

# Master's in Business Administration (MBA)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. Where exactly is the University of Strathclyde?

In Glasgow, Scotland. Strathclyde Business School is one of the 4 faculties of the **University of Strathclyde** which was founded in 1796. A Royal Charter University, Strathclyde is the third largest University in Scotland, and the largest centre of postgraduate education in the UK. The vision statement of the University is “**The Place of Useful Learning**” which it adopted at its founding in 1796.

In December 2012, the University of Strathclyde was named the **UK University of the Year 2012/2013** at the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards. The Awards judges described Strathclyde as a “**bold, imaginative and innovative institution**” and praised the University for its links with business and industry, and commitment to making an impact on the global economy. At the 2013 Awards, Strathclyde was named as the **Entrepreneurial University of the year 2013/14**, in recognition of the outstanding culture of entrepreneurship fostered at the University through education, research, mentoring and partnership programmes.

In **December 2019**, the University of Strathclyde was named the **UK University of the Year 2019/2020** at the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards for the **second time again!!** It is the first time a University has been deemed an award twice in a row. The award is testament to our mission as '**the place of useful learning**' and our work with business, industry and government to make a positive impact on local and global communities.

In November 2016, Strathclyde achieved a rare third THE award, and was awarded **UK Business School of the Year 2016** in recognition of its “outstanding overall performance and its innovative and entrepreneurial outlook”.

Strathclyde Business School is one of the oldest, largest and most respected Business Schools in the UK. It has been consistently ranked in the top 10 Business Schools in the UK in terms of both research and teaching quality, and is known for its innovation in business & management education, being the first UK Business School to offer a:

One year Full-time MBA programme (**1966**)

Part-time MBA programme in the UK (**1976**)

Flexible Learning MBA in the UK (**1983**)

International Part-time MBA programmes in International Centres (launched in .E. Asia in **1988**)

**2016 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Strathclyde MBA programme.**



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## 2. What is the Strathclyde International Part-time MBA?

The Strathclyde 'International Part-time MBA' is a 180 credit, two year duration, part-time, taught **Executive MBA** programme. With the exception of the mode of study, the International part-time MBA in the Kingdom of Bahrain is in all respects, identical to that offered on a full-time basis in the UK; the entry criteria, programme content and assessment, books and core learning materials are the same, and it is taught by the same Strathclyde academics who teach in Glasgow.

## 3. Is the Strathclyde MBA Internationally Ranked?

**YES.** The Strathclyde MBA has for many years, been consistently ranked as 1<sup>st</sup> in Scotland, top 10 in the UK and top 20 in Europe, by the Financial Times Higher Education (THE) annual ranking. In the 2016 Financial Times Executive MBA rankings, Strathclyde was ranked 41<sup>st</sup> in the world, and in the 2017 Global MBA, Strathclyde was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> for value for money, and 5<sup>th</sup> for teaching 'Strategy'

## 4. Is the MBA programme accredited?

**YES.** Strathclyde is one of 74 (May 2016) of the 13,670 schools in the world offering business degree programs worldwide, to hold the most sought after international accreditation from the three worldwide industry hallmarks of excellence - AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB. The Strathclyde MBA is also accredited by the **Higher Education Council – Bahrain** and **Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research** in the UAE,



## 5. When was the MBA launched in Bahrain?

In **1995** at the British Council in Bahrain; in 2016 the programme migrated to the **BIBF (Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance)**

## 6. How many subjects are there on the MBA programme?

The programme comprises 14 subjects, 3 workshops and a masters' dissertation (Project), as detailed below:

<b>Module: The Reflective Practitioner</b>	<b>20 credits</b>
The Learning Manager (including Induction) Comparative Corporate Governance Entrepreneurial Management & Leadership	
Information & Technology Management (online)	<b>10 credits</b>
<b>Module: Making the Business Work</b>	<b>60 credits</b>
Financial & Management Accounting	10 credits
Finance & Financial Management	10 credits
Operations Management	10 credits
Managing People in Organizations	10 credits
Marketing Management	10 credits
Analytical Support for Decision Making	10 credits
<b>Module: Strategic Management for Sustainable Success</b>	<b>20 credits</b>
Exploring the International Business Environment	7 credits
Strategy Analysis & Evaluation	7 credits
Making Strategy	6 credits
<b>Module: Personal Development</b>	<b>70 credits</b>
Strategic Consulting in Practice	10 credits
2 Elective Subjects	20 credits
Project (including Project Methodology)	40 credits

## 7. Are there examinations in the MBA programme?

**YES.** There are 6 subjects which have examinations, all of which occur in the first two semesters of the programme and are held in March and August each year. In addition all subjects have assignments; subjects which have no examination will usually have 2 assignments, a context specific assignment (2,500-4,000 words) which is often a 'group' assignment, and a shorter individual 'reflective' assignment. To complete the MBA students must:

Achieve a composite pass mark of 50% in all subjects (with a minimum of 40% in the examination for those subjects which have an examination). Anyone who fails a subject is permitted a resit.

Attain a pass mark of 50% for the project (dissertation).

