

Introducing The Open University MBA

The MBA programme at The Open University Business School is designed for professionals who are looking for the very best quality management learning experience with a practical focus which blends in with their work and life.

Our reputation of over thirty years for providing programmes of study, which have an immediate positive impact on your managerial capabilities and your work performance is rooted on the strong emphasis that we place on the quality of our programme.

The fact that the MBA has over 24,000 graduates in more than 100 countries worldwide is testimony to its reach and depth.

The Open University Business School MBA is quality assured by the three most important world bodies for accrediting Business Schools. That's the Association of MBAs: AMBA, AACSB and EQUIS. Now there are about 14,000 Business Schools around the world, but of these 14,000 Business Schools less than 1% of them have this triple accreditation, and these accreditations are probably the most important quality indicator for Business Schools in the world.

Unusually among highly accredited Business Schools, The Open University Business School specialises in distance and online learning - we are world leaders in these approaches. That means that you can fit your learning with us flexibly around very busy working lives, it also means that we can help you take the learning close to the workplace: that you can integrate the learning not just what you're learning at university, but integrate it with having a real impact in the workplace.

Like any Business School in the UK we are assessed for the quality of our research through the Research Excellence Framework. And in the last assessment in 2014 when Business Schools were also ranked according to the impact that they have on the economy, social impact, impact on policies and so on; The Open University Business school ranked 16th out of 101, which is a great achievement for us. We ranked number, we ranked 34 out of 101 business schools for the quality of our output and that was a fine achievement for us but we are constantly working on our research environment and to improve the quality and the impact that our research is having.

The key challenge that our prospect to MBA students have expressed when deciding about doing MBA is that as working professionals and with their lifestyle they struggle to find time to do their studies. This is where The Open University MBA offers a unique solution and that is the flexibility of the programme.

The Open University MBA is a truly portable learning experience, which you can take it with yourself wherever you are on leisure, pleasure or around work. The materials that you get are all available in multiple formats compatible with all mobile devices as well as in print you get. Not only is it flexible, but also you can base your studies at the speed which is convenient to you given your professional commitments or personal issues that arise in one's life.

One of the key features of our approach to learning is that many of our students are either in full-time or part-time employment roles and so have the opportunity to actually apply what they have been learning in practise straight away in the workplace. This has fantastic benefits both for the students and for the organisations with many FTSE 100 companies actually sponsoring students to study our courses.