

MBA with Placement

Course Aim and Title	MBA with Placement
Intermediate Awards Available	MBA Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration
Teaching Institution(s)	UEL on campus
Alternative Teaching Institutions (for local arrangements see final section of this specification)	N/A
UEL Academic School	Royal Docks School of Business and Law
UCAS Code	N/A
Professional Body Accreditation	CMI (Chartered Management Institute)
Relevant QAA Benchmark Statements	Master's Degrees in Business and Management (2015)
Additional Versions of this Course	MBA MBA International Business
Date Specification Last Updated	19 December 2019

Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- An academic underpinning in the core areas of Business and Management
- A critical appreciation of key debates in each of the main subject areas
- The tools for analysis and techniques for resolving business issues
- The space to reflect and develop strategic insight and leadership skills necessary for a successful senior management career in Business Management.

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge

- A critical appreciation of contemporary theories and practices
- A critical understanding of an evidence based approach
- Awareness of emerging debates and discourse
- Data analysis and synthesis

Thinking skills

- Problem solving and innovative thinking
- Application of theory to the practice of Business and Management
- Risk evaluation and management

Subject-Based Practical skills

- Applied research skills to produce effective Business Management reports
- Financial analysis skills that are necessary for success as a general manager
- Effective people management skills
- Skills that will sustain high performance goals for self and the organisation
- Skills to critically evaluate marketing of products and processes

Skills for life and work (general skills)

- Intrapersonal and interpersonal skills for success
- Time management and project management skills
- Skills to adapt to a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world

Learning and Teaching

Knowledge is developed through

- Lectures and seminars
- Tutorials
- Knowledge-based activities with feedback
- Independent study

Thinking skills are developed through

- Coursework
- Mini projects
- Management reports
- Reflective activities with feedback

Practical skills are developed through

- Business Simulations
- Planning of work required for Management reports
- Business experience through placements and simulations
- Research skills-based activities with feedback

Skills for life and work (general skills) are developed through

- Collaborative projects
- Coursework
- Personal and professional development projects
- Management reports

In addition, the work placement will provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills learnt in the taught modules, enhance communication and interpersonal skills and improve employment potential.

Assessment

Knowledge is assessed by:

- Coursework submissions and assessments
- Examinations
- Essays

Thinking skills are assessed by:

- Solutions to practical problems
- Evaluation of literature
- Reflective assignments
- Supervised applied research

Practical skills are assessed by:

- Work placement or extended work project
- Collaborative assessments
- Preparation of management and professional development reports
- Presentations
- Portfolio completion

Skills for life are assessed by:

- Work placement or extended work project
- Presentations
- Live case studies

Students with disabilities and/or particular learning needs should discuss assessments with the Course Leader to ensure they are able to fully engage with all assessments within the course.

Work-based Organisational Placement or Business Experience

Students on the work placement version of the MBA course will undertake the work-based placement or extended work project after they have completed 120 credits. The work placement will be offered as a 120P credit bearing module that is graded at either Pass or Fail, assessed by the University. The structure of the extended version of the MBA courses that includes the work placement or extended work project is summarised below:

Students must check the Academic Calendar for start and end of term dates and relevant deadlines to continue their learning journey on this course.

<p>September intake: - 1 year and 2 terms Term 1 (Y1: Sep – Jan) Term 2 (Y1: Jan – May) Term 3 (Y1: May – Aug) Term 1 and 2 (Y2: Sep – May)</p>	<p>Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Deadline for confirming placement Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits) Work Placement or Extended Work Project (30 weeks)</p>
<p>January intake: 1 year and 2 terms Term 2 (Y1: Jan – May) Term 3 (Y1 May – Sep) Term 1 (Y1 Sep – Jan) Term 2 and 3 (Y2: Jan - Sep)</p>	<p>Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Deadline for confirming placement Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits) Work Placement or Extended Work Project (30 weeks)</p>
<p>April/May intake: 1 year and 2 terms Term 3 (Y1 May – Sep) Term 1 (Y1 Sep – Jan) Term 2 (Y1: Jan – Apr) Term 1 and 2 (Y2 May - Jan)</p>	<p>Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Deadline for confirming placement Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits) Work Placement or Extended Work Project (30 weeks)</p>

The University through the Centre for Student Success and the School will endeavour to offer guidance, support and recommend students to

organisations who have expressed support and interest in the MBA work placement offering. However, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to secure their work placement. The university will provide extended work projects for students that provide a parallel learning experience which enables the student to develop understanding and awareness for the work place as well as develop specific skills in the areas of consulting and problem solving as well as project delivery.

