

Policy on International Trip for AMBA and SMBA:

The Saturday MBA and the Accelerated Daytime MBA programs include a three-unit, one-week, mandatory international trip at the end of the program. Students work with local businesses that face critical international issues. They prepare for the trip through pre-trip work researching specific industries, cultural characteristics, and political events relevant to international business in the region. During the trip students engage in lively case discussions on topics ranging from the financial crisis to entrepreneurial activities. Countries that we have visited include Argentina, Chile, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, and Spain.

When applying for the program, students must keep in mind that the international experience is integrated into the curriculum for the trip with their respective cohort. The in-country costs are included in the tuition paid by the student. The travel to and from the country and incidentals such as transportation to and from the airport, some meals, etc. are not included in the tuition.

Students are expected to be part of the international trip. Conditions under which a student could be excused from going on the trip include the following:

- A legal reason such as pending trial, etc.
- Legitimate VISA issues. Students are expected to ensure that their visas allow for international travel. Students must demonstrate the cause of a possible problem in a timely manner.
- Sudden severe financial hardship, such as loss of employment. Students are expected to budget for the trip well in advance to avoid last minute financial difficulties.
- A sudden and unexpected medical condition with the documentation of a physician.