The Opportunities and Application Process of Graduate Study in the United States



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Outline

- Introduction
- Opportunities (Specifically MBA)
- Application Process (Process, costs, scholarships/funding, visas, fit)
- Questions



Before looking for a degree in America...

- Ask yourselves:
 - What do you want to do?
 - Where do you want to do it?
 - How important is prestige?
 - College or University?
 - Public or Private?
- Check school websites for more information
 - Information sessions that you can attend online



College vs. University

College

- Generally smaller (could be part of a university)
- Usually has less majors to choose from

University

Generally larger

 Usually has more majors to choose from



State vs. Private

State

- Generally Cheaper (still expensive by European standards)
- Generally Less
 Prestigious (still prestigious though)

<u>Private</u>

Generally Expensive

 Generally More Prestigious (Think Harvard)



What is a MBA?

- MBA = Master of Business Administration
- Degree covers various aspects of business including: accounting, finance, marketing, human resources, etc.
- Usually need to take either <u>GMAT</u> (Graduate Management Admission Test) or <u>GRE</u> (Graduate Record Examination)



Similar Degrees

- Master of Science in Management (MSc)
 - Very similar to MBA; some differences → usually requires no prior work experience, usually more theory focused, more research focused.
- Master of Finance (MFin)
 - For example, would prepare you to work in an investment/corporate bank, insurance companies, finance-related departments of government.
- Master of Accounting (MAcc)



Usually how long are the programs?

- Full-time study → 2 years
- Part-time study → 3 years +
 - Can work at the same time to help finance study
- Distance Learning

 Take classes online
- Hybrid → Online and face to face



Tutorial: University at Buffalo

- State University of New York at Buffalo:
 - "Additional steps for International Applicants":





What jobs can I get with an MBA?

- Just a few "hot jobs":
 - Operations research analyst
 - IT manager
 - Management analyst
 - Financial analyst
 - Human Resources Specialist
 - Information Security Analyst

Courtesy of: usnews.com



ALWAYS, ALWAYS check the specifics of each program.

All programs are different and may have different requirements for application.



Erasmus Programs

- University of Rzeszow offers exchange programs in business, for example: Budapest Business School (Hungary) and Jade Hochschule – University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- Check the list of partner universities on the University of Rzeszow website: http://www.ur.edu.pl/en/university/erasmus/partner-universities

Finding the right fit

Let's put the "U" in "University"



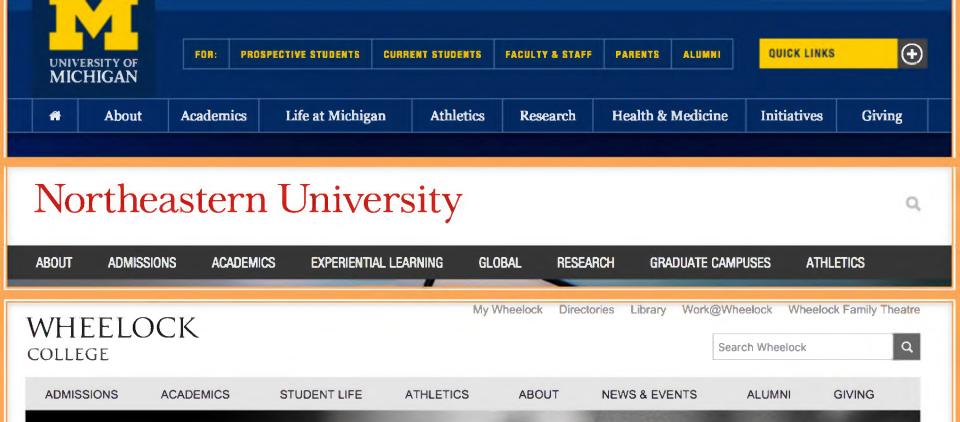
- Academic programs
- Location (fit)
- Cost
- Job placement after graduation