## 8. How is the MBA programme structured?

The programme is currently structured over 4 semesters, with 2 semesters a year, each approximately 5½ months. Depending on when you start, you undertake the programme in the order shown in either Table 1 or Table 2 below:

**Table 1: Programme A - October Intake**

SEMESTER 1 - OCTOBER		SEMESTER 2 - APRIL	
Marketing Management	(E)	Operations Management	
Financial & Management Accounting	(E)	Analytical Support for Decision Making	
Finance & Financial Management	(E)	Managing People in Organizations	
Exploring the International Business Environment		Information & Technology Management	
SEMESTER 3 - OCTOBER		SEMESTER 4 - APRIL	
Entrepreneurial Management & Leadership		Comparative Corporate Governance	
Strategy Analysis & Evaluation		Elective subject 1	
Making Strategy		Elective subject 2	
Strategic Consulting in Practice (Workshop)		Project Methodology (Workshop)/Project	

**Table 2: Programme B - April Intake**

SEMESTER 1 - APRIL		SEMESTER 2 - OCTOBER	
Operations Management	(E)	Marketing Management	
Analytical Support for Decision Making	(E)	Financial & Management Accounting	
Managing People in Organizations	(E)	Finance & Financial Management	
Information & Technology Management			
The Learning Manager (Workshop)			
SEMESTER 3 - APRIL		SEMESTER 4 - OCTOBER	
Comparative Corporate Governance		Entrepreneurial Management & Leadership	
Elective subject 1		Strategy Analysis & Evaluation	
Elective subject 2		Making Strategy	
Project Methodology (Workshop)/Project		Strategic Consulting in Practice (Workshop)	

**Note:** The (E) in the tables above denotes that the subject has an examination.

## 9. How is the MBA delivered in Bahrain?

The International part-time MBA is a face-to-face taught programme by Strathclyde academics; it is **not** an 'on-line' or a 'distance learning' programme.

All classes are held on **weekends** and **evenings** at the BIBF campus and comprise:

*Intensive Seminars* held on weekends (Fridays & Saturdays from 9:00-18:00) conducted on average once a month by Strathclyde academics who fly in from Scotland;

*Workshops*, again held over weekends and run by Strathclyde faculty; and

*Tutorial sessions* (3 hours) once a week (evenings in the BIBF campus) conducted by local counsellors, approved and appointed by Strathclyde.

Students registered in Bahrain can attend the intensive seminars at any of the other international centres.

## 10. How long does it take to complete the MBA programme?

**2 years** part-time. The programme has been deliberately designed for busy individuals in full-time employment and studying part-time, and although the majority of students complete the programme in 2 to 2 ½ years, the period of study can be extended up to 6 years.

## 11. Is the MBA available anywhere else?

**YES.** In addition to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the identical part-time MBA programme is offered in the following International centres:

The Gulf:

- Bahrain
- Oman
- Dubai

S.E. Asia: ● Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)

● Singapore

Europe: ● Greece (Athens)

● Switzerland  
(Zurich)

Students on the programme may relocate to any one of these international centres.

## 12. What if I relocate to a country where there is no Strathclyde International centre?

You can continue on the programme as a remote 'flexible-learning' student. You will be sent all the course materials you would normally receive, and support will be provided online.

### 13. What are the Entry Requirements for the MBA programme?

The minimum entry requirements for the Strathclyde MBA programme are:

- Aged 25 or older;
- An undergraduate degree from a recognized university;
- A minimum of 3 years work experience in a managerial/leadership position; and
- Evidence of English Language proficiency in the form of an IELTS or TOEFL test with a minimum score of IELTS 6.0 (General or Academic), TOEFL 550 or iBT 79.

### 14. Can I be exempted from the English Language Proficiency test requirement?

**YES**, if you have done your previous degree/diploma in a country where primary language is English or You are a native speaker of English who has completed your undergraduate education in an English medium institution in a country where English is the official language.

### 15. When I graduate, what certificate will I receive?



You will receive the identical MBA degree parchment (shown opposite) which is awarded to all Strathclyde MBA students, including those on the full-time programme studying in Glasgow.

### 16. What is the cost of the MBA in the Kingdom of Bahrain?

**BD 10,500.** This is an all-inclusive price which covers the cost of all text books and core learning materials, seminars and workshops, tutorial sessions, library access (Strathclyde online Library providing access to more than a million articles, journals, books, and reports), examinations and graduation fees.

There are no additional 'hidden' charges on the Strathclyde programme.

## 17. How do I pay for the programme?

There are two options: a single lump-sum payment or semester instalments. A separate 'Payment Options and Conditions' document detailing the options will be given to you by one of the Program Administrators upon request.

## 18. How and when do I apply to join the programme?

You are welcome to visit our campus offices in Bahrain to discuss the programme in detail and application procedures with one of our staff and collect print copies of brochures and class timetable. Our office hours are 0900-1530, Sunday–Thursday.

Alternatively, you may also apply to the program online at:

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/courses/postgraduatetaught/mba-bahrain/#apply>

which will take you to the Business School 'Apply to PG course' page. Select the '**Apply to attend the course April 2021**', select the year /intake which you wish to join and click on the '**apply**' button. This will take you to the application page to set up a Pegasus account which will then allow you to apply to the programme and upload the required documents.

There are 2 intakes a year in all International centres, the **October** intake and the **April** intake, and you can join either intake. We generally limit each intake to around 35 students at each centre, and close applications one month before the start of each semester; thus applications for the October intake close at the end of **August** and the end of **February** for the April intake. We suggest that you apply as soon as you can to ensure yourself a place on the programme for the intake of your choice.

Additional information on the programme can be found on the Strathclyde website which can be accessed at <http://www.worldclassmba.com/> which will take you to the Department of Management webpage. Clicking on 'The Strathclyde MBA' under the heading 'Postgraduate Courses' will take you to the MBA page where you can find details on the programme, and how to apply online through Pegasus.

## 19. Who do I contact for more details on the programme in Bahrain?

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On behalf of the Strathclyde Business School Bahrain team, thank you for your interest in Strathclyde;

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