

Admission FAQs

1. Is this a distance-learning program?

No. This is an in-class program where you get to interact face to face with IIM Trichy faculty.

2. What degree will I earn?

You will receive an MBA Degree on successful completion of the program requirements.

3. Will I be treated as an alumnus of IIM Trichy?

Yes, all PGPBM students are inducted into the alumni association of IIM Trichy after the Convocation. They are also entitled to all the privileges of an IIM Trichy alumnus.

4. What is the duration of the program?

The program duration is 24 months with a provision to be completed in 21 months. Classes commence in August 2020 and get over in August 2022. The Convocation for the 2020-22 batch will be held in March 2023 and students completing all requirements by August 2022 will be provided with a provisional certificate on request.

5. How is this program different from the two-year PGP?

The PGPBM is an in-class, non-residential program designed specifically for the needs of working executives. The program is designed in such a way that students can learn the concepts in-class, test certain aspects of the learning at their workplace, and revise and re-define the concepts based on such an experience. While the PGPBM is similar to the two-year PGP in terms of the number of credits and courses, the primary difference is that the PGP is a regular, residential program while the PGPBM has classes conducted on three days of the week.

6. Who will teach in the program?

The faculty comprises of permanent, visiting, and guest faculty of IIM Trichy. The full-time faculty of IIM Trichy have earned their doctoral degrees from leading institutions in India and abroad. For a complete profile of the faculty, please visit the following link: <https://www.iimtrichy.ac.in/faculty-profile>

7. Would the infrastructure of the Chennai Centre match that of the IIM Trichy campus?

IIM Trichy strives to provide its students with the best of facilities at all its campuses. The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at the Chennai Centre aims to be a source of information and knowledge for students, faculty and other stakeholders. The LRC hosts a vast collection of books, research journals, magazines and newspapers in the field of management and social sciences, from India and across the world. It provides access to leading electronic repositories of research journals, books, a database on industries and companies, and leading statistical software packages.

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8. Will my Degree be awarded at IIM Trichy Convocation?

Yes, PGPBM is one of the degree-granting programs of IIM Trichy, and the graduating class will be awarded their degree at the annual Convocation in March, along with the graduating class of PGP, FPM and other programs.

9. Will I receive any placement assistance?

As PGPBM is specifically designed for working executives, there are no formal placements in the program.

10. What are the contact hours of this program?

PGPBM involves a total of approximately 800 classroom contact hours spread over 24 months.

11. When are the classes conducted?

Classes are conducted on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. Depending upon the batch preference for a wide range of elective courses, classes may also be scheduled on Sunday evenings for convenience.

12. Would I have access to the infrastructure facilities at the IIM Trichy campus?

Yes. Students are allowed to use the physical infrastructure facilities at the IIM Trichy campus including the library, computer facilities, digital resources, databases etc.

13. What are the learning resources available at IIM Trichy?

Apart from a fast-growing collection of books, the Learning Resource Centre at IIM Trichy campus has access to the following electronic databases:

ABI Inform Complete

CMIE full package (includes Business Beacon, CapEx, Prowess, Economic Intelligence, India Trade, Indian Harvest, Industry Analysis Service and States of India)

EBSCO Business Source Complete

ScienceDirect

Financial Times Education

Full access to HBR cases, articles, books, simulation games etc.

JSTOR

Manupatra.com

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14. How much is the tuition fee for the program?

The total fee for the program is Rs.11.90 lakhs to be paid in nine instalments. This consolidated fee is made up of Tuition, Library, Case Permission Royalty, Textbooks, Academic Course Pack, Examination, and Alumni Activity. In addition to this, there will be a caution deposit of Rs. 10,000/-, which is refundable on graduation/withdrawal from the program. The fee is for the total course and is not linked to the number of terms. However, for ease of payment, the course fee is structured to be paid in nine instalments.

15. Am I eligible for bank loans?

Educational loans from State Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda are available at concessional rates.

16. I am an entrepreneur/self-employed running my firm/practice. Am I eligible to apply?

In keeping with its vision, IIM Trichy strongly encourages candidates with an entrepreneurial mindset to apply for the program. A candidate otherwise fulfilling the requirements of minimum educational attainment and is self-employed in an entrepreneurial venture for at least three years is eligible to apply, subject to the condition that the entrepreneurial venture is registered with a statutory body, and the candidate is listed as one of the promoters.

