

# UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

## BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of school	Private
Affiliation	No Affiliation
Academic calendar	Semester

### SURVEY SAYS...

Happy students  
*Solid preparation in:*  
 General management

### STUDENTS

Enrollment of parent institution	6,992
Enrollment of MBA Program	386
% male/female	53/47
% out-of-state	17
% part-time	86
% underrepresented minority	7
% international	15
Average age at entry	33
Average years work experience at entry	5.0

### ACADEMICS

<b>Academic Experience Rating</b>	<b>82</b>
Profs interesting rating	78
Profs accessible rating	75
Student/faculty ratio	10:1
% female faculty	31
% underrepresented minority faculty	18
% part-time faculty	13

### Joint Degrees

E2M (MBA & ME Engineering) (2–4 years); MBA/MSAT (2–3 years)

### Prominent Alumni

David Cordani, CEO, CIGNA Corporation; Patrick Tannock, President, XL Insurance Bermuda; Debra Palermينو, Executive Vice President, MassMutual; Timothy Leissner, Chairman Asia, Goldman Sachs; Mark Lieb, President & CEO Spectrum Asset Management; Peter DuBois, Chief Information Officer and Vice President, Stanley Black & Decker

### Academics

One student says of the decision to get an MBA from the University of Hartford: "I needed a place that saw my time as a two-way street." UH distinguishes itself in its "good reputation in insurance," "dual degree master's in mechanical engineering and MBA," and its location in the job-rich Northeast corridor. Its "small classes" make it "easy to get into the classes you want," while the program's format and schedule offers "flexibility and accommodation to students who work full time." The "Barney School of Business faculty are a group of highly respected individuals because of their teaching skills and business experience," as well as their "excellent comprehension of future trends" and their ability to "adapt to the needs of up and coming young professionals." "Most of the professors are outstanding, experienced and updated in recent changes, and motivated." The "administration is helpful and prompt," and "takes pride in the experience its students have during their matriculation here." UH students themselves are "experienced in their respective fields," as well as "intelligent and participative in discussions." "There is . . . a good mix of professional backgrounds in the student body itself, which lends itself to applying the lessons to the real world, no matter what industry is represented in the class." Overall, the learning "atmosphere is very good" and the "instructors have great experience." But don't expect UH academics to be easy: "Students do not get a free pass if they aren't up to the challenge."

### Career and Placement

UH's location in Hartford puts it within a stone's throw of some very large and influential employers—United Technologies Corporation, The Hartford, Aetna, and more. "Cigna has a partnership with the University," and UH is considered "very credible especially in the Hartford area." As such, many local students choose UH because "their company is paying for it," but whether your employer can invest in your education or not, the UH "MBA program is affordable and has great recognition in the area." UH's faculty is another asset to students' job searches past graduation: "The professors—all PhDs—have the actualized knowledge because all of them do research work and are involved with practical projects in different companies of diverse industries." Both UH students and faculty comprise "a globe-representing swath of backgrounds, positions, and experiences." UH's MBA program may be especially attractive to undergraduate business students: "The University of Hartford allowed me to expedite my graduate studies by allowing me to waive certain core courses which I had shown skill in (the undergraduate equivalents)."

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### ***Student Life and Environment***

The University of Hartford “seems very much like a commuter school” because its students are balancing many different things. UH MBAs “come from varied backgrounds and stages in life” to comprise “a diverse mix, representing the globe.” The “casual, close-knit” student atmosphere fosters camaraderie between classmates who are “always willing to support” each other “academically and professionally.” Many students are “middle aged, have family or familial responsibilities, in a full time job and looking to improve themselves,” and others are “young professionals trying to improve themselves.” Either way, UH’s “flexible study schedule and relatively lower cost of tuition” is widely appealing to its students of all ages and stages. “Sports, arts and entertainment activities are available for different kinds of expectations. There are several restaurants on the campus and the grounds are green and maintained.” Even though it’s commuter-heavy, “life is social here,” and there are “lots of good free lectures on campus” for students to enjoy.

### ***Admissions***

The University of Hartford is popular for its relatively flexible GMAT requirement: Professionals with at least three years of work experience may apply and interview for a GMAT waiver, which the university says “may be granted in appropriate circumstances.” UH undergrads, and business majors from other undergraduate programs, should read the fine print of UH’s MBA course requirements to see if they qualify for any other waivers in required courses. All MBA applications must include an online application form, official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a résumé, and a letter of intent, as well as, in most cases, GMAT results.

### **FINANCIAL FACTS**

Annual tuition	\$11,520
Fees	\$327
Cost of books	\$800
% of students receiving aid	22
% of first-year students receiving aid	65
% of students receiving grants	9
Average award package	\$15,555
Average grant	\$5,423
Average loan	\$16,165
Average student loan debt	\$25,934

### **ADMISSIONS**

<b>Admissions Selectivity Rating</b>	<b>83</b>
# of applications received	360
% applicants accepted	57
% acceptees attending	80
Average GMAT	540
Range of GMAT	480–720
Accepts GRE scores	Yes
Average GPA	3.6
TOEFL required of international students	Yes
Minimum TOEFL (web)	80
Application fee	\$50
International application fee	\$0
Deferment available	Yes
Maximum length of deferment	1 year
Transfer students accepted	Yes
Transfer application policy	Based on Individual Cases.
Non-fall admissions	Yes
Need-blind admissions	Yes