

Global Banking and Finance MBA

The Global Banking and Finance MBA is designed for professionals who aspire to a career in global banking and finance. It will guide you through management and technical skills, and develop you into a broadly knowledgeable professional, capable of performing at the top of the international banking and finance industry.

Birmingham Business School is accredited by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), AMBA (Association of MBAs) and EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System).



Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx>)

Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, taught

Study Options: Full time

Duration: 12 months, 21 months or 24 months

Start date: September; the 21-month route starts in January

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Links:

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[Birmingham Business School \(/schools/business/index.aspx\)](/schools/business/index.aspx)

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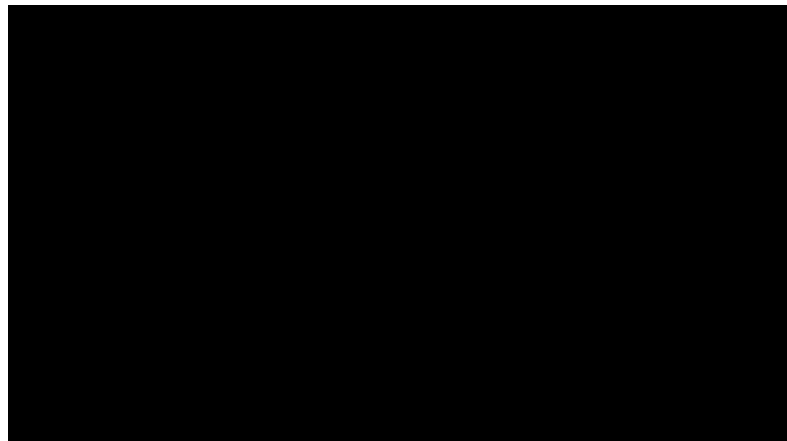
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The Distinguished Leaders Series showcases the high profile business leaders MBA students at Birmingham can have access to.

This MBA programme is delivered by University faculty and industry practitioners to cater to the current and future needs of global financial services industry and has been specifically designed for graduates who aspire to develop careers in global banking and finance and aims to improve management and technical skills.

MBA Global Banking and Finance attracts highly qualified and experienced students from a variety of cultures and nationalities and is highly rated by students wanting to

specialise in banking and finance. Many of our graduates are working at senior positions in banks and financial institutions, and in the investment industry worldwide.

Programme content

The programme includes core modules and optional modules. Apart from the taught element of the programme, students have the opportunity to attend talks delivered by practising managers and senior executives from some of the world's leading banks and finance houses. Students will have opportunities to interact, discuss their career-related issues and gain valuable insights into the working of these prestigious institutions.

A compulsory requirement of the programme will provide students with the opportunity to conduct a supervised in-depth study of a specific topic relevant to their area of interest, leading to the writing of a dissertation. As part of their induction, all students attend a personal development course at an outdoor pursuits centre in the Malvern Hills.

Why study this course

An accredited Business School

Birmingham Business School holds the gold standard of 'triple-crown' accreditation from the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), AMBA (Association of MBAs) and EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System); find out more about [rankings and accreditations \(/schools/business/about/rankings-accreditations.aspx\)](#).

An enhanced MBA experience

MBA students have the opportunity to gain an insight into how high profile business leaders made it to the top and discover what makes a great leader through our Distinguished Leaders Series, with select students having the opportunity to be part of a more intimate round-table discussion where they can ask individual questions and explore their career and the theme of leadership in more detail.

Skills to further your career in banking and finance

Develop a comprehensive understanding of technical and management skills to become a well-rounded expert in international banking and finance and being a researched business school, Birmingham students have access to the latest trends, data and knowledge within the global banking and finance industry.

Modules

Please note: all modules are subject to change.

Semester 1

Compulsory modules

- [Strategic Analysis of Business \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/strategic-analysis-of-business-1.aspx\)](#)
- [Human Resource Management \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/human-resource-management.aspx\)](#)
- [Marketing Concepts and Practice \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/marketing-concepts-and-practice.aspx\)](#)
- [Finance for Managers \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/finance-for-managers.aspx\)](#)
- [Accounting for managers \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/accounting-for-managers.aspx\)](#)
- [Managing Operations and projects \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/operations-management.aspx\)](#)

Semester 2

Compulsory modules

- [International Banking Regulation and Supervision \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/international-banking-regulation-and-supervision.aspx\)](#)
- [Developing Leadership Practice \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/developing-leadership-practice.aspx\)](#)

Choose **TWO** further compulsory modules:

- [Capitalism, Business Cycles and Financial Crises \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/capitalism-business-cycles-and-financial-crises.aspx\)](#)
- [Entrepreneurial Finance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/entrepreneurial-finance.aspx\)](#)
- [Ethical Finance and Sustainability \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/ethical-finance-and-sustainability.aspx\)](#)

Choose **TWO** optional modules from the list below:

- [Global Marketing Leadership \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/global-marketing-leadership.aspx\)](#)
- [The International Business Experience \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/the-international-business-experience.aspx\)](#)
- [Implementing Strategy and Managing Change \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/implementing-strategy-and-managing-change.aspx\)](#)
- [International Co-operative Strategy \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/international-co-operative-strategy.aspx\)](#)
- [Business Communications \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/business-communications.aspx\)](#)
- [The Effective Director \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/the-effective-director.aspx\)](#)
- [Ethics in Global Business \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/ethics-in-global-business.aspx\)](#)
- [Global Business Development \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba-modules/global-business-development.aspx\)](#)
- [International Business Finance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/accounting-modules/international-business-finance.aspx\)](#)

Fees and funding

The fee for 2014–15: £20,790 (UK/EU and overseas – flexible payment schemes available).

