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Web Information



General programme information is available on the Alliance Manchester Business School [MBA website](#). Specific course information is provided using our online learning environment, Canvas, upon student registration.

Language



All courses are taught in English. The MBA Programme requires a very high standard of English language proficiency, both in oral and written communication. All students must hold a relevant IELTS/TOEFL report if applicable or have learned in English for the duration of their studies.

Facilities



Exchange students will be given an Alliance MBS email address, have access to the University Libraries and Alan Gilbert Learning Commons as well as use of syndicate rooms for self/group study. Sports facilities are available off-campus for an additional fee. Student discounts cards offered by [ISIC](#) provide great savings for students whilst in the UK.

Programme Structure & Course Information



Course Information

Incoming exchange students will have the opportunity to take a combination of courses from our core course and elective offerings, covering a range of business topics. Core courses are taken alongside our first year Full Time MBA cohort. Elective courses will be taken alongside our Full Time, on-campus cohort but also with Global MBA students studying at one of our five Global Centres around the world.

Core courses

- ✓ Attend in person classes.
- ✓ Runs September to December.
- ✓ Study with our FT MBA students based in Manchester.
- ✓ Immerse yourself in AMBS culture.

Elective courses

- ✓ Choice of 6-month or 2-month electives.
- ✓ Blended learning format - a mix of in-person, 3-day workshops and self study.
- ✓ Network with our Global MBA students studying at our global centres.

Core courses

Exchange students are encouraged to take a core course from the options below when selecting their four courses. It should be emphasised, however, that these courses are part of the 1st Year Core requirements for Manchester MBA students and have several in-person classes and assessed presentations throughout the months of September through December. Therefore exchange students will need to be based in Manchester and should verify whether their home institution will accept such courses.

Operationalizing & Communicating Value

This course will provide you with key knowledge about operations management and marketing. We will encourage you to consider the interactions and potential tensions between these areas, and to critically evaluate the application of theory to real-life contexts. You will work in multinational groups to develop solutions to marketing and operations management challenges.

Leading Global Transitions

Leading and managing in today's global business environment is complex. This course will provide you with analytical tools to critically evaluate the globalised economy from a cultural, political and economic perspective. You will explore major management issues and develop an understanding of the social context of businesses.

Social Impact Project

This live consultancy project with a not-for-profit organisation is a practical task. It will broaden your perspective and put you in new and challenging environments. As part of the course, you will have the opportunity to work in a multinational team with fellow students, giving you a good introduction to consultancy with **real, demanding clients**. At the end of term, SIP groups get together for an official **celebration event** to recognise the impact they've had on local businesses.

Elective Options

Electives are taught in a 'blended' format with a majority of content delivered online and in-person group work occurring in the form of 3-day workshops at Alliance Manchester Business School. This 'blended' format allows incoming exchange students to build a truly global network of professional peers, as GMBA students typically bring an average of 10 years work experience into our programme.

Several weeks prior to in-person workshops, students are given access to a study guide on Canvas, our online Learning Environment, which navigates them through the course materials and prepares them for face-to-face workshops in Manchester.

There are typically two assessments for each elective course: one taking the form of a group assignment at the in-person workshop and another assessment due following the workshop.

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Six month electives

The six month electives commence on 1st July 2026 and run through December. The workshop period (when face-to-face attendance is required) is 31st August to 13th September. An individual workshop will typically be delivered over 3 consecutive days during this period.

The PROVISIONAL list of electives for this session is as follows:

- Business to Business Marketing
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management
- International Business Strategy
- Leading Business Projects
- Negotiation Skills
- Venture Capital and Private Equity

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Two month electives

Students may also choose from a selection of 'accelerated' 2 month electives for their exchange experience. Two month electives commence on 1st October 2026, with taught classes delivered (provisionally) from 2nd to 8th November.

The PROVISIONAL list of electives for this session is as follows:

- Corporate News and Shareholder Value
- Engaging Human Talent
- Financial Technology: Digital Banking and Blockchain
- Practical Investing

Students will take these elective courses alongside our FT 2nd year MBA and Global MBA cohorts.

