £150
- ☐ Two References
- ☐ Academic Transcripts
- ☐ Essays

## FINANCING

Course fees for the MBA program for 2015 to 2016 are £47,925. Saïd notes that students should also budget between £11,408 and £16,854 for living expenses and course materials. Four scholarships are offered by Saïd: the Saïd Business School Scholarship, which covers full tuition fees and living expenses for selected students with impressive academic and work accomplishments; the Saïd Foundation Scholarship for female students, which covers up to £45,000 of tuition for two outstanding female candidates; and the Skoll Scholarship, which covers tuition and offers a living expenses allowance for students with a record of social entrepreneurship. The school offers up to £15,000 to each admitted female student, through the Forte Foundation. Students may also seek out scholarship awards through the larger Oxford University. For students planning on using loans to finance their degree, Prodigy Finance offers a loan capped at £47,925 to all full-time MBA students. Saïd encourages its international students to investigate the private, government and nonprofit lenders available in their native regions and countries.

## Program Tuition (one year)

Course Fees	£47,925
Living Expenses	£11,408 - £16,854
<b>Total</b>	<b>£59,333 – £64,779</b>

Enjoying this 'snapshot' of Saïd? Read our full report and become an expert on their MBA program overnight! Download the Clear Admit School Guide to Saïd here.



# Applying to business school?

## Learn more from Clear Admit!



The Leading Independent  
Resource for Top-tier MBA  
Candidates

Visit our website: [www.clearadmit.com](http://www.clearadmit.com)

Stay up-to-date with the latest news on the world's best business schools  
and sharpen your approach to your applications with insider advice on MBA admissions

Want this information--and more exclusive content--delivered straight to your inbox?  
**Sign up for our Newsletter**

Check out our unique offerings to guide you through every step of the admissions process...

### Publications

From a school's curriculum to universal b-school strategy, each of our publications series provide a centralized source of information that is crucial to an effective application.



### Live Wire

Track the ebb and flow of admissions decisions with Live Wire: application results in real time, submitted by site visitors.

Application results in real time, submitted by site visitors.

All Schools ▾ All Rounds ▾

- Accepted to **Yale SOM**
- Waitlisted at **Harvard Business School**
- Interview Invited at **UT Austin/McCombs**
- Rejected at **Cornell / Johnson**
- Accepted to **Yale SOM**
- Waitlisted at **Harvard Business School**

### Interview Archive

Receive an invitation for an interview? We have collected thousands of interview reports from MBA candidates. Sort reports by school and know what to expect in your admissions interview.



...and come find us on social media

