

4.5 Master of Business Management and Administration (MBA)

Admission requirements

- An appropriate four-year bachelor's degree (NQF Level 8) and at least three years' relevant full-time working experience;
or
- An honours degree (NQF Level 8), plus three years' relevant full-time working experience;
or
- An appropriate three-year bachelor's degree (NQF Level 7) and a postgraduate diploma (NQF Level 8), plus at least three years' relevant working experience.

Please note:

- Your working experience should preferably be on managerial level.
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management and Administration can help you to qualify for admission to the MBA.

Further requirements

In addition to the requirements above, you must:

- obtain satisfactory results in the SHL or GMAT selection tests;
- submit a comprehensive CV;
- submit two essays, showing your level of motivation and working experience.

Selection

The number of students selected can be influenced by, for example, staff capacity, availability of resources within the School as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources can fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ from year to year.

Should the number of applicants that meet the admission requirements exceed the available capacity, a selection process is applied by a selection committee. The criteria that are applied by the committee include multiple components supporting the Stellenbosch Business School's drive for inclusivity and upholding our global standard for learning. The Stellenbosch Business School selection committee considers work experience, qualifications, assessment results, writing ability and motivation for further development when choosing suitable candidates. These criteria are used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants.

A mark of at least 40% in Mathematics at NSC (Grade 12) level or equivalent is not a requirement, but it is an important indicator of whether or not you will be able to complete this programme successfully. This mark will be considered alongside your selection test results, your CV and your prior qualifications to determine your selection.

Selection takes place every year, starting in July. You will also be expected to have a selection interview with a representative from the Stellenbosch Business School.

Application procedure and closing date

The application process is the same for South African and international students: Go to www.usb.ac.za/apply and complete the online MBA application form. You will be able to complete the form in steps without losing information.

It is advisable to complete the application form as soon as possible in order to register for the programme. The closing date for South African applications is **15 November** of every year while the closing date for international applications is **31 October** of every year.

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: Two years.

Starting date: January.

Programme's mode of delivery

Full-contact learning (face-to-face).

Hybrid learning.

Assessment

Deadline for submitting the research assignment

The submission date for the research assignment is **1 December**. No extension will be granted. If you fail to submit by 1 December, but do submit by the supplementary date of 15 January, a maximum mark of 50% will be awarded. If you fail to submit the research assignment by 15 January, you will have to re-register for the module.

Provisions relating to the continuation and termination of studies

Full-contact and hybrid-learning students

If, towards the end of the first academic year, you have completed the compulsory syllabus and still have more than 35% of your credits for the core modules in arrears, you will not be allowed to continue with the MBA programme.

All groups

You have the minimum period plus one grace year to complete the MBA programme. If you have already used the additional grace year and you still have credits in arrears, it could happen that you will not be allowed to continue with the programme.

Enquiries

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Programme structure

This programme is presented at the Bellville Park campus and online in a full-contact and a hybrid learning format.

The **full-contact format** comprises nine one-week blocks (with classes from Monday to Saturday) on campus over two years.

The **hybrid learning format** comprises both compulsory on-campus blocks and classes that can be attended either synchronously (in real-time) online or face-to-face (F2F) on campus. Detailed schedules are available on the Stellenbosch Business School website

Focal areas

Stellenbosch Business School has three MBA focal areas over and above the current general MBA. These focal areas are presented from the second year in the MBA hybrid learning format:

- Managing International Organisations,
- Health Care Leadership, and
- Project Management.

For more information, please visit www.usb.ac.za.

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn a total of 213 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
10723	879	213	Business Management and Administration	Both

4.5.1 Business Management and Administration: General

Compulsory modules (197 credits)

The compulsory modules include the Leadership Development module, which spans the entire MBA, and the International Study module at a foreign business school.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13385	815	8	Accounting for Decision-making	Both
13386	815	4	Business Communication Skills	Both
58955	815	8	Business in Society	Both
13379	815	12	Contemporary Decision-making	Both
65668	815	12	Corporate Finance	Both
13377	815	8	Digital Enterprise Management	Both
51810	815	8	Economics for Managers	Both
13380	815	8	Human Capital Management	Both
13378	815	8	Integrated Case Studies	Both
60127	815	8	International Study module	Both
12345	815	16	Leadership Development	Both
13383	815	8	Operational Excellence	Both
13384	815	8	Perspectives on African Frontiers	Both
10812	815	8	Managerial Accounting	Both
13157	815	8	Managerial Statistics	Both
13381	815	45	Research Methodology and Assignment	Both
59587	815	12	Strategic Management	Both
13387	815	8	Strategic Marketing and Branding	Both

Elective modules (16 credits)

You must select two elective modules of 8 credits each or one elective module of 16 credits. See www.usb.ac.za for electives.

The elective modules are grouped together in specialisation streams. By choosing elective modules from the same speciality, you can acquire areas of expertise in Strategy, Leadership, Finance, Marketing, Operations, Technology and Innovation.

The elective modules change yearly.

4.5.2 Focal areas in the MBA programme

4.5.2.1 Focal area: Health Care Leadership

Compulsory modules (28 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13930	817	12	Health Care Finance	Both
13928	817	8	Health Care Systems and Policy	Both
14487	817	8	Value-based Healthcare	Both

4.5.2.2 Focal area: Managing International Organisations

Compulsory modules (28 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14390	814	8	Diplomacy in Complex Systems	Both
13924	828	12	Finance for Development	Both
13923	828	8	International Organisations Leadership	Both

4.5.2.3 Focal area: Project Management

Compulsory modules (28 credits)

The Managing of Projects module in the Postgraduate Diploma in Project Management programme is compulsory if you did not graduate from the Postgraduate Diploma in Project Management.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14260	819	8	Project Management Innovations	Both
14261	819	12	Project Portfolio Finance	Both
14262	819	8	Project Portfolio Management	Both

Disclaimer:

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