In the event of a student enrolled on the MBA with Work Placement course chooses to transfer to the one year MBA they may do so.

Course Structure

All courses are credit-rated to help you to understand the amount and level of study that is needed. One credit is equal to 10 hours of directed study time (this includes everything you do e.g. lecture, seminar and private study).

Credits are assigned to one of 5 levels:

- 3 Equivalent in standard to GCE 'A' level and is intended to prepare students for year one of an undergraduate degree course.
- 4 Equivalent in standard to the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 5 Equivalent in standard to the second year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 6 Equivalent in standard to the third year of a full-time undergraduate degree course.
- 7 Equivalent in standard to a Masters degree.

The module structure of the MBA Course:

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit Weighting	Core/Option	Available by Distance Learning? Y/N
7	SG7001	Managing Strategy, Operations and Partnerships	30	Core	N

7	HR7003	Managing Financial and Human Resources for Sustainable Business Success	30	Core	N
7	MK7040	Marketing in the Digital Age and Corporate Social Responsibility	30	Core	N
7	SG7003	Business Simulation with Professional Development	30	Core	N
7	HR7004	Mental Wealth 4: Mental Wealth and Applied Research	30	Core	N
7	SG7002	Applied Business Project	30	Core	N
7	SG7120	Work Placement	120P	Optional for MBA with Placement	N
7	SG7XXX	Extended Work Project	120P	Optional for MBA with Placement	N

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, in order to create the best learning experience.

A core module for a course is a module which a student must have passed (i.e. been awarded credit) in order to achieve the relevant named award. An optional module for a course is a module selected from a range of modules available on the course. Students must pass either the work placement or extended work project in order to achieve the relevant named award.

The overall credit-rating of this course is 300 credits. If for some reason you are unable to achieve this credit you may be entitled to an intermediate award, the level

of the award will depend on the amount of credit you have accumulated. You can read the University Student Policies and Regulations on the UEL website.

Course Specific Regulations

Pass compensation regulations will not apply to core modules of this course as the professional body (i.e. CMI currently does not allow pass compensation on core modules).

Typical Duration

It is possible to move from full-time to part-time study and vice-versa to accommodate any external factors such as financial constraints or domestic commitments. Many of our students make use of this flexibility and this may impact on the overall duration of their study period.

The time limit for completion of a programme is four years after first enrolment on the programme.

- The full-time duration of the MBA course (without the placement) is 12 months of three terms. The structure is as set out below:

For September intake:	
Term 1 (Y1: Sep – Jan)	Taught modules (2 x 30 credits)
Term 2 (Y1: Jan – May)	Taught modules (2 x 30 credits)
Term 3 (Y1: May – Sep)	Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits)
For January intake:	
Term 2 (Y1: Jan - May)	Taught modules (2 x 30 credits)
Term 3 (Y1: May – Sep)	Taught modules (2 x 15 credits)
Term 1 (Y1: Sep – Jan)	Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits)

April/May intake:	
Term 3 (Y1 May – Sep)	Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits)
Term 1 (Y1 Sep – Jan)	Taught modules (2 x 30 credits = 60 credits) Deadline for confirming placement
Term 2 (Y1: Jan – Apr)	Mental Wealth (30 credits) & Applied Business Project (30 credits)

Further Information

More information about MBA with Work Placement is available from:

- The UEL web site (www.uel.ac.uk)
- The MBA with Work Placement course handbook
- MBA with Work Placement course module study guides
- UEL Manual of General Regulations (available on the UEL website)
- UEL Quality Manual (available on the UEL website)
- The Royal Docks School of Business and Law web pages

All UEL courses are subject to thorough course approval procedures before we allow them to commence. We also constantly monitor, review and enhance our courses by listening to student and employer views and the views of external examiners and advisors.

Additional costs: Students are expected to cover their own travel costs when on a placement.

Alternative Locations of Delivery

N / A