



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
Amsterdam Business School



Full-time | 12 months

The Amsterdam MBA

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Boutique MBA in the heart of Amsterdam

'I am very pleased that you are considering our Amsterdam MBA to boost your future career.



The Amsterdam

Business School is located in one of continental Europe's capitals of creative industries, vibrant entrepreneurship and multinational enterprises. Being triple-crown accredited by AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, we are proud to welcome you at one of the top 1% business schools in the world. As a boutique MBA, we limit our cohorts to around 30 students with extensive work experience in various industries and highly international backgrounds. With a strong focus on peer learning you will learn as much from them as from our instructors, bringing together in-depth industry experience and world-class academic reputation. Our personalised approach sets the Amsterdam MBA apart and creates a unique opportunity in a vibrant business environment. The highlights of the programme include our contemporary curriculum, Amsterdam Leadership Programme and International Study Trip to Cape Town, all designed for future leaders in business and society. I look forward to welcoming you!'

Dr. Sebastian Kortmann

Programme Director

Are you ambitious and looking to pursue a career in the international business world? Our Amsterdam MBA programme helps you to become an independent leader with entrepreneurial spirit and skills and a global mindset. You will be surrounded by motivated classmates in one of Europe's capitals of culture, entrepreneurship and business.

Why choose the Amsterdam MBA

- **Small interactive classes** – In classes with around 30 students, you can fully interact with fellow students and our lecturers.
- **Customised to your individual career ambitions** – During the programme, you work on your personal career goals. Through electives and training courses, you develop your capabilities both personally and professionally.
- **Network oriented in a multidisciplinary and international environment** – We arrange for students from different backgrounds to team up. We have close links to the Amsterdam business community and international partners, which results in an outstanding curriculum.
- **Personal one-on-one career guidance** – During the programme you have various opportunities to enhance your career skills, supported by our ICF certified MBA Career Partners.
- **Internationally recognised MBA title** – You will study at one of the best business schools in the world, with Triple Crown accreditation. Amsterdam Business School is part of the University of Amsterdam, one of the few Dutch universities ranked in the global top 100 of QS Rankings and the Times Higher Education World University Ranking.

For whom?

The Amsterdam MBA is designed for ambitious professionals who wish to pursue or further develop in a career in the international business world. Our students are intelligent, daring, motivated and hard-working. Their dedication and drive in the classroom prepares them to become confident, inspiring and passionate leaders of the future.

Programme

The Amsterdam MBA programme is a combination of theory and practice. Its curriculum consists of a core curriculum, electives, a study trip, careers coaching and the Amsterdam Leadership Programme. You will gain all knowledge and skills needed to become a future leader in business and society. The International Full-time MBA core curriculum takes place during the day, with most classes from 14:00 to 17:30, four days a week, from Monday to Thursday.

Core Curriculum

The core curriculum consists of four domains addressing various key challenges for future leaders in business and society. You will become an expert in Leadership Qualities, Strategic Thinking, Quantitative Skills and managing Contemporary Challenges.

Electives

The following electives are offered: International Consulting Trip, M&A and Restructuring, Entrepreneurial Finance, Corporate Venturing, Scaling-up Businesses, Innovation Management and Product Management. All electives are taught in the evening (18:30-22:00) with the exception of the International Consulting Trip. A minimum of two electives has to be selected.

International Full-time MBA programme

Block 1 (Sep-Oct)	Block 2 (Nov-Dec)	Block 3 (Jan)	Block 4 (Feb-Mar)	Block 5 (Apr-May)	Block 6 (June)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALP: Introductory lecture • Competitive & Corporate Strategy • Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability • Strategic Performance Management • Business Negotiations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALP: Leadership weekend • Change Management • Developments in International Business • Valuation • Strategic Analytics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Study Trip to South Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALP: Intervention • Corporate Finance • The Executive Process • Purpose-driven Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALP: Closing lecture • Marketing & Sales in the digital age • Digital Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actualysis • Business Simulation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBA Company Project (until 15 August) • Select 2 electives (minimum) during these blocks 					



‘The MBA programme at the ABS prepares students to become the leaders of tomorrow. Under the guidance of a team of top academics, you learn how to steer teams, projects and businesses in complex and globalized economic scenarios while fostering values like inclusion, diversity and innovation. On this refreshing journey, you are accompanied by a class of diverse and curious minds. On top of that, the programme is taught in one of the most sustainable, entrepreneurial and global hubs: the city of Amsterdam.’

Andrea Bellani

MBA student, class of 2022

The Amsterdam MBA

The content of the MBA is always the same. We offer the MBA in 2 different formats:

International MBA	Executive MBA (EMBA)
Full-time, 12 months	Part-time, 24 months on-campus or Part-time, 24 months hybrid

Workload

The International Full-time MBA covers about 50 hours per week. This includes four classes a week, taught during the day (13:30 to 17:00) from Monday to Thursday. Classes are separated from the EMBA students, with the exception for electives. Apart from the International Consulting Trip, electives are always taught in the evening, from 18:30 to 22:00.

Amsterdam Leadership Programme (ALP)

The ALP is about developing your personal and professional leadership skills, building unique leadership talents and gaining top management insights. The idea is not to provide a single 'correct' perspective, but rather to encourage personal reflection and insight critical for future work and personal success.

International Study Trip to South Africa

During this one-week trip to Cape Town, you deep-dive into a vibrant ecosystem and experience business operations in an emerging market.

