

MBA

Degree Level: Postgraduate



Qualification type	Delivery Mode	Study mode	Delivery Language	Duration
Master of Science	Face to face	Full Time	English	Two Years

KEY FACTS

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OVERVIEW

Ahlia University has offered its MBA programme since 2002/2003 and has developed it to match curricula offered by leading business schools with a view to further enhance the attractiveness of its sought-after graduates for executive and leadership positions in the Arabian Gulf region, and beyond.

PROGRAMME AIMS

Ahlia MBA programme is known for its high-quality curriculum and the distinctive learning experience it offers. The curriculum has been specifically designed to be aligned with the current and the future economic trends and labour market needs and to extend the students' breadth and depth of knowledge.

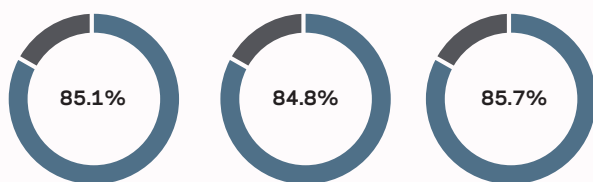
The curriculum exposes the students to a broad range of creative thinking, experience and expertise. The delivered courses, mainly tailored around business problems, help nurture global leadership skills through an engaging course content seeking its inputs from the industry and a high-impact learning experience that gives the students the opportunity to practice what they have learnt.

The aim of the MBA Programme is to:

- Equip students with opportunity to develop analytical skills and technical expertise in business administration management in real-world setting.
- Provide students with competence in applying a range of tools, skills, approaches techniques of relevance to a wide variety of operational setting.
- Develop student's leadership potential through a variety of soft skills such as effective communication, teamwork, global and sustainable thinking as well as change management.
- Provide students with opportunity to develop lifelong learning skills, autonomy and professional leadership, including research and sensitivity to ethical issues and social responsibility to contribute to businesses and society at large.
- Develop student's management acumen and foster a genuinely entrepreneurial approach to management.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Employer Satisfaction Student Satisfaction Alumni Satisfaction



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Ahlia University (AU) is selective based on academic achievements. Applications are welcomed from all students regardless of race, colour, gender, religion, nationality, physical or learning disability. Admission is purely based on merit.

General Requirements

Ahlia University accepts Master programme applicants holding undergraduate degrees to join the University as new students provided that they meet the entry and application requirements set by the University and are in-line with the Bahraini Higher Education Council requirements.

- The applicant must hold a recognised bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- The applicant must hold a recognised secondary school certificate or its equivalent.
- The applicant must be medically fit for the academic programme they wish to apply for.
- All applicants will be interviewed by a relevant programme committee
- Only successful applicants in the interview will be considered for admission.

The Admissions Committee reserves the right to stipulate deficiency requirements to any applicant offered admission where, in the judgment of the Committee, the mastery of the relevant subject matter has not been conclusively demonstrated by the academic transcript.

Specific Requirements

The applicants who meet the following programme specific admission requirements will be admitted to the programme:

Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA)	A recognised bachelor's degree or its equivalent in any of the following disciplines:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Management • Any related disciplines <p>Applicants who hold a recognised bachelor's degree in disciplines other than the ones mentioned above, may be accepted in the programme subject to passing the interview at the programme level and successful completion of the Foundation Courses.</p>
	(CGPA) requirement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum CGPA normally required at the bachelor's degree ≥ 2.5 or its equivalent • Applicants with CGPA lower than 2.5 but > 2.0 or its equivalent at the bachelor's degree level, maybe be considered subject to passing the interview at the program level and successful completion of the Foundation Courses.

FEES

The estimated duration for completion of the MBA programme at Ahlia University is 2 years. This is structured around 36 credit-hours covering 8 courses along with a dissertation. The duration of the study for each course is fifteen weeks, covering approximately 45 studying hours.

Application Fee	BD 40
Registration Fee	BD 300
HEC ID fees	BD 30
Course Fees (8 Course, BD 480 per Course)	BD 3,840
Thesis (Dissertation)	BD 1,920
TOTAL	BD 6,130

Additional fees chargeable

Orientation/ foundation course (if applicable/ required)	BD 960
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PROGRAMME CONTENT & STRUCTURE

The MBA program comprises of 36 credit hours distributed as follows: 18 hours core courses, (6) hours electives, in addition to 12 credit hours for thesis as illustrated in the following plan:

Course Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses	
Managerial Accounting	3
Financial Management	3
Marketing Management	3
Research Methodology and Ethics	3
Managerial Economics	3
Strategic and Innovation Management	3
Major Elective Courses (2 courses out of the list)	
Financial Reporting & Control	3
Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence in Business	3
Global Development in Fintech	3
Business Data Analytics and Sustainability	3
Operations & Quality Management	3
Decision Analysis & Business Forecasting	3
Human Resources and Talent Management	3
Leadership in Organizations	3
Entrepreneurship & Family Business Management	3
Organizational Digital Transformation	3
Risk Management	3
Master Dissertation	
MBA Dissertation	12
Total credit hours	36

Employability

Being a hub for financial services in the MENA region and a base for many other multi-national companies in Bahrain, Ahlia University MBA students can enhance their careers to the following as an example:

- Accounting manager
- HR manager
- Health Service Manager
- Entrepreneur and Business Owner
- Management Consulting
- Marketing Manager
- Auditing Manager

Graduation Requirements

To earn a Master's degree from Ahlia University, a student must complete thirty-six (36) credit hours.

Twenty-four (24) credit hours comprising a combination of core courses [eighteen (18) credit hours] and elective courses [six (6) credit hours]. For the remaining twelve (12) credit hours, the student must complete a dissertation.

An internal examiner and one external examiner, together with the student academic supervisor shall normally participate in the public assessment of the dissertation defence.

Master's degree candidates can register for the dissertation after the completion of the following:

- At least 21 credit hours
- Research Methodology course with a minimum of "B" grade
- Attaining a CGPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0.