Full Time Workload

Courses are 15 credits, as is the Social Impact Project. Each 15 credit course is weighted at 22.5 hours teaching, and we estimate approximately 3 hours of self-study time for each hour spent in the classroom. Choice of courses is student-led, and the School reserves the right not to run a particular elective if there is insufficient demand. Some electives may also specify maximum numbers. Early registration is recommended but does not guarantee a place.



Assessment

Classes are assessed by various methods including cases, group work (reports/presentations), and individual work. All courses are graded out of 100%. A minimum score of 50% is required in order to pass at the MBA level. It is mandatory for students to be available and on-campus in Manchester up until the end of face-to-face teaching.



SERVICES & SUPPORT



CAREERS SERVICE

Exchange students will have access to our postgraduate careers service, including various networking events and CV/Resume tools. Advisors are available for 121 consultation throughout the year. For further details, please visit the [PGS website](#).



ALUMNI SERVICE

The AMBS Alumni Network gives our students a truly global reach. With over 60,000 alumni located in 169 countries worldwide, exchange students will join a local alumni community upon graduation from their home School. Students should register with our [Alumni Team](#) in order to benefit from this network.



STUDENT SERVICE

Exchange Students receive support on issues such as travel, accommodation, course selection, disability resources and most importantly how to enjoy their experience! Our dedicated Student Support Team can offer help and advice on a whole variety of student issues.

JOIN OUR ALLIANCE MANCHESTER MBA FAMILY!

Incoming exchange students will be made to feel welcome at AMBS and can:

- ✓ **Meet with the MBA Assistant Director and Class Student Council.**
- ✓ **Attend Social events and holiday parties.**
- ✓ **Learn from industry leaders as part of our Guest Speaker Series.**
- ✓ **Participate in Business Competitions (such as the Venture Capital Investment Competition).**
- ✓ **Build their soft skills through our MBA+ Workshops.**
- ✓ **Let AMBS purchase required core textbooks for each elective. There is no requirement to purchase any additional textbooks.**
- ✓ **Integrate into the campus community by joining MBA Student Clubs both academic and social. [The International Society](#) is highly recommended for all international students and membership is FREE!**

APPLICATION MATERIALS & REQUIREMENTS

Please find information below on minimum admission requirements and application materials for prospective exchange students.



Entry Requirements

- (1) Minimum of three years' work experience after graduation
- (2) Being registered on an MBA Programme at your home school
- (3) Proof of English Language (IELTS or TOEFL) if applicable

Required Documents

- (1) Completed Alliance MBS Application Form
- (2) Copy of your IELTS or TOEFL score (if applicable)
- (3) Copy of Undergraduate transcript
- (4) Your current CV/Resume
- (5) A brief biography of your background and interests

Dates and Deadlines

Exchange Nomination deadline – 13th March 2026
Required Documents deadline - (Announced via email after 13th March 2026). *It is recommended that students arrive up to one week prior to classes starting to settle into accommodation.*

HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION

Incoming exchange students are encouraged to connect with current MBA students or fellow exchange students to arrange shared accommodation. Some may prefer to explore privately let accommodation but can expect to spend significant time and effort finding short term rentals - as leases tend to be for a minimum of six months. The average costs for privately let 2 bedroom flats in the city centre are approximately £1,500 per month plus utilities. For shorter exchanges, students may consider the [Hyatt Regency Hotel](#) situated next to AMBS.

Questions about Immigration?

Please make sure you meet all entry requirements before applying. We have dedicated professionals who can assist you with immigration queries, and you can contact them at iat@manchester.ac.uk. Students planning on travelling to Europe during their stay in the UK should check regulations for Schengen Visas before arriving in Manchester.

What about the VISA Process?

We provide all students with an official acceptance letter to assist their application for a student visa and entry to the UK. Students attending a course of less than six months should apply for a Student Visitor Visa. Please check if you require a visa on the [UKVI Website](#).