

Course Aims

The MBA is a flagship generalist management qualification designed to meet the needs of early career individuals and is structured to support your aspirations for fast track career progression through the development of leadership and strategic management skills and a contemporary understanding of business. The course adopts a practice-led curriculum and aims to develop an advanced knowledge of organisations and their effective management in the dynamic competitive global context, and the ability to creatively apply this knowledge and understanding to complex issues to systematically and innovatively enhance strategic business and management practice.

This offers a challenging learning opportunity to encourage the integration of theory and practice supported by experienced academics with substantial management experience. Through practice events you will work with academics and professors of practice on live consultancy projects with leading employers in organisations across private, public and not-for-profit sectors to support your personal and professional development as a creative and innovative leader with the knowledge and skills needed in the global, knowledge-based economy.

You will develop the attributes and skills expected of post-graduates, as recognised by professional and industry bodies such as the Chartered Management Institute and the Confederation of British Industry, including team-working, negotiation skills, leadership, confidence and the ability to apply critical and creative thinking to complex and unclear problems to develop innovative solutions.

This post-graduate degree aims to enhance your professional prospects by developing your capability to apply the latest thinking relating to organisational development and change in the competitive global context. Successful completion of the MBA highlights your potential to have a real impact on the transformation of the organisation you join.

Course Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of your course you should meet the appropriate learning outcomes for your award shown in the table below		
		Outcome	Award
	1	Demonstrate a systematic understanding of and critically assess the external context in which modern organisations operate including economic, political, social and environmental change and the regulatory and governance trends impacting on different organisations.	MBA
	2	Assess and apply relevant knowledge to a range of complex situations taking account of the development and progression of the relationship and expectations between markets and customers and other stakeholders.	MBA
	3	Understand and synthesise the financing of the business enterprise, the sources, uses and management of finance and the use of accounting for managerial and financial reporting applications	MBA
	4	Demonstrate critical understanding of the range of theory related to the development of people in organisations	MBA
	5	Demonstrate sensitivity to the complexity of implementing plans and of achieving change in organisations both because of individual and organisational obstacles and critically appraise the methods available to managers to handle this complexity.	MBA
	6	Effectively manage relevant communication and information technologies for application in business and management in a global knowledge-based economy.	MBA
	7	Demonstrate independent planning, initiative and enterprise in order to meet the demands of a Master's degree in Business Administration, while taking responsibility for personal learning and continuous professional development.	MBA
8	Deal with a range of complex and pervasive issues in a systematic and creative manner appropriate to a field of study in Business and Management, in doing so form sound judgements in the absence of complete data and communicate conclusions and recommendations appropriate to both a specialist and non-specialist audience including a placement organisation management team.	MBA	

Learning and Teaching

The MBA adopts a block teaching and guided learning approach using latest approaches including flipped classroom to support the practice-led curriculum for early career leaders and managers, aspiring to develop as global citizens and with an emphasis on internationalisation and employability. Units are delivered in 6-week blocks with a focus on the impact of management education on your career through the application of research to management practice. This energetic and active approach to learning will enhance your confidence and self-esteem and support your development as an autonomous learner and innovative business practitioner.

The teaching team includes staff with a specialist research base and the influential contributions of experts with a depth of

**Teaching, learning and
assessment strategies**

The focus is on the impact of management education to management practice and later assessments require greater complexity and integration through independent study to support your successful transition into work. This is exemplified by two units at the dissertation stage: Management Practice (for Placement) and the MBA Business Dissertation – on placement. These help you to consider your personal and professional development and the complexity of applying management education in practice once in employment.

The University's comprehensive student support service includes: Student Information Desk, a one-stop shop for any initial enquiries; Student Support team advising and supporting those with physical or learning needs or more general student well being; Study Hub team providing academic skills guidance; Personal Academic Tutoring system; a student managed Peer-Assisted Learning scheme; support from your lecturers

Students are supported in a number of ways.

- The Student Information Desk (SID) <http://www.beds.ac.uk/studentlife/student-support/sid/services> provides a range of support services and an interface to the University Student Engagement and Mitigation Team for extenuating circumstances.
- A Student Advisory Service is provided within the Business School to assist with general academic advice.
- Subject Librarians can assist with advanced information retrieval for assignments and the dissertation in particular.
- Study Hub provides advice and guidance on developing academic skills <http://lrweb.beds.ac.uk/studyhub>

<https://www.beds.ac.uk/entryrequirements>

Admissions Criteria

Approved Variations and Additions to Standard Admission

N/A

<https://www.beds.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/academic-information>

Assessment Regulations

PJ-PRO	Coursework - Project Report
WR-BUS	Coursework - Business Report
WR-I	Coursework - Individual Report

Administrative Information	
School	Graduate School of Business
Head of School/Department	Dr Alexander Kofinas
Course Coordinator	Gary Hudson