View more details on [The Birmingham MBA Fees \(/schools/business/mba/fees-and-funding/fees.aspx\)](#).

To learn more about fees and funding, please view the University's guide to [tuition fees for postgraduates \(/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx\)](#).

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

For further information view the currently available [MBA scholarships \(/schools/business/mba/fees-and-funding/scholarships.aspx\)](#), contact the School directly or visit the University of Birmingham's [Students Academic Services \(http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk).

Entry requirements

A good Honours degree plus at least three years of postgraduation work experience in banking or finance at a supervisory level. Equivalent professional qualifications will also be considered.

Applicants who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to the one-year MBA (GBF) programme have the option of applying for the 24-month route. For those with appropriate quantitative skills, it is possible to enter the first year of the 21-month route in January (see [MBA \(full-time\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba.aspx) for full details).

Learn more about [entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx).

International students

We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about [international entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx).

- 12-month MBA – IELTS 7.0 (with no less than 6.5 in any band); TOEFL IBT 95 (with no less than 22 in any band); Pearson Academic Test of English 67 (in all four skills).*
- 21-month route – IELTS 6.5 (with no less than 6.0 in any band); TOEFL IBT 88 (21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing); Pearson Academic Test of English 59 (in all four skills).*
- 24-month route – IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in any band); TOEFL IBT 82 (19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing); Pearson Academic Test of English 51 (in all four skills).*

*TOEFL is only acceptable for non-Tier 4 visa requiring students – i.e. Home/EU students and others who do not need a CAS.

How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSoo6.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSoo6.htm)

Learning and teaching

This MBA programme has been specifically designed for graduates who aspire to develop careers in global banking and finance and aims to improve management and technical skills by focusing on key areas such as international banking, banking and finance regulation and supervision, risk and asset and liability management, strategic management of financial institutions, financial markets, private equity and venture capital finance.

- Core taught elements in functional business disciplines. As a research-led School, the latest thinking and techniques can be rapidly incorporated and teaching kept at the cutting edge
- Classes and seminars supplement lectures, where fuller analysis and discussion takes place and important business skills, such as analysis, argument and synthesis, can be developed
- Case studies are used as a means of relating theory to practical situations and students will often work in small groups with other students on assignments designed to develop problem solving and interpersonal skills
- A series of industrial seminars, given by outside speakers from industry and commerce, provides contemporary 'real world' perspectives on the business environment – recent visitors to the School have included Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England (and a former professor of the University of Birmingham) and Sir John Bond, Chairman of HSBC Holdings
- A residential weekend business simulation requires you to manage a 'company' team in competition with others, against tight deadlines and with a range of rapidly changing data to assimilate and act upon (Full-time only)
- A Teamwork Skills course at an [outdoor pursuits centre in the Malvern Hills \(http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/outdoor-education-centres/malvern-hills-oec.aspx\)](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/outdoor-education-centres/malvern-hills-oec.aspx) develops skills in leadership, team building and team working (Full-time only)
- Cross-Cultural Management skills are developed in a variety of workshops and Issues in Global Competitiveness are the focus of a specialist series of seminars
- Researching and writing a project develops skills in information gathering, analysis and report writing
- A supporting programme of consultant delivered career-development workshops allow you to reflect on the impact of what you have learnt on your future career development

Employability

Adobe Flash Player or QuickTime is required for video playback. [Get the latest Flash Player](#) [Get the latest version of QuickTime](#)

An MBA alumni, who is now a Marketing Director at Thomson Local, discusses his time studying a Birmingham MBA.

From the very start of your MBA, you receive bespoke advice from our employment consultants. Through one-to-one coaching, our industry experienced they work with you to clarify your aspirations and support you in your future career, jointly developing a winning employment strategy to take you to the next level and to open doors to a range of potential employer.

Employer engagement

Whilst on your MBA you will have the opportunity to engage with top international companies. Our MBA students have participated in a range of activities with employers including BP, GE, IBM, Accenture, Cargemini, Unilever, Deloitte and HSBC.

Group and individual activities to enhance your skills

Throughout the programme, you will have the opportunity to be involved in group and individual activities all aimed at helping you to develop the skills and techniques which lead to highly successful employment outcomes.

A few examples of these activities that you will undertake throughout your MBA programme include online profile building, Careers in Consultancy networking event, Distinguished leaders alumni seminar series, mock assessment centre, skills coaching, and video recorded interview practice.

Alumni Career profiles



“I had access to excellent academic facilities such as online resources, making learning limitless”

Farnaz Sarabi, MBA International Business

Find out about the careers our alumni go on to and their experiences studying The Birmingham MBA; visit our [MBA student profiles \(/schools/business/student-profiles/mba/index.aspx\)](/schools/business/student-profiles/mba/index.aspx).

Careers in Business

Our in-house [Careers in Business \(/schools/business/mba/employability-and-careers/careers.aspx\)](/schools/business/mba/employability-and-careers/careers.aspx) team and experienced consultants provide a specialist careers support service located in University House for the exclusive use of Birmingham Business School postgraduates. Their role is to support your career development in a variety of ways including advice and guidance, career development workshops, employer liaison mock interviews and more.

The Careers in Business team also offer guidance to students with their own business idea that they would like to develop, and can provide support through our Entrepreneurship & Innovation Centre.

Find out more about the [MBA Careers in Business service \(/schools/business/mba/employability-and-careers/index.aspx\)](/schools/business/mba/employability-and-careers/index.aspx).

