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 50th anniversary of the launch of the Strathclyde MBA programme.

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 **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 1st in Scotland, top 10 in the UK and top 20 in Europe, by the Financial Times Higher Education (THE) annual ranking. In the 2022 Financial Times Executive MBA rankings, Strathclyde was ranked top 10^0 in the world, and in the 2017 Global MBA, Strathclyde was ranked 4th for value for money, and 5th for teaching 'Strategy'

4. Is the MBA programme accredited?

YES. Strathclyde is one of 128 (September, 2023) 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)**

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

7. Are there examinations in the MBA programme?

YES. Some of the modules have an online MCQs test that accounts for upto 20-50% of your overall module.

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 (Kindly ignore the Year):

Programme A

SEMESTER 1 – OCTOBER 2024			SEMESTER 2 – APRIL 2025	
Strategic Leadership Development			Strategic Leadership Development	
Managing Value-Driven Analytics			Accounting & Financial Management	
Leading A Sustainable Organisation			Operations & Project Management	
Digital Transformation & Technological Innovation			Marketing Management	
			Economic Analysis for Strategists	
SEMESTER 3 – OCTOBER 2025			**SEMESTER 4 – APRIL 2026**	
Strategic Leadership Development			Strategic Leadership Development	
Entrepreneurial Thinking in Practice			The Boardroom Challenge	
Applied Strategic Management			2 x Electives	
Macroeconomics & International Business Environment			Project	
The Consultancy Impact Challenge				

Participants who commence the MBA programme at the above Centres in April will proceed through the programme in the following manner (These timetables are illustrative and subject to alteration).

Programme B

SEMESTER 1 – APRIL 2025			SEMESTER 2 – OCTOBER 2025	
Strategic Leadership Development			Strategic Leadership Development	
Accounting & Financial Management			Managing Value-Drive Analytics	
Operations & Project Management			Leading a Sustainable Organisation	
Marketing Management			Digital Transformation & Technological Innovation	
Economic Analysis for Strategists				
SEMESTER 3 – APRIL 2026			**SEMESTER 4 – OCTOBER 2026**	
Strategic Leadership Development			Strategic Leadership Development	
The Boardroom Challenge			Entrepreneurial Thinking in Practice	
2 x Electives			Applied Strategic Management	
Project			Macroeconomics & International Business Environment	
			The Consultancy Impact Challenge	

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 (2-3 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 5 years.

11. Is the MBA available anywhere else?

YES. In addition to Bahrain, the identical part-time MBA programme is offered in the following International centres:

The Gulf:

- Bahrain
- Oman
- Dubai
- Riyadh (2026)

S.E. Asia: ● Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)

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 recognised 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 ofIELTS 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 were primary language is English or You are a native English speaker 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?

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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?

The total cost is 10,500 (Subject to change). This would be 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 with a 5% discount or semester instalments. A separate 'Payment Options and Conditions' document detailing the options will be given to you by one of the Programme 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. Our office hours are 1000-1430, Sunday–Thursday.

Alternatively, you may also apply to the programme 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 October 2026, 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 **September** and the end of **March** 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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