17. I am sponsored by my organization. Do I still need to go through the admission process?

Yes. All candidates need to meet the eligibility criteria and undergo the entire admission process to be eligible for admissions. Sponsored candidates will be given preference, other things remaining equal.

18. Is it possible to apply for the PGPBM program without currently being employed?

Yes. But students who are not currently employed may face challenges in availing loans to manage the course fee.

19. I enrolled in an MBA program and discontinued it after a few days. Can I waive any previously completed courses or apply for credits?

No. IIM Trichy does not recognise courses done or credits fulfilled in other educational institutions. Such students will be required to undertake all the prescribed courses in IIM Trichy again.

20. Can I discuss the PGPBM program with someone before I apply?

You may contact the PGPBM office at IIM Trichy before submitting your application. You can walk into our office between 2 PM to 10 PM on weekdays and 10 AM to 5:30 PM on weekends to meet the staff and current students before submitting your application.

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21. I have a valid CAT/GMAT score. Will I get an exemption from the Written Test?

Candidates having a valid test score of CAT 2019 or GMAT score (test taken between May 1, 2019, and April 30, 2020) are exempted from the Written Test. They are however required to send in the filled-in application form complete in all other respects. They may also choose to appear for the Written Test. In such cases, their CAT scores will be ignored, and only the Written Test scores will be used for shortlisting.

22. When do I take the coursework for a focused area of study?

After completing the core courses of the program satisfactorily at the end of Term V, students will have a chance to do elective courses in a focus area they are interested in.

23. Will I be graded on my focused area of elective study?

Yes, all elective courses are graded in the same way as core courses.

24. What are the attendance requirements of this program?

The Institute insists on regular and prompt attendance in classes. Students are expected to attend all scheduled sessions required in every course. The PGPBM Office will keep a record of attendance in all courses. However, students will be permitted to miss classes for unavoidable reasons (including personal and official reasons) up to one-fourth of classes conducted in that course.

If a student happens to miss an examination due to unforeseen reasons, make-up examinations will be permitted for a maximum of two academic terms provided the reasons are genuine, and evidence for the same has been produced. If a student misses more than 1/4th of the classes for any purpose, the student will be penalized with a grade point drop as listed below:

3-credit course		2 or 1.5 -credit course	
No. of Session absent	Grade point Drop	No. of Session absent	Grade point Drop
<=6	No Penalty	<=4	No Penalty
7	0.10	5	0.20
8	0.25	6	0.40
9	0.40	7	0.70
10	0.60	8	1.00
11	0.80		
12	1.00		

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In the case of attendance falling below 50%, the student will be required to repeat the course. Since most courses have a continuous evaluation, students are strongly advised to be regular in attendance as lack of attendance can severely affect their academic performance. For Terms 1 through 5, repeating the course would entail the student to repeat the course the next year. For Terms 2 through 5, no student will be permitted to register for the term without completing all the requirements of the preceding terms.

25. The brochure refers to tutorial sessions for select courses. What are the attendance requirements for these sessions?

For select core courses during Terms 1 to Term 5, there will be additional tutorial sessions in addition to the class sessions. These tutorial sessions would be conducted on Sunday afternoons.

The courses which have the tutorial sessions are: Quantitative Methods-1 & Financial Accounting (Term 1); Marketing Management & Quantitative Methods-2 (Term 3); Corporate Finance & Operations Management (Term 4); and, Management Accounting (Term 5). There will be three tutorials of 1.5 hours on Sunday afternoons of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th week of the course. The tutorials can be taught by the faculty member teaching the course or a senior student selected and appointed by the faculty member. The following penalty in grade will be levied for missing the tutorial sessions:

Attendance in tutorial Sessions	Grade Penalty
(Total: 3 Session)	
3	0
2	0
1	0.05
0	0.1

The above grade drop will be in addition to the grade drop if any due to attendance shortage in teaching sessions as per existing rules.

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26. Will I be allowed to study at the Chennai campus during days when my classes are not scheduled?

Yes. You will be permitted to use designated areas of the Chennai campus for studying and carrying out other academic activities. However, you will be able to use the facilities only during the time the centre is open.

27. Can I take a break during the program?

We strongly discourage students from taking breaks during the program. However, in exceptional circumstances, students are permitted to take breaks with the prior approval of the PGPBM Committee. However, all students should complete the requirements of the program within 5 years from the date of admission to be eligible for the degree.

28. Will I get a certificate if I leave the course midway?

No. You will not receive any certificate if you decide to leave midway. You will only receive the marks transcript at the end of every term.