

Sohar University

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The Sohar University MBA programme will equip students with the personal and professional skills to manage strategically in a rapidly changing business environment. Intensive teaching over a range of core and optional courses will deepen theoretical knowledge, firmly set within a practical business context. Sohar MBA graduates will face the future with confidence in their own ethical perspective, cultural awareness and decision-making ability.



Structure

The programme includes twelve courses, typically taken over four semesters (two years). In the first semester students will take courses in Managerial Economics, Quantitative and Research Methods and Human Resource Management, whilst the second semester includes Marketing, Operation Management and Organisational Behaviour. Third semester courses are Financial Management, Managerial Accounting and Business strategy. In the fourth semester students choose from a range of optional management courses, including a business project.

Teaching is conducted by a two hour lecture and two hour workshop per course per week. Lectures will include visiting speakers and video links, whilst workshop may involve interactive learning, computer laboratories or make use of the new Business Faculty Online Trading Room. Much of the programme will be case-based. Students need to be in class for one evening (Mondays) and one full day (Thursday) each week throughout the semester.

The programme will include a variety of forms of assessment, including course work, reports, presentation, group-work and formal examination.

Requirement

Applicants should have a good degree from a reputable university and a high standard of English- Language proficiency (IELTS 6.0 or equivalent), as well as appropriate professional experience. All learning will be in English. Fees are 600 RO for each of the twelve courses. All admission are subject to the approval of Ministry of Higher Education in Oman.

The programme will start in January 2012, and will be located at the dedicated MBA suite in the new Business Faculty building.

Student Responsibility

Studying part-time at a Masters level, whilst fulfilling the requirements of a full time job, is very demanding. Students must take responsibility for their own learning, including the way that their time and effort is organised. Students will need a set of core texts, as well as supplementary reading material, some of which will be online. All students will be expected to read extensively and to prepare assignments and coursework outside of the classroom – whilst the Business Faculty will provide help and support, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all work is completed and assignments submitted on time. Do not underestimate the size or magnitude of the task. Being busy at work is not an acceptable excuse for the late or nonsubmission of coursework.

Benefits

The value of a MBA as a management qualification is recognised throughout the world. Successful graduates will have a MBA from a good university. As importantly, graduates will think and act strategically, and will be recognised as adding value to their firm or organisation. Sohar University MBA graduates will be seen as organised, creative and entrepreneurial, able to plan and execute complex business tasks. They will be equipped with analytical business skills and techniques and will recognise opportunities to use these techniques and, as importantly, their limitations.

Director



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