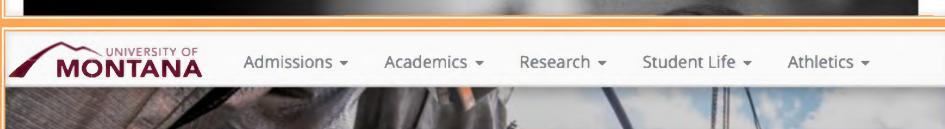


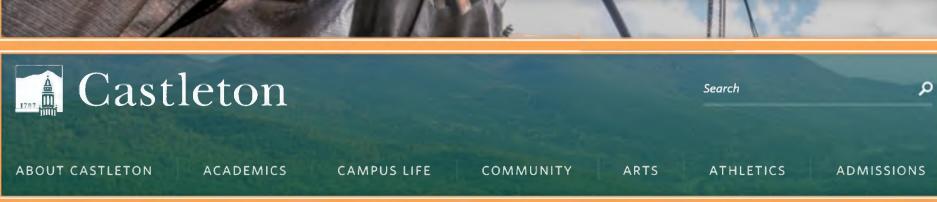
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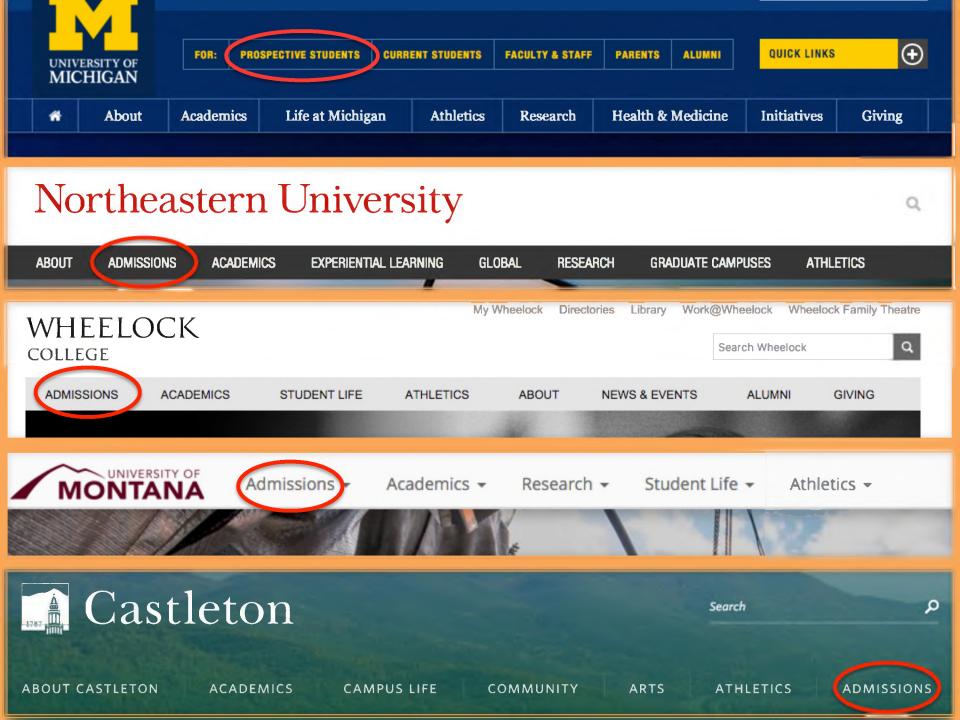
- International Support Office?
- Online info session / Skype meeting with current students
- Student Life on Campus?
 - Accommodations
- Location
 - Seasons
 - Public Transit
- Faculty

