

Nations University offers MBA programme in partnership with Australian Institute of Business

Nations University introduces an MBA programme in partnership with the Australian Institute of Business (AIB). This partnership adds to the existing partnerships that Nations University has with the University of London, Cambridge University and the Institute of Commercial Management all in the UK.

Australian Institute of Business (AIB)

AIB has over 2,500 current and graduated students at more than 10 centres in 15 locations, including Trinidad and Tobago, St Lucia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and England. The MBA is fully accredited within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). It is registered on CRICOS, the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students. It is also listed with the International Association of Universities.

Quality assurance

Student admissions, approval of lecturers for the courses, teaching materials, and assessments are all handled by AIB in Australia. Students provide detailed feedback on each course and a member of the AIB faculty from Australia will visit Nations University each year to ensure quality control.

Distinctive features of the MBA from AIB

The entire MBA can be completed in 12 months and it is the most economical (by far) MBA programme available to the Guyanese market. The MBA comprises 12 subjects. One subject is studied each month. Two full days, one weekend, of intensive workshop session will be provided at Nations University each month. On another Saturday a revision workshop will be held. In addition students will receive detailed independent learning materials. This MBA takes a work-based and very practical approach. The students complete one assignment and take one exam per month.

Structure of the MBA

The MBA programme is offered in a very structured manner. On completion of the first 4 subjects (over a four month period) the student qualifies for the AIB Graduate Certificate. With the successful completion of the next four subjects (over another 4 month period) they qualify for the AIB Graduate Diploma and with the completion of the final 4 subjects (over another 4 month period) they are then qualified to receive the MBA from the AIB.

Subjects in the MBA

The subjects covered in the MBA include: Leadership, Management, Marketing, Legal and Social Issues, Operations Issues, Finance, Human Resource Management, Project Management, Entrepreneurship, Performance Management, and Succession Planning. The final module is a project.

Teaching staff

Each lecturer will have a minimum of a Masters Degree; they will have significant practical business or industry experience and proven teaching expertise.

Preparation

Students will be prepared for the MBA programme with an intensive Study Skills Seminar. They will be supported by dedicated academic and admin staff at Nations University. Each student will be given access to Pro Quest which gives the students access to the most up to date articles and case studies.

Assessment

Students will submit a 1,500 word assignment for each subject that will be worth 20% of their final mark in that subject. The other 80% of their mark will be based on a 3 ½ hour exam that they write each month. The final project is chosen by the students in consultation with staff at Nations University and AIB and will be based on a practical issue that the student faces at their workplace.

Entry qualifications

Students gain entrance to the MBA programme via one of three routes:

- a recognized Bachelor's Degree;
- a recognized Advanced Diploma with three years of relevant work experience; or
- three years of verifiable managerial experience.

One of the distinguishing features of AIB is the fact that they process applications in a matter of days unlike other agencies that can take several months.

Fees

The total fee for the MBA is **US\$5,210**.

Payable to AIB:

- application fee AU\$50
- and a payment of AU\$200 for each of the 12 subjects.

Payable to Nations University:

- US\$230 for each of the 12 subjects.

Payment plan

The fees for AIB are paid in installments, with three payments in the year each of AU\$800.

The payments to Nations University can be made on a monthly basis. The only other expense that a student will face will be the purchase of a key textbook for each subject (priced about **US\$30 to \$50** each). However the Nations University library will have copies of each of these texts in addition to many other textbooks.

Start date

The MBA is scheduled to begin in October 2011 and **only 25 students will be accepted for the course**. You can secure your place with a deposit of US\$100. There will however be two other entry dates during the year for other cohorts of students.

Facilities

Nations is in the process of building a purpose built, air conditioned, lecture room for the programme. It will include DSL internet facilities, up to date audio visual aids and tea and coffee making facilities.

Value of an MBA

Research indicates that individuals with an MBA move up the promotion ladder much quicker than those without the degree and MBA graduates are in high demand at companies throughout the world. The programme is characterized by the 5 A's: it is accelerated, applied, accessible, affordable and accredited.

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