

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Wolverhampton Business School		
Course Code(s):	BU058P01UV	Full-time	12 Months
Course Title:	Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Extended		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Master of Business Administration Business Administration (MBA) - Extended Diploma in Management Studies Business Administration (MBA) - Extended Postgraduate Certificate Business Administration (MBA) - Extended University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	25/Sep/2017		
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Course Specification valid from:	2016/7		
Course Specification valid to:	2022/3		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Mr Kevin Croker
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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

The entry requirements for the MBA (Extended) are:

- Any undergraduate degree from a UK university or overseas equivalent, or a professional qualification and/or experience considered to be equivalent to the above;
- A reference from a tutor who has supervised the applicant's undergraduate studies and/or employer;
- Please check our minimum [language entry requirements](#)/before submitting your application;
- We offer a range programmes in [English as a Foreign Language](#) if you don't meet these requirements.

The applicant will have normally occupied a position of management responsibility for a minimum of two years within an organisation.

Students may apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) subject to the guidelines set out in the RPL Handbook. RPL includes accreditation of prior certificated learning and /or accreditation of prior experiential learning.

Applications are also welcome from individuals who do not possess the above qualifications but who have significant management experience and are able to demonstrate previous non-certificated learning equivalent to the above. In such cases, admission to the programme will be based on an evaluation of the applicant's ability to continue to benefit from and achieve the award.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

The MBA (Extended) course enables students to access the MBA with non- standard entry criteria. The MBA is a programme that is internationally recognised as being at the forefront of management education. It has high quality blended learning support and has access to excellent learning facilities. Students will be able to use prior experience and certificated learning to gain credits against the programme. By completing the course you will also be entitled to apply for additional award CMI Level 7 Extended Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership.

Educational Aims of the Course:

This course enables entry onto the Masters in Business Administration if you did not gain a first or second class honours at degree level (or equivalent). It will add to your existing skills and knowledge providing you with enhanced understanding and abilities which will prepare you for Masters courses, whilst also providing English support if you need help in this area.

The MBA is an internationally recognised postgraduate general business qualification for managers who wish to expand and develop their skills and knowledge. This award will develop your knowledge of key business functions and their relationship with the wider strategic and international environment. You will also expand your knowledge and understanding of the current changes in the business environment through the study of strategic management, stakeholder management and corporate social responsibility.

The programme is designed so that full time students are able to complete the course in one academic year

and part time in two years. By the end of the programme you will have enhanced your knowledge and understanding of Business and Management concepts and principles, theoretical frameworks and applied analysis through a range of learning experiences. You will also develop key skills in formulating and managing basic research, problem-solving and organising and managing projects.

Standard Delivery:

In today's highly dynamic global environment, a complexity of factors, including technology, enterprise and innovation, have a significant impact on business systems and functions. With this in mind, full -time MBA students on the standard mode of delivery (i.e. classroom study and blended learning out of classroom activities) will join with peers from other postgraduate courses offered by University of Wolverhampton Business School.

The MBA is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Students who join this course will have the opportunity to obtain the CMI Level 7 Extended Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	H	Full Time	£11834.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time	£15132.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

January (Full-time)

Year 1

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
7BE011	Masters Learning	0	IN YR	Core
7MG004	Sustainability and Business	20	IN YR	Core
7BE002	Strategic Management	20	IN YR	Core
7BU003	Operations and Project Management	20	IN YR	Core
7MG001	Independent Business Analysis Project	60	CRYRA	Core

7AC006	Managing Financial Performance	20	INYR	Core
7HR024	Leadership and Human Resource Practice in Organisation	20	INYR	Core
7MK002	Marketing Management	20	INYR	Core

September (Full-time)

Year 1

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7BE011	Masters Learning	0	INYR	Core
7MG004	Sustainability and Business	20	INYR	Core
7BE002	Strategic Management	20	INYR	Core
7BU003	Operations and Project Management	20	INYR	Core
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7MK002	Marketing Management	20	INYR	Core

7HR024	Leadership and Human Resource Practice in Organisation	20	INYR	Core
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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, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

None

Reference Points:

- Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (2015) Masters Awards in Business and Management: programme framework (benchmark)
- FHEQ (2016) Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
- CMI (2015) Level 7 Qualifications in Strategic Management and Leadership
- Equality Act 2010.

Learning Outcomes:

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 1 (PGCCL01)

"Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline. 2. to evaluate methodologies and develop

critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses."

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 2 (PGCCL02)

"Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level."

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 3 (PGCCL03)

"Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline."

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 4 (PGCCL04)

"Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences."

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 5 (PGCCL05)

"Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level."

PGCert Course Learning Outcome 6 (PGCCL06)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations 3. the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 1 (PGDCL01)

"Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice with a conceptual understanding that enables the student: 1. to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline 2. to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses."

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 2 (PGDCL02)

"Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship and ability to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level."

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 3 (PGDCL03)

"Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline."

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 4 (PGDCL04)

"Ability to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate your conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences."

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 5 (PGDCLO5)

"Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level."

