

Wales MBA

Benefits

The programme offers the following benefits to students:

- Students can choose the order in which they want to study the taught modules. Since the programme is studied online, they also have the flexibility to study at home, at work, on leave, on vacation or even on overseas trips, as long as they have access to a computer and the internet. Students can take from two years to four years to complete the MBA.
- The University of Wales is one of the oldest and largest universities in the UK. Hence by studying for a degree from Wales, you are guaranteed of a qualification that is recognised the world over.
- RDI is the world's largest independent provider of UK university distance learning education, and has been providing UK university distance learning education for over 17 years.

Course Description

The University of Wales MBA programme is designed to equip you with essential modern management skills and knowledge and prepare you with an enterprising spirit grounded on solid business practices. The programme also aims to provide you with analytical and decision-making capabilities in order to face different kinds of new challenges resulting from the rapid changes seen in today's growing business environment. You will study tools and techniques that will help you develop and manage products and services that will be competitive internationally.

Qualification / Awarding Body

On successful completion of this programme, you will be awarded a Master of Business Administration

Awarding Body: University of Wales

Mode

Online distance learning

Course Content (modules)

The programme comprises an induction and eight modules:

1. Personal Skills Development
In this module, you will develop the common skills needed to succeed on the programme. It will provide you with the opportunity to develop apply and assess your skills using appropriate methods. You will develop a personal portfolio of evidence which demonstrates development in the common skills. You will establish a foundation for personal development and be able to apply your learning to a future workplace.
2. Financial Management
This module provides you with the tools to enable you to interpret and evaluate financial information and utilise financial information for decision-making purposes. Topics that you will learn include analysing financial statements, applying financial decision-making techniques to appraise projects, evaluate complex investment decisions, appreciate differences between financial decision-making in the public or not-for-profit sectors as compared to the private sector.
3. Marketing Management
You will investigate the role and function of marketing within the context of changing markets and increasing international competition. Topics that you will explore include information needs of the marketing function, marketing decision-making and organisational strategy, developing and implementing marketing plans for a product or service, reflecting on the international perspective and the global context of decision-making in marketing planning, evaluating the appropriateness of e-business strategies.
4. Operations Management
This module will investigate the context and processes of management operations and show how operations management is central to the achievement of organisational aims. Topics that you will learn include evaluating problems in operations and identifying approaches to overcome them, evaluating operating plans and identifying areas for

improvement, develop plans for investment in new capacity, devising suitable control systems, applying principles of project management.

5. Managing the Human Resource

This module will help you develop critical awareness of the contribution the human resource can make to workplace effectiveness. It will develop your ability to apply theoretical human resource models and concepts to a wide variety of work situations. The module is also designed to stimulate your thought on how organisation design can impact on the effectiveness of people. Topics covered include management of human resource function, management and leadership, how to lead and develop effective teams.

6. Managing Change in Organisations

This module will provide you with an understanding of the nature of organisational change; the role of a manager in dealing with that change; and skills which will allow them to contribute positively to the change process. Topics covered include the nature of the change process, how organisations respond to change, establish the links between knowledge management, knowledge tracking and knowledge migration in organisational/change management, design strategies to deal with resistance to change.

7. Strategic Management

This module will introduce you to the strategy process in a range of organisational context. Topics that you will learn include analysing a range of strategic decision-making models, undertaking a strategic analysis of an organisation, applying a range of strategic choice frameworks to generate and evaluate an organisation's strategic options, reflecting on cultural, structural and behavioural issues in the strategic process.

8. Research Methods

This module will provide you with a conceptual framework from which research philosophies, strategies and methods associated with business management can be critically reviewed. You will develop research competencies, in particular those relating to data collection and analysis that will enable you to design, undertake and evaluate independent research in an organisational setting.

Assessment

The personal skills development module requires you to develop a portfolio. In addition, you will complete two timed assessments, which you will complete within 24 hours, similar to an examination, four assignments of less than 4,000 words each, and a 20,000-word dissertation.

Duration of Programme

The University of Wales MBA is normally studied over a 24-month period, but this may be extended to suit your individual needs for up to a maximum of four years.

What's included

All online study materials and student handbooks are supplied. You will be allocated a tutor for academic support by RDI on request, whom you can contact by telephone and email. You will also complete an online induction and have access to an online Virtual Campus administered by RDI.

In Mauritius, you will have access to a programme coordinator at PTC for administrative support. You are allowed to attend all periodic workshops organised by PTC.

Entry Requirements

- First degree from an approved university equivalent to UK second class honours, or an acceptable professional qualification
- At least two years' relevant full-time work experience
- English ability equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.0, where the medium of undergraduate study was not English
- Minimum of 23 years of age
- Candidates without a first degree will be eligible for entry if they can demonstrate a minimum of five years managerial experience.

Enrolment Dates

Four intakes in a year – January, April, July and October.