



SORBONNE  
UNIVERSITY  
ABU DHABI



*Master in*  
**Business and  
Foreign  
Languages**  
**Speciality Management  
and International Business**

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# overview

The two-year Master in Business and Foreign Languages degree is awarded by Sorbonne University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The programme teaches students to master the concepts and techniques relevant to international business whilst enabling them to gain extensive knowledge of core business strategies within a global economic context by learning crucial management concepts in different fields.

Today, successful business leaders must possess both the theoretical and empirical tools that enable them to make structured management decisions taking into account various cultural, financial, commercial, social and political parameters. With this degree, students will grasp various International economics concepts that will enable them to understand how current issues influence international business.

Students will learn the processes of international operations in all their aspects, as well as strengthening their knowledge of business administration techniques. By learning the concepts of business law, students will enhance their comprehension of the legal environment, helping them to decipher legal documents and practices that govern businesses.

Additionally, students will refine their knowledge of research techniques and methodologies of applied research as well as fundamental IT tools and their application in a business context. Moreover, students will develop the requisite managerial and critical thinking skills and knowledge needed in international and cross-cultural environments, learning how to understand human and organisational behaviour, as well as the concepts of international corporate strategy.

The other goal of the programme is for students to gain a good understanding of a multicultural environment by undertaking courses in languages and civilisations, as well as cross cultural management. All courses are taught in English and students will study one or two foreign languages including French, Chinese, Spanish, German, Italian or Arabic at beginner, intermediate or advanced levels to cater for multi-lingual business environments.

The curriculum is delivered by professors from France and the UAE. Our faculty has achieved worldwide acclaim and impart a thorough knowledge of international business and languages through lectures, teamwork, case studies, individual assignments, research studies and computer-based interactive business games.





# Programme *highlights*

## → Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate to support the UAE's rapid and ambitious progress.

Given the rapid development of the region, career prospects are enormous for professionals with multilingual skills and the scope of the experiential learning opportunities at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will give graduates a competitive edge in their career anywhere in the world.

## → International recognition

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages is granted by Sorbonne University in Paris. It is recognised worldwide and is the key step to an international career. The Business and Foreign Languages curriculum has been ranked "A" by the French Agency of Evaluation of Higher Education and Research (AERES), which is the highest evaluation.

## → Access to the Sorbonne University Ph.D. programme

The master in Business and Foreign Languages can lead to access for the three year, non-residential doctoral programme at Sorbonne University Paris.

## → A dual competency

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages has a unique double accreditation by the French Ministry of Higher Education in both Management and Business Administration and Foreign Languages. Both qualifications will appear on the degree.

## → An all-in-one degree

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages provides students from various disciplines with an "all-in-one" programme in International Management, similar to an MBA programme but with a specific emphasis on multilingual and multicultural skills and capabilities. Moreover, students will improve their knowledge and expertise of foreign languages.



# Structure

The degree in Business and Foreign Languages is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. At the end of this degree, you will have 120 credits. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening and weekend classes in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.

## Internship

For nonworking students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has integrated a mandatory internship in second year. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.

Depending on their profile and professional objectives and subject to the approval of the Programme Director, students may, in addition to the mandatory corporate internship, choose to do an extra linguistic or cultural internship.

## Research study

At the end of the first year, students will be required to produce a specific Research Study on a topic of their choice (related to specific economic, social or managerial cross-cultural challenges).

## Master's thesis

Students will be required to submit an extended essay based on their internship or professional experience. Approval from the programme director is required.

The thesis has to deal with a subject related to economic, linguistic, cultural or societal issues. This academic dimension is highly important especially for students who intend to complete their Ph.D.

# Year 1

## COURSES

Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Languages and Civilisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language Specialisation</li> <li>French</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Italian</li> <li>Arabic</li> <li>German</li> <li>Chinese</li> <li>Middle Eastern Civilisation: Business Dynamics in the Middle East</li> <li>Europe in the World: Trade and Business Relations</li> </ul>	<b>Languages and Civilisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language Specialisation</li> <li>French</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Italian</li> <li>Arabic</li> <li>German</li> <li>Chinese</li> <li>Cross-Cultural Management</li> </ul>
<b>Global Business Foundations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Marketing</li> <li>International Economics</li> <li>Accounting Foundations</li> </ul>	<b>Integrated Business Dynamics and Ethics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAE and GCC Business Law</li> <li>Business Ethics and Sustainability</li> <li>Corporate Finance</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership and Organisational Behaviour</li> <li>Strategic Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>	<b>Research Fundamentals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Methodology</li> <li>Research Paper</li> </ul>

# Year 2

## COURSES

Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Languages and Civilisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language Specialisation</li> <li>French</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Italian</li> <li>Arabic</li> <li>German</li> <li>Chinese</li> <li>Middle Eastern Civilisation: The Challenges of Energy Transition</li> <li>Europe in the World: Defence and Geopolitics</li> </ul>	<b>Languages and Civilisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language Specialisation</li> <li>French</li> <li>Spanish</li> <li>Italian</li> <li>Arabic</li> <li>German</li> <li>Chinese</li> </ul>
<b>Specialised Courses in Business Administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Marketing</li> <li>Advanced Strategic HR Management</li> <li>Entrepreneurial Negotiation</li> </ul>	<b>Professional Research and Internship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Solutions for Business Administration: AI and Data Analytics</li> <li>Professional Thesis</li> <li>Research Methodology</li> </ul>
<b>Business Simulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company Project</li> <li>Business Game</li> </ul>	—



## *Assessment & graduation requirements*

Throughout the year, there will be frequent assessment and evaluations. Students will be evaluated on individual assignments, internships presentations, reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance to all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times.



## *Career prospects*

There are abundant rewarding career opportunities on a regional and global scale for our graduates. Given the rapid development of the region and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular, career prospects are plentiful for professionals with multilingual skills.

Students can pursue careers as analysts in leading global consultancy firms, product or country managers, or even expand their own businesses into different markets. Some graduates hold positions in international organisations such as the UN, or in state agencies and ministries. Others have setup their own companies in diverse fields including luxury products, events management, insurance and banking.



# Admission prospects

Admission to our master's programmes is selective and competitive and each applicant will be considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

## General entry requirements

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorised to continue in the programme only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester
  - or Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours
  - or Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
  - Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission
  - IELTS certificate with minimum overall band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years, or Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years or equivalent
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency

for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website: Ministry of Education. Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is committed to considering applications from all students regardless of their country of origin, income, gender, religion or physical condition. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

[www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae)

## Tuition Fees

**AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,344)**

Scholarships are available for this programme\* :

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

\*Conditions apply

# Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi ?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).





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