PGDip Course Learning Outcome 6 (PGDCLO6)

Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring: 1. the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility 2. decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations 3. the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 1 (MACLO1)

"Critically analyse the use of the key functional areas of marketing, HR, finance, accounting and operations management in support of wider organisational activity."

Masters Course Learning Outcome 2 (MACLO2)

"Analyse strategic perspectives regionally, nationally and internationally at organisation and sector levels. "

Masters Course Learning Outcome 3 (MACLO3)

Critically evaluate the relationship between the organisation and its environment and the importance and nature of organisational change and transformation.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 4 (MACLO4)

"Critically analyse contemporary issues, challenges and problems relating to business and management that impact on business and management at functional, strategic and sector levels. "

Masters Course Learning Outcome 5 (MACLO5)

Evaluate the role and contribution of integrative strategic and leadership approaches.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 6 (MACLO6)

Synthesise relevant critical thinking through academic research completing an independent research project/dissertation at masters level.

Masters Course Learning Outcome 7 (MACLO7)

Analyse the different approaches and techniques that facilitate detailed study at the postgraduate level in business and management issues.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
7AC006	Managing Financial Performance	MACLO1, MACLO4, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4
7BE002	Strategic Management	MACLO2, MACLO3, MACLO4, MACLO5, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4
7BE011	Masters Learning	MACLO7, PGCCLO3, PGDCLO5
7BU003	Operations and Project Management	MACLO1, MACLO4, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4
7HR024	Leadership and Human Resource Practice in Organisation	MACLO1, MACLO3, MACLO4, MACLO5, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4
7MG001	Independent Business Analysis Project	MACLO4, MACLO6
7MG004	Sustainability and Business	MACLO2, MACLO3, MACLO4, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4
7MK002	Marketing Management	MACLO1, MACLO4, PGCCLO1, PGCCLO2, PGDCLO1, PGDCLO2, PGDCLO3, PGDCLO4

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

Standard Delivery:

A variety of interactive learning activities will support the achievement of the course learning outcomes. Learning will involve both classroom engagement and out of classroom activities including the use of blended learning environments. Flexible and interactive e-learning opportunities will be a feature of learning. Personal reflection and collaborative learning will be vital components of this course.

Students will encounter a number of learning activities during a variety of formal lectures, seminars and tutorials. The course will make use of techniques such as case studies, problem solving activities, discussions (both structured and unstructured), action learning sets, evaluation of online and documentary resources and guest speaker inputs.

Students will be expected, and directed, to read from a range of sources, including academic journals. Students will work autonomously as well as interactively within group exercises.

Both formative and summative assessment tasks will enhance opportunities for learning.

Where appropriate visiting speakers, external visits and real-time (as opposed to text book) case based activities will add a practical dimension to the learning process. Recognising the rich potential learning from the workplace, opportunities to work with organisations will be maximised.

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
 Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
 Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

In providing flexible and interactive e-learning opportunities to meet student needs, e-learning components will be designed to form an integral feature of the learning, teaching and support. The University VLE provides a platform for doing this and will be the primary focus of the online supported learning dimension of the module. In addition to making use of the online databases and other software resources available through LIS and ITS, students will be encouraged to consider the potential benefits of using Pebble Pad as a practical aid to research activity and career planning.

Flexible and interactive e-learning opportunities will also be offered to on-line distance learning students. The University VLE provides a platform for learning materials and activities to support online learning across all modules. A cohesive package of e-learning components has been designed to compensate for a lack of traditional classroom contact by presenting an integrated package of learning, teaching and support. All e-learners will be supported by online tutors. In addition e-learners will make use of the online databases and other software resources available through LIS, including learning skills support and ITS.

A Personal Tutor is allocated to every student. Personal Tutors maintain regular communication (virtual and/or face-to-face) with each of their designated tutees. Follow up meetings are arranged with students who are not making satisfactory progress or who are at risk of withdrawal. Personal Tutors assist students in their personal and academic development, planning and progression as well as offering students advice and guidance to help them liaise with other staff and support facilities in their school and the University, including study skills support.

The Course Leader will monitor the academic and experiential quality of the Course through Award Boards, focus groups and other channels. The Course Leader also supports and directs students proactively on the Course, both collectively and individually, and responds to inquiries and requests from students with regard to the academic programme of study.

The Faculty Enabling Tutor (FET) liaises with the Student Enabling Centre (SEC) regarding provision for specific disabled students & disseminates information from the SEC on the needs of specific disabled students. The SNT also monitors requests for, and provision of, specific examination and assessment arrangements, publicise SNT 'surgery' arrangements and make available time to meet with individual disabled students to enable them to discuss their own school-specific disability issues where necessary. The SNT takes a pro-active role in monitoring the welfare and academic progress of disabled students within the school.

Employability in the Curriculum:

Successful completion of the MBA provides a much sought after academic qualification which will enhance your career prospects in a number of managerial roles across a wide range of international business sectors. The MBA may provide the basis for further study in a range of professional subject areas such as accounting, marketing and human resources as well as further academic study such as a PhD.

