

## Overview

The Master of Business Administration is a globally recognised postgraduate qualification for ambitious, motivated professionals.

Studying our MBA Executive course will support your career progression by developing your critical thinking and research skills and enhancing your business knowledge and understanding. The MBA Executive course will improve your management practice and will equip you with the essential leadership skills, confidence and competence to achieve your organisation's objectives. You will think laterally, challenge convention and offer informed solutions to business issues. You will gain valuable skills that will set you apart from colleagues, allowing you to progress to your full career potential.

## Course Details

Our online learning courses are flexible and are designed so that you can balance your studies with your commitments at work and home. The course structure and learning materials enable you to study at your own convenience and develop your own study schedule, while offering opportunities for you to engage with your peers.

Northampton Integrated Learning Environment (NILE) is our dedicated online university learning space that you will use throughout your studies. Your tutors will use NILE to engage with you, and you will use NILE to access course materials, assessment information, virtual classrooms and discussion boards. Your assessed work will be submitted and graded online, so you will be able to see your grades and feedback wherever you are in the world. The system that underpins NILE is Blackboard and access to this system is through [nile.northampton.ac.uk](http://nile.northampton.ac.uk).

## How you will study

Your teaching will be delivered electronically and you will be encouraged to engage with your fellow students and tutors online. Studying online will give you the flexibility to study at your convenience\* without the need to travel or physically attend classes, whilst enhancing your employment opportunities. You will be aided throughout the process by our supportive teaching staff that are professionally qualified and have industry and academic experience to share with you. Studying the MBA Executive course will give you an opportunity to gain a professional accreditation in Marketing and Project Management.

\*Please note that modules are delivered within trimester periods so you will need to complete them in specified times.

### **MBA Masterclasses**

If you are studying the MBA Executive part-time or via distance learning, you will be invited to attend a series of MBA masterclasses (five one-day sessions on a Saturday from 10am-4pm) which would link to your modules.

The MBA Masterclasses are not a compulsory part of your study, however, they give you the opportunity to enhance your study, meet with the module leader and network with fellow MBA students.

The module enables placement students (as future managers and leaders) to analyse the ways in which the design and organization of work places and spaces might influence organisational culture. The design and interior layout of buildings represent 'the visible part of the culture of an organization', with these spaces being representative of an organisation's collective values, beliefs and behaviours.

### **PRINCE2 Foundation and Practitioner Award**

PRINCE2® (Projects in Controlled Environments) is the internationally recognised project management programme. Online learning materials are provided as part of your course fees. Additional PRINCE2 assessment must be successfully completed in addition to your MBA study.

### **MBA Business Events**

You will have the opportunity to participate in the MBA business event (Greece in 2017) in your first year. The MBA business event is optional and the cost should not exceed £500 for flights and accommodation (if you are travelling from the UK). You will need to allow an additional £250 for your expenses.

Please note: Additional fees, over and above your course fees, will be payable for the optional elements, for example for travel and accommodation for the Business Event or by the examination or membership bodies for membership and assessments associated with the qualifications.

## **Course content**

### **Year 1**

#### **Trimester one – September to December**

- You will study two modules: Critical Issues in Business and Managing and Organisational Behaviour.

#### **Trimester two – January to April**

- You will study one module: Financial Decision Making.

#### **Trimester three – May to July**

- You will study one module: Managing Operations and the Supply Chain.

### **Year 2**

#### **Trimester four – September to December**

- You will study one module: Competitive Strategy and Innovation and commence work on your Business Research Project.

#### **Trimester five – January to April**

- You will study one module: Strategic Marketing and continue work on your Business Research Project.

#### **Trimester six – May to July**

- You will study one module: Leadership in a changing context and complete your Business Research Project
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## **Intake Dates: January & September**

## **Additional Information (MBA Business Event)**

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## **Entry Requirements**

If you hold a first or second class honours degree from a British university, or equivalent qualification, and have a minimum of two years relevant management experience you will be eligible to apply for this course. We will consider your application if you can prove any prior credit or experiential learning that is relevant to the course. As this postgraduate qualification will attract professional practitioners and managers, you may be admitted on the basis of an assessment of meaningful and measurable prior learning or professional experience.

All International and EU students applying for a course with us must meet the following minimum English language requirements:

- Minimum standard – IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent) for study at postgraduate level.

## **Application Procedures**

Please include the following documents with your completed application form:

- Details of your English Language competence, for example, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) tests or equivalent.
- Certified copies of your school certificates and any other relevant qualifications. A certified copy is a photocopy that has an original official stamp of your school, college or university on it. The stamp should not be a photocopy.
- At least one reference (signed and on headed paper).
- A personal statement to explain why you are interested in studying your chosen course