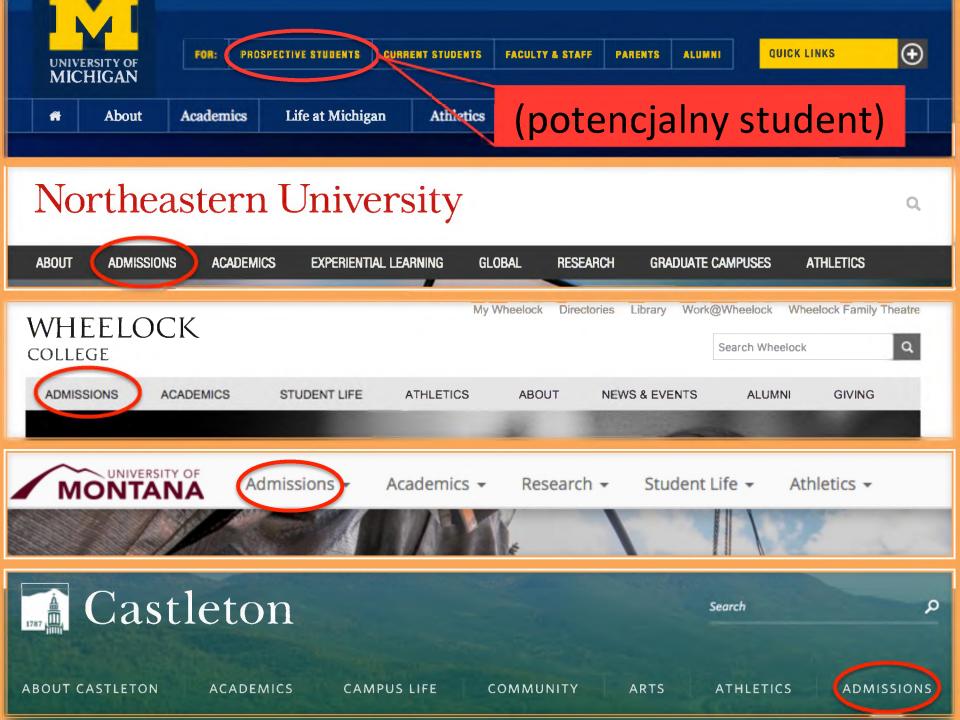


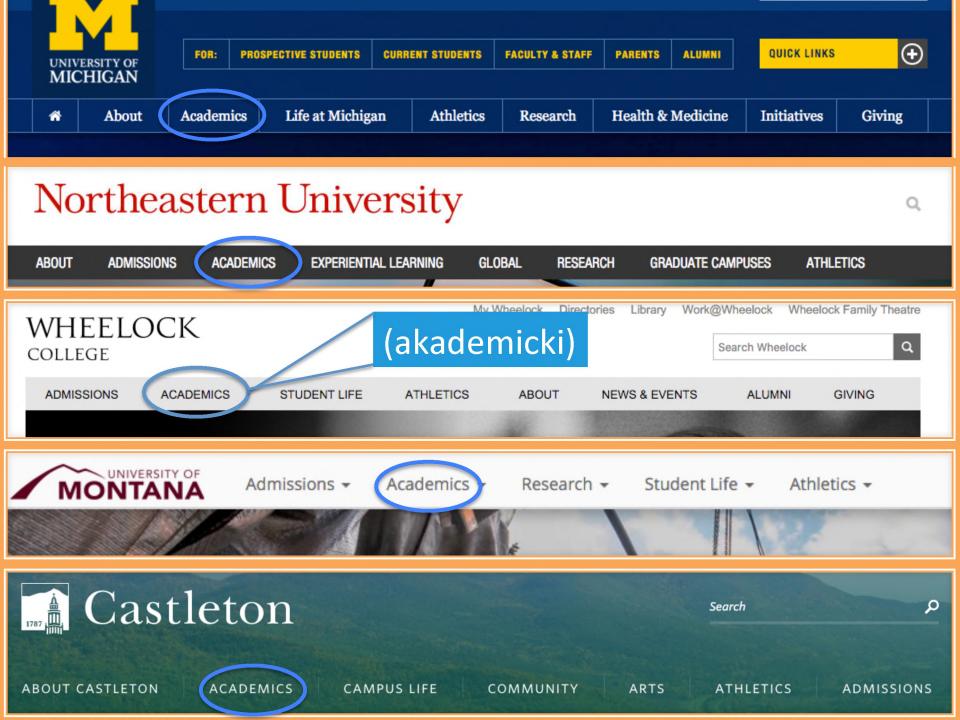














INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS

The Castleton English Language Institute Undergraduate Degree Programs Graduate Degree Programs

Your Photo Here

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

EMAIL: international@castleton.edu

Mail: International Student Office

Castleton University 86 Seminary Street Castleton, Vermont 05735 U.S.A.

