

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

About the course

Our one-year, full-time MBA will provide you with a solid foundation in the core business principles needed for a successful and purposeful career.

The Oxford MBA is an intense programme designed to empower you to lead with purpose. Commencing in September, you will experience an exciting launch period helping you to get to know your fellow classmates, assimilate into life at Oxford Saïd, and begin learning fundamental leadership skills.

Following the wider University of Oxford's three-term structure, the Oxford MBA year is divided into modules, allowing you to focus on your core courses and chosen electives. Our curriculum has been developed to incorporate and prepare you for the world-scale challenges shaping today's business environment.

Course outline

Prior to their arrival, students have access to preparatory materials through the MBA Portal. From August you will receive access to the Pre-Programme which introduces you back into academic work. This programme will get you up to speed with core quantitative, leadership, and business concepts so you can hit the ground running on your arrival in Oxford and start thinking about your post-MBA career path through engaging with the online Oxford Saïd Careers Academy.

This programme is compulsory but self-directed, so you can move quickly through the areas where you are already skilled and take more time over the subjects where you might be weaker. All the content is virtual and self-paced.

The programme formally begins in Oxford in Mid-September, typically the 3rd week of the month with the MBA Launch (orientation). Launch consists of two weeks of introductory and onboarding activities, including contributions from the Career Development Centre and our faculty.

There are eight core courses, six of which are taught in the first term and two in the second term. In addition to core courses students, take a total of twelve elective credits. They choose four electives to complete during the second term, and six electives during the third term. A final two elective credits are completed over the summer, either through regular electives, a Strategic Consulting Project, or an Internship for Credit.

Core courses

The goal of these core courses is to provide a breadth and depth of knowledge that will allow you to approach the core fundamentals of business with confidence and understanding.

You will be immersed in fundamental business principles, from accounting to marketing and from strategy to organisational behaviour. These core foundations of business incorporate cross-cutting themes relating to the world-scale challenges shaping today's business environment. You will explore these themes further in dedicated courses throughout your year. Our core courses combine a mix of case studies, practical learning, and real-world applications, empowering you to go on and become a global leader:

- Accounting
- Analytics
- Business Finance

- Firms and Markets
- Marketing
- Organisational Behaviour
- Strategy
- Technology and Operations Management

Elective courses

Four electives (taken in the second term)

Six electives (taken during the third term)

Two further electives (taken during the summer)

We offer you the opportunity to choose from a wide range of subjects which allows you to personalise your MBA experience. Courses are often taught by academics and industry practitioners working in partnership to ensure that cutting edge research is combined with relevant real-life application.

Expand on the fundamental business principles learned in your core courses by focusing on areas of business and society relevant to your goals and interests. Whether you want to focus on private equity or business strategy for your career post-MBA, or you're simply interested in learning more about Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics in Marketing, Advertising & Retail, our extensive catalogue of electives has something for everyone.

Examples of electives available to Oxford MBA candidates include:

- Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics in Marketing
- Capitalism in Debate
- Corporate Turnaround & Business Transformation
- Corporate Valuation
- Entrepreneurship Project
- Entrepreneurial Finance Project
- Financial Crises and Risk Management
- Global Opportunities and Threats: Oxford (GOTO)
- Global Strategy
- Global Sustainable Business
- Impact Investing
- Leadership Perspectives from the Humanities
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Restructuring
- Negotiations
- Project Management
- Reputation and Leadership
- Strategy & Innovation
- Supply Chain Management
- The Nature of the Corporation

International electives include:

- Doing Business in Africa (based in Cape Town)
- Fintech: Present and Future (based in London)

*Electives on offer are subject to change from year to year depending on demand.