'I got the chance to study and work with many talented people from all over the world. The people in my cohort motivate and inspire each other. We often talk about the diverse experiences that everyone has.'

Le Linh (cover)

MBA student, class of 2022

MBA Career Partners

Our MBA Career Partners will support you in the process of shaping your post-MBA career. You get access to ICF certified career coaches, professional skills development and networking opportunities with top recruiters, companies and our invaluable alumni network.

Workshops and events are organised throughout the year, helping you to develop the career skills to be successful in the Dutch job market.

	Careers
Career coaching	Block 1 (<i>Sep-Oct</i>) Introduction and formulation of your career goals
	Block 2 (<i>Nov-Dec</i>) Workshops in Core Career Skills
	Block 3 (<i>Jan</i>) Career Workshops & Executive Career Event
	Block 4 (<i>Feb-Mar</i>) Career Workshops
	Block 5 (<i>Apr-May</i>) Career Workshops
	Block 6 (<i>June</i>) Execute your Career Plan

Company Project

Applying the acquired knowledge to real world business challenges, students develop their consulting skills in a self-selected company environment ranging from start-ups to multi-national enterprises. The Company Project is a consulting project that you write for a company, while meeting academic thesis standards. Often, the Company Project is a way for full-time MBA candidates to get your foot in the doorstep of a potential employer. Previous student have done their Company Project in companies such as Avanade, TomTom, Heineken, Vodafone, Philips and several start-up companies.

Network

Build your network and increase your chances on the job market. With an MBA degree from the University of Amsterdam, you will have access to an international network of alumni and companies. Our alumni coordinator works together with the MBA Alumni Board to host several networking events and career activities throughout the year.

The International Full-time MBA student profile

Average age

31

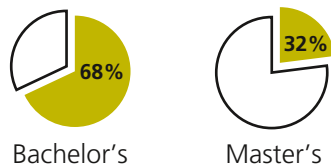
Work experience

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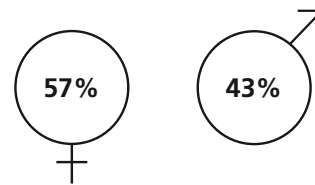
Managerial experience

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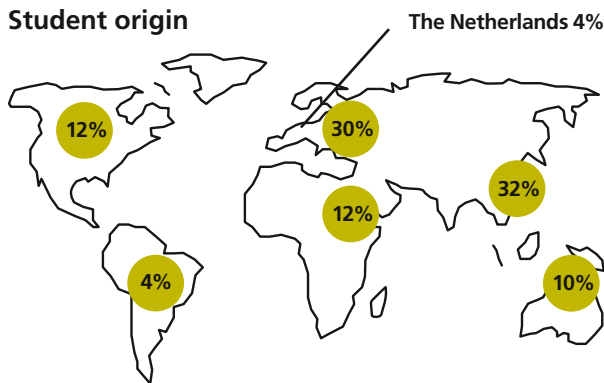
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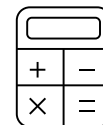
Gender



Student origin



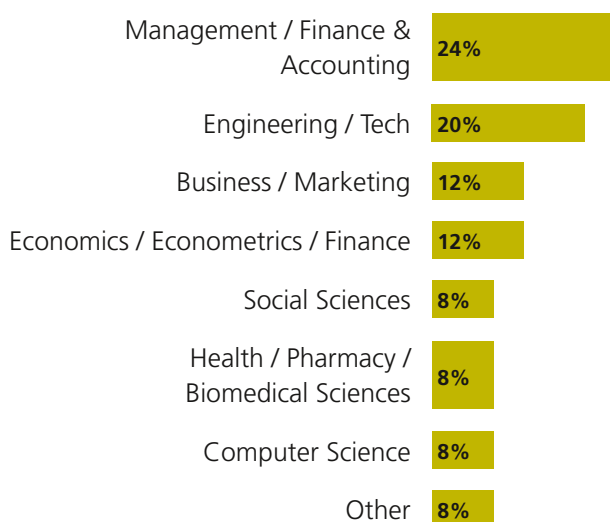
International students 96%



Average GMAT

680 points (out of 800)

Academic Background



Top 5 Industry Experience

1 Finance / Accounting / Insurance

2 Consulting / Advisory / Strategy

3 IT / Telecommunications

4 High Technology / Electronics / E-commerce

5 FMCG / Marketing

Other: Airline, Packaging, BioTech, Jewelry, Logistics, NGO, Packaging, Healthcare

Practical information

€ 5.000
Early Bird
discount

(until 1 December '23)

Degree

Upon graduation, you will be awarded the official Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree title from the University of Amsterdam.

Application

Check your eligibility for the Amsterdam MBA by submitting your profile to the MBA CV Quick Scan at abs.uva.nl/mba.

Admission steps and timeline

Our admissions team will coach you through every step of the admissions process. The admission steps are as follows:

1. Submit online application
2. LTP Assessment
3. Admissions Interview

The admissions process takes around two to four weeks, depending on your own input and follow-up. Typically, the admissions team responds within 48 hours.

Tuition fee €46,000

Literature & software €500 (approx.)

Duration 12 months

Start September

Admissions requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a recognised research university
- 3 years postgraduate work experience
- GMAT / GRE score report
- English proficiency

Admissions deadline 1 June

Language English

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