Fax: 802-468-1476

PHONE: Toll-free inside U.S. (800) 639-8521; Office (802) 468-1371

WEB: www.castleton.edu/admissions

1. PERSONAL AND VISA INFORMATION

Full Legal Name _					
	Last Hame/Family Name/ Surname	Fast Nam	e/Geren Name	Thelia	
Permanent Home	Address (non-U.S. address)				
		Street, Aparlment Number or Spi	ecific Locations (NOT 80 Box A	d chress)	
City		Prevince/State	Country	Postal Code	
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City		Province/State	Country	Postal Code	
Home phone (Country		Cell phone () Country code	E-mait		
Country of birth _	Country of crizenship Date of birth [month/date/year]				
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Have you ever obt	ained a U.S. Visa before? Yes	No If Yes, what visa typ	e	When	
Do you have a U.S	. citizenship or green card? Yes	No Other (please spec	=ly)		
If you was accessed by	on the LLC what is securious to	pe? (F-1, F-2, J-1, J-2, B-2, B-1, H1B, F	14 1		
ii you are currently	y in the O.S, what is your visa typ	ger (F1, F12, J1, J12, B12, B11, F11B, F	14		
If you are currently	y an international student in the	U.S., please indicate the U.S. schoo	whase I-20 or OS-2019	you presently hold:	





6. EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

We encourage you to submit a resume. Please list extra-curricular, community service, and/or volunteer, activities in which you have been involved. Are you interested in participating in varsity sports at Castleton? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, please indicate from the list: Female: _ Alpine Skiing ____ Lacrosse Male: ____ Alpine Skiing __ Ice Hockey Nordic Skiing
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field ____ Baseball Basketball _____ Lacrosse ____ Basketball ____ Nordic Skiing Cross Country ____ Cross Country _ Field Hockey Soccer ____ Football Golf __ Tennis ____ Track and Field Lice Hockey Golf Volleyball List your recent employment history (employer, position, city/state/province, dates started/completed.) 7. FAMILY INFORMATION Father's Name Mother's Name Occupation ___ _ Employer ____ Employer _ Degree Earned ____ Degree Earned __ Parents' current marital status: Married _____ Single ____ Separated ____ Divorced ____ Widow/widower ____ How many siblings do you have? ____ How many are still in school? ____ If you have relative[s] in the US, please list their names, their relationship to you and their U.S. address. 8. HOUSING It is a condition of admission that all new students who do not commute from home must live in the college residence halls and participate in a college meal plan. Please check one: I will be living on campus ____ I will be commuting from my parents' home/or my home ____ If I can receive permission to do so, I would like to live off campus. Enclose a letter requesting permission and detailing my reasons. 9. ESSAY your full name and date of birth.

The essay is an important part of your application to Castleton and helps us to evaluate your motivation and potential for college-level work beyond grades and standardized tests. Please submit on a separate sheet of paper a typed essay of at least 250 words and be sure to include

First Year Students: We encourage you to submit an essay on the topic of your choice. You are welcome to use the following suggestions.

- Discuss your motivation for pursuing college-level study, addressing your personal interests and career goals.
- Describe an independent study, community service project, internships, or senior project that you have completed or are pursuing during your high school career that involves at least a semester's worth of work, In addition to describing your topic, explain the process your work follows, what you found most challenging, and if you hope to pursue any aspect of this project at the college-level. Feel free to attach an official summary or proposal of your project.

· Explain your learning experience at your current or last college or university. Explain how Castleton University fits into your academic and future goals.

Graduate Applicant

Two recommendation letters, a current resume, and a written statement (limited to 250 words)



10. NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Every member of Castleton should work to ensure non-discriminatory processes and practices with faculty, staff, and students.

