

Bachelor of Business (International Business)

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Program Structure

To qualify for the Bachelor of Business (International Business), a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 144 credit points comprising of subjects from a common business subjects, specialised subjects required for major, general electives, general education subjects and a final year project.

Year 1

Accounting for Decision Making

This subject introduces students to the role and use of accounting information in a variety of organisations and society. Students evaluate both financial and non-financial reports and their impact on accountability, decision-making and corporate governance. The subject introduces students to various analytical techniques in order to make sound decisions in a variety of business and social settings.

Principles of Responsible Business

The subject provides students with a conceptual tool kit for understanding and practicing responsible and ethical commerce in managing environment, globalization, technology, anti-corruption, labour and human rights. Working with industry, students will examine these issues from a variety of theoretical and practical perspectives and apply them to contemporary commercial contexts.

Statistics for Business

The aim of the subject is to introduce students to quantitative techniques and their application to the business world with an emphasis on the decision-making process. Students will be trained in the use of computer based software and models to analyze quantitative information for business decision-making.

Economic Essentials for Business

This subject introduces students to essential macroeconomic and microeconomic ideas, models and reasoning, which helps them to understand various economic issues. The subject will demonstrate the importance of economics on business and society, and will stimulate greater awareness of economic approaches to the analysis of contemporary social issues.

Introductory Principles of Finance

This subject introduces fundamental concepts of corporate and personal finance, and the relationship with financial planning. Students are equipped with fundamental skills to understand the concept of time value of money, as applied to solving cash flow valuation problems within the context of corporate and personal finance. The subject also explores ethical issues in managing finance.

Marketing Principles

Organizations need to know how to position themselves against competition by identifying marketing opportunities and problems. The subject examines the fundamental concepts and theories relevant to the study and practice of marketing. The subject serves as a foundation for further studies in business by developing an overview of where marketing fits within organizations and what framework marketing provides for enhancing and enabling the conduct of a business.

Introduction to Management

Organisations rely on managers and the management function for the efficient and effective running of their operations. This subject will introduce students to the key management theories and concepts required for managing people, process, environment and organizational culture. Students will learn the implications of managerial decisions on the internal and external environments.

Choose 1 Elective from the following options.

Accounting Principles

The subject introduces basic accounting systems (double entries), concepts and techniques to identify, classify, process, record and present accounting and financial information. This subject train students on how to prepare account and financial statements.

Economics and Society

This subject introduces students to the economic analysis of contemporary social issues such as inequality, human resources, environment, growth and development, and international trade, and the institutions that play a significant role in shaping them. The emphasis will be on policy-relevant examples from both the domestic and international contexts.

Business Communications

This subject introduces the theory and practice of communication in business and in workplaces. It examines and discusses the cultural, organisational and personal contexts and processes of communication. The subject would develop skills of public speaking, making presentations, writing reports, understanding of non-verbal messages, listening and building relationships in business and workplaces.

Business Oriented Information Systems

This subject examines the roles of information systems in a modern organization. Topics would cover functions and purposes of various information systems and their components; system design and development process; information systems administration and management; social implications of information systems, and hands-on experience in the use of personal productivity software. The practical component

includes using the internet, word processing, spreadsheets, database systems and website design.

Year 2

International Economics

This subject is designed to provide an introduction to international trade theory and international trade policy. It will examine the theory, policies, practices and institutions of relevance to a country's trade with other nations. The following broad questions will be addressed: Why do nations trade with each other? What are the gains and losses from free trade to the nations involved? What determines the pattern of international trade and production? What are the effects of various commercial policies on the nations involved and on the welfare of various groups within those nations? How does the foreign exchange market work and in what ways does it facilitate or impede international trade? What are the possible effects of exchange-rate policies on a country's production, employment and price level? How is a country's trade performance linked to its external debt and economic growth? How can trade effect the local and global environment?

Managing Across Cultures

This subject explores the influence of culture on management from an international business perspective. It discusses major theories of culture and their practical application to management issues such as communication, negotiation, decision-making, human resource management, expatriation, ethics, and diversity. The subject fosters an understanding of how to manage successfully across cultural boundaries in an international business context.

International Finance Management

This subject introduces students to the use of financial tools in an international context. The subject covers the basic techniques of finance and these are then related to international financial markets, institutions and practice. Students learn to evaluate the relationship between risk and expected return from international investments and develop an understanding of short and long-term international debt and equity capital markets.

Industry and Trade in Asia

This subject studies the neo-classical, structuralist and culturalists views on industrialisation in Asia using country specific examples. It examines and applies trade and industry policy, economic integration, investment flows and the international monetary system. It further explores the East Asian Model and its application by other countries in the region. The causes of extraordinary growth and meltdown in Asian countries are analysed. The recent challenges in the region and the strategies to overcome the main challenges are emphasised.

