Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Open to AEM & Comm majors only
Language of Instruction: English

Academic Calendar:
Fall: September-January
Spring: January-June

Manchester Business School

MBS is part of a select group of institutions worldwide who are accredited by all three major bodies - AACSB International, AMBA and EQUIS. In addition, the UK government body (HEFCE) classes MBS’ teaching as ‘excellent’ and they are ranked 1st in the UK for business research. MBS encourages research-led teaching; those who write the books teach their students.

Research-led teaching and the application of original thinking is at the heart of the MBS philosophy. Top researchers, those who “write the books,” are also the ones that teach MBS students. Accounting and finance research done by MBS academics is ranked #1 in the world by the Accounting and Finance journal.

With over 40,000 graduates from 161 countries MBS offers their students an unparalleled network of global knowledge and experience. Over 80% of MBS academics and researchers have done significant work abroad.

Classes

Exchange students are able to choose from the MBS courses listed here. Course listings are updated every year in June. Areas covered include: International Business, Management, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, HR Management, IT Management for Business, Economics and more.

All courses require a good level of Business/Management knowledge. The full workload for a semester is 60 MBS credits. Exchange students are required to take six 10-credit courses per semester. A 10 credit course is equal to 2.5 US credits. CALS Students are not permitted to take less than six courses.

It is expected that students will attend all lectures and seminars and be present for all examinations.

Life on Campus

Orientation

University of Manchester provides a mandatory week-long, comprehensive orientation for all international students. Upon arrival a free shuttle will bus students to any residence hall. The program will consist of core presentations which will acquaint students with living in Manchester, traveling around the city and country, staying safe and all amenities offered to students by the school.

Additionally, there will be interest-based presentations, such as sessions on banking and budgeting, career search, health care and getting involved on campus.

Social activities such as campus tours, BBQs and shopping trips will also be arranged throughout the week to get you settled and acclimated. MBS offers a buddy system.
Housing

Manchester Business School provides housing for all exchange students if they apply by the deadline. While students cannot be guaranteed a particular hall, they can indicate whether they would like a Self-catered or a Catered Hall. We suggest choosing “self-catered.”

Upon acceptance, students can apply online for accommodations with their issues UID number. Please note that it is very important to check any emails regarding housing once you have submitted an application; housing offers are only held for a short period of time.

If students do not wish to live on campus, they are responsible for arranging appropriate housing. Manchester Student Homes is a contact recommended by the school.

Social Life

University of Manchester provides an exciting social environment for students to meet and interact. There are four student bars on campus, all of which hold interactive events throughout the year, including karaoke and quiz nights. There are also cafes, which offer a quick bite to eat, free Wi-Fi and bookable group spaces.

Additionally, University of Manchester has over 300 student societies that range from hiking to chess to philosophy.

Manchester

Manchester offers something for everyone, and is more affordable than living in London. From the same high street shops you’ll find in London--to walks in the countryside--to fine dining--to a great night out, Manchester is a great city with a vibrant music scene and several museums. It is also home to the famous soccer club Manchester United. From Manchester it is easy to travel to/from other major UK cities. For example, direct train service between Manchester and London runs conveniently every 20 minutes with Virgin Trains. It takes about 2 hours to get to London. Local rail services connect Manchester Airport with Greater Manchester districts and the city center.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.