Qualified students are recruited for, admitted to, and participate in all college programs without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability. The college will provide reasonable accommodations to create equal opportunity for students with known disabilities.

Faculty, administrators, and staff are employed without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job requirements. The college will make reasonable accommodations to the known disability of an otherwise qualified applicant or employee. Additionally, the college will engage in affirmative efforts to recruit, admit, and support students, and to recruit, employ, and support employees, in order to achieve the diversity which advances the educational mission.

Castleton University complies with State and Federal Laws related to equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Any question or complaint about potential or perceived discrimination in violation of any state or federal law should be directed to Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, Woodruff Hall, (802) 468-1208; or the Vermont State Colleges Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier; or the Vermont Office of the Attorney General; or the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission in Washington, D.C.

Please contact Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, if auxiliary aid or service is needed to apply for admission or employment.

11. STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW CAMPUS CRIME

The United States Department of Education requires colleges and universities to make available annual statistics on our students' continuation and graduation rates. Contact the Admissions or Communication Office for this information. Additionally Castleton's annual security report provides information about the operation of the College's Public Safety Department; college safety and security, alcohol and drug, and sexual assault policies; and campus crime statistics for a variety of crimes including murder, manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, along with information regarding on-campus alcohol, drug, and weapons violations. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Admissions, Business, Communications, Public Safety, and Registrar's Office.

12. I HEREBY DECLARE

I understand that, if admitted, I will be required to submit a completed health form including a record of immunizations as required by Vermont State Statute, in order to register for classes.

I understand that Castleton University may wish from time to time to provide public notice of certain student accomplishments and/or to use photographs of students for publications in various types of college promotional material. I do hereby give my permission to Castleton University to provide public notice of my accomplishments as it may feel appropriate, and/or to use my photograph, without compensation, in published promotional material. If you do not grant permission, please attach a signed letter requesting us to withhold public use of name and photo. Not attaching a note signifies acceptance.

Credits earned at the Vermont State Colleges are transferable to other colleges or universities only at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Information provided on the Application Form will be released to other Vermont State Colleges for admission purposes. In consideration of the undertaking by the Admissions Office to process this form, the undersigned agree that the information furnished on this application for admission form, together with all information and materials of any kind received by the Admissions Office from any source, or prepared by anyone at its request, shall be completely confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided by PL 93-380 "Family Rights and Privacy Act."

I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to or continuation at Castleton University. With this in mind, I certify that the above statements are correct and complete.

Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent's/Guardian's Signature (If an applicant is under 18 years of age)	Date

 $Please\ enclose\ a\ \$40\ application\ fee,\ payable\ by\ check\ or\ money\ order\ to\ Castleton\ Universrity.$





Cost of Studying in the U.S.

- <u>Most</u> students need additional funding
- Universities are very motivated to recruit international students—ASK FOR HELP
- Masters? Ask for about assistantships
 - You're awesome!
 - There are ways to get a Masters debt free
- Doctoral?



Examples of Financial Aid

- Teaching Assistant (TA)
 - Various topics of study
- Graduate Assistantship (GA)
 - Housing
 - Activities
 - Coaching
 - Research Assistant
- Financial Aid (Fulbright?)
- Merit Based



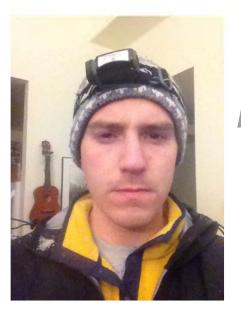
TOEFL, Visa, GRE...

- International applicants are required to provide different information than U.S. students
- http://www.ustraveldocs.com/pl/pl-niv-visaapply.asp
- You will need a student visa
- Again, your admissions counselor is the point person to direct questions (this is their job and they are happy to help!)
- GRE
- ETS.org



Application Deadlines

- Rolling admission vs. Application deadline
- Give yourself extra time
- Ask someone to proof read for you



Kevin advice: ask if they can waive the application fee (why not?)



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