Choose 1 UAE Studies Subject

Urban Sociology

The societies and places in which we live are very complex, and the interactions of individuals, as well as social institutions, have a direct impact on the life path we take. This course provides an engaging and accessible introduction to urban sociology and the study of cities, with particular focus on the experience of the UAE and Dubai. We'll examine a number of substantive urban topics, including but not limited to the growth of cities and urban spaces in the UAE, sustainable development and practices, and the 'built' environment.

Public Health

This course will introduce Public Health as an interdisciplinary science concerned with topics central to the population of U.A.E and on a wider scale of GCC region with regard to their physical, mental, and social well-being. The course focuses on current pertinent public health problems, assessing causation and examining intervention and management strategies at personal, social, and organizational levels.

UAE and International Relations

This course offers an overview of the UAE's rapidly emerging significance and its increased roles in global networks of international relations and diplomacy. Within that overview, the course examines the internal dynamics of the UAE, in particular, the priorities that emerge from a specific workforce dependency, a construction and tourism industry that looks 'East' as much as it does 'West'. Thus the new 'Look East' policy complements the country's historical partnership with the Western states. With the expansion of its global ties and relations, the UAE also becomes more sensitive to transnational issues, such as immigration, fluctuations in international markets or terrorism.

Society and Environment – Resources, Challenges, Futures

This subject aims to provide an understanding of relations and interactions between society and environment, including impact of societies on the Earth and its processes. Topics covered include the agricultural, industrial and urban revolutions; governance of environments; Indigenous land management; climate change; sustainability; and environmental impacts in the context of the Anthropocene.

Compulsory Arabic Language Subject or Challenge Test

Arabic Language

Language is key to everything we do. From verbal communication and the way we talk, to non-verbal communication and the emojis we use in our text messages, to the visuals

we use to construct compelling visual stories, language is how we communicate. Living, studying and working the UAE, having a basic understanding of Arabic language can give you a huge competitive advantage. This introductory subject provides some of the basics of Arabic language, and you'll leave this subject able to communicate on a basic, conversational level.

General Elective Requirement

Muslim Societies Across the Ages: Tradition, Secularism & Modernity

This course aims to provide students with critical thinking perspectives about the relationship between history, religion and culture, in this case, the formation of Islamic culture(s). A sociological introduction to the study of Islamic culture will introduce students to the emergence of Islam in its 7th century historical context, its relationship to the other monotheistic traditions of the region, its growth into the dominant cultural paradigm of the Near East by the 9th century, alongside its impact and contribution to key fields of medieval science and knowledge. A historical approach will help students acquire familiarity with key Islamic texts, institutions, concepts of authority, traditions of jurisprudence and spirituality, artistic expressions, as well as milestones in Islamic history. The course wraps up with a discussion of issues central to contemporary debates relating to Islamic culture, such as identity, gender, multiculturalism, pluralism, secularism and religiosity.

Fundamentals of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

This course is focused on learning innovation and entrepreneurship that can be applied to any high-growth enterprise or other organization. The course is composed of three modules:

Module 1: Design Thinking

Module 2: Entrepreneurship

Module 3: Growth and Leadership

Year 3

International Marketing

The principal aim of the subject is to analyze the global marketing environment and develop appropriate international marketing strategies. The content will include: socio-economic, legal, political, financial and cultural factors affecting international marketing operations; analyzing the profiles of selected regional markets and strategic options for entry and expansion in those markets; international marketing research methods and data analysis techniques; international marketing mix decisions; and contemporary issues in multinational marketing.

Strategic Management

The subject deals with the strategic management process and planning functions in the business enterprise. Emphasis will be placed on the process by which environmental opportunities and threats to the business enterprise are recognized and evaluated, and on strategies required to meet the challenges. Topics include business mission; customer and competitor analysis; industry analysis; environment analysis; strategy and organization; alternative business strategies.

International and Comparative Human Resource Management

This subject focuses on the management of people in multinational firms. Main topics include: differences between domestic and international human resource management (HRM) and firm-level adjustments as firms go international; managing and supporting staff on international assignments (recruitment and selection, training and development, compensation and re-entry and career issues); global HRM issues, including industrial relations, performance management, and future issues; the HRM and industrial environment in a selection of countries.

International Business Management

This subject deals with the international business environment and the key issues involved in operating in international and global markets. The international and global business environment, entry modes, global strategies, functional strategies and the management and control of international/global operations are covered. On completion of this subject, students will have an understanding of international business and be able to apply key concepts in analysing and developing international business strategies.

Capstone Subject

Integrative Business Capstone

Integrative Business Capstone enables students to apply the principles of ethical, socially responsible, and sustainable commerce in a simulated business environment. The subject is based on a series of lectures and an action based learning project. Students will be required to make multidisciplinary interactive decisions based on sound ethical, socially responsible and sustainable practice.

Choose Any 3 Business Subjects as Elective