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This programme consists of the first year on the [Graduate Diploma in Business Administration \(GDBA\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/business-admin-grad-diploma.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/business-admin-grad-diploma.aspx), followed by the second year on either the [MBA International Business \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/mba.aspx) 12 month pathway, or the [MBA Global Banking and Finance \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/global-banking-finance-mba.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/global-banking-finance-mba.aspx) 12 month pathway (depending upon your eligibility).

As a student on this programme you are required to pass all twelve modules of the GDBA with an average score of 60% to progress onto the appropriate MBA 12 month pathway.

What is the MBA 21 month programme?

For appropriately qualified students (good Finance/Economics background) there is the option to join the GDBA programme in its second semester, which starts in January. As a student on this programme you are required to pass all six modules in the second semester of the GDBA with an average score of 60% to progress onto the appropriate MBA 12 month pathway.

What is the Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (GDBA)?

You can find out all about this programme by visiting the [course page \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/business-admin-grad-diploma.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/business/business-admin-grad-diploma.aspx).

As a student on the MBA 24 or 21 month programme, what do I need to do in order to progress onto the MBA in the second year?

As a student on these programmes you are required to pass all modules of the GDBA with an average score of 60% to progress onto the appropriate MBA 12 month pathway.

As a registered student on the MBA 24 or 21 month programmes, you are not separately certificated for your GDBA, and the marks you achieve on the GDBA do not count towards your MBA.

What are the advantages of the 24/21 month programme?

- The [entry criteria \(/schools/business/mba/apply/index.aspx\)](/schools/business/mba/apply/index.aspx) for the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes are slightly lower than those for the MBA 12 month programmes, so should you not meet the MBA 12 month requirement, you are welcome to consider this option as an alternative which offers you an additional year to prepare for MBA study.
- If English is not your first language, the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes provide you with an additional year (the GDBA year) to develop your spoken and written English skills.
- Should you be unfamiliar with the British higher education system, or have been out of education for some time, the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes offer you more time to acclimatise to an academic environment.
- If you have the financial support to bring your family to the UK from overseas, the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes may be more suitable in allowing you and your family more time to settle.
- Although your performance on the GDBA does not ultimately contribute to your MBA grade, the first year of the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes gives you the opportunity to develop academic abilities in many of the areas which will be covered in greater depth on the MBA.
- Due to the structure of the MBA 24 and 21 month programmes, you would complete the first year by June, which would allow you the opportunity to apply for an internship with a UK-based company prior to the start of the second year (September). Should you wish to take advantage of such an opportunity, our Careers Service will be happy to support you.