Our electives are just one example of contributions to the MBA Pathways, which have been designed to help you negotiate your way through the many choices on offer to you throughout the programme. Pathways include electives, co-curricular offerings, student-led activities and programmes through the Career Development Centre. These can be followed directly if students are looking to specialise in a certain area, or you can of course move between them depending on your career aspirations. The current pathways are:

- Consulting
- Finance
- Global Industries
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Impact
- Technology

Internship

As an MBA student, you have the option to source and undertake a summer internship for credit towards your MBA. As an intern, you can develop knowledge and competencies related directly to your career goal and potentially secure a full-time job offer.

Strategic consulting project

Working in teams of two to five, you can choose to undertake a six-week project for a corporate sponsor. Projects take place all over the world and for all kinds of companies. Teams have worked with a wide range of companies, charities, non-profits, and start-ups. You might find your team assessing the business case for a new product, creating fully implementable sustainable energy solutions, or sizing up potential strategic acquisitions for a corporate sponsor. You might be on a mission to develop social entrepreneurship in East Africa or formulate a strategy for penetrating the Chinese market.

Supervision

All graduate students are assigned an academic supervisor by Saïd Business School to oversee your academic progression. Your supervisor will oversee your progress but will normally only intervene if you are having problems with your studies and/or exams.

Assessment

The assessment regime is a combination of final examinations, group and individual assignments, presentations, and class participation assessment. Teachers seek to tailor assessment methods to achieve desired learning outcomes most effectively. Assessment may be performed during, and at the end of each course.

You will be required to make regular presentations to teachers, examiners, and business practitioners, and, in some courses, these will be a formal part of the assessment.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency.

For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

i) Table showing expected course length and mode of study offered

Full Time Only

Expected length	
	12 months

Costs

Annual Course Fees for entry in 2024-25

ii) Table showing Annual Course Fees for entry in 2024-25

<i>Fee status</i>	<i>Annual Course fees</i>
<i>Home</i>	£78,510
<i>Overseas</i>	£78,510

Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Deposits

If your application is successful, you will be asked to pay a deposit against your course fees at the application stage as a condition of your offer. The deposit amount and date by which payment must be made are shown below.

iii) Table showing deposit amount and date when it must be paid

<i>Amount of deposit</i>	<i>Date by which deposit must be paid</i>
£9,200	Approximately 30 days after an offer is made

Additional cost information

There are currently two elective overseas modules, for which students cover the cost of travel and accommodation. The school will bear the general cost for teaching provisions such as conference facilities hire and any networking events. In addition, students may undertake student-led 'treks' to overseas companies or similar, with a view to understanding what it is like to do business in different geographic locations. Students meet potential recruiters and alumni of the school in professional settings and for informal social events. The number of treks undertaken by students is at their discretion and they are entirely optional. Students cover their own costs, which can differ markedly based on the geography visited and the duration. Please note that this course requires that you are primarily taught in Oxford, and you will need to incur travel and accommodation costs to attend the course if you do not live in the Oxford area.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2024-25 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Table iv) Likely living costs for one month

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£315	£495
<i>Accommodation</i>	£745	£925
<i>Personal items</i>	£190	£320
<i>Social activities</i>	£40	£95
<i>Study costs</i>	£35	£85
<i>Other</i>	£20	£35
<i>Total</i>	£1,345	£1,955

Table v) Likely living costs for nine months

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£2,835	£4,445
<i>Accommodation</i>	£6,705	£8,325
<i>Personal items</i>	£1,710	£2,880
<i>Social activities</i>	£360	£855
<i>Study costs</i>	£315	£765
<i>Other</i>	£180	£315
<i>Total</i>	£12,105	£17,595

Table vi) Likely living costs for twelve months

	<i>Lower range</i>	<i>Upper range</i>
<i>Food</i>	£3,780	£5,940

<i>Accommodation</i>	£8,940	£11,100
<i>Personal items</i>	£2,280	£3,840
<i>Social activities</i>	£480	£1,140
<i>Study costs</i>	£420	£960
<i>Other</i>	£240	£1,020
<i>Total</i>	£16,140	£23,460

Document accessibility

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Further information

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