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MBA (TOP UP)



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About the Programme

The MBA (Top-Up) is a globally recognised qualification that gives you the opportunity to build on your prior qualifications to unlock enhanced career prospects. In just a few months of study, you'll join the ranks of MBA-level professionals and will have the industry skills you need to add value to your current role or progress to a senior management role in practically any industry. To support your career development, this course is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Arden's Faculty of Business is an esteemed member institution of the Business Graduates Association (BGA).

Accreditation and Memberships



CMI Accredited

This course awards a CMI Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership Practice and grants graduates Foundation Chartered Manager Status.



BGA Membership

Arden University is a member of the Business Graduates Association (BGA), meaning students will receive complementary BGA membership.



AACSB Membership

Arden University is a member of the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Entry Requirements

- 120 credits at Level 7 in a broadly-based business/management award, for example, a Postgraduate Diploma in Business
- No work experience is required
- IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element); or TOEFL iBT 90; or equivalent; Alternatively, we can accept evidence that you have previously studied in English.

Programme Highlights

- Demonstrate you can apply your business knowledge and skills at a strategic level.
- Complete high-impact projects or tasks that can directly improve your organisation.
- Use problem-solving skills to find innovative solutions to business challenges.
- Demonstrate that you understand contemporary global issues, diversity & ethical questions.

Key Facts

- **Location:** Blended
- **Start dates:** Every 3 months
- **Part time:** 1 year+

Course Module Details

Level 7 Core Modules

Transformation Capstone Project (60 credits)

Technological advancements offer vast opportunities for organisations to enhance performance while posing significant operational challenges. This module provides an opportunity to research a transformation initiative that a chosen organisation could leverage to improve its operations, focusing on ethical, strategic, technical and financial aspects. The module aims to equip you with practical skills in developing business transformation strategies and critically evaluating organisational changes. You will be tasked with producing a comprehensive transformation document that can be presented to senior management. You will learn to:

- Research and identify relevant business transformation opportunities.
- Critically evaluate the organisational benefits and challenges of a transformation project.
- Design and implement transformation strategies within an organisational context.
- Assess the ethical, regulatory, and operational issues associated with business transformations.

Career Progression

- Consultant
- Entrepreneur
- CEO
- Business Development Manager



Why Study With Arden University?

At Arden University we believe everyone, everywhere has the right to gain the life and career benefits that higher education can bring. We are dedicated to making the university experience convenient and accessible to ambitious and motivated individuals worldwide.

Our mission is to connect adult learners like you with higher education study opportunities that give you the tools you need to fulfil your career and life goals. We challenge conventional perceptions of degree study by providing flexible, vocational courses with timetables and learning options that fit around your life commitments.

As an education provider that is not constrained by bricks and mortar or traditions, we are able to offer courses that are innovative, affordable, and which help students and employers reap the benefits of contemporary training and skills development. Arden is the university that comes to you, on your terms, helping you achieve the life and professional success you want.

Industry Skills

Chartered Management Institute (CMI)



This course awards a CMI Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management & Leadership Practice and offers CMI Foundation Chartered Manager Status.*



The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) promotes excellence in UK management and leadership. As the CMI possesses a Royal Charter, they are the only organisation in the UK that can award Chartered Manager status to their members – the gold standard in management. With 140,000 members, the institute aims to boost career development across the management sector and connect like-minded professionals.

As an Arden student, you'll have free CMI Membership throughout your studies, giving you access to a range of additional resources including a mentoring service and invitations to networking events both online and offline.

Upon completion of this CMI-accredited course, you will be awarded CMI Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management & Leadership Practice and gain CMI Foundation Chartered Manager Status. This recognises you have the skills needed to be an effective manager, helping you stand out from the competition and start your management career journey - with a CMI qualification and a clear pathway to full Chartered Manager status.

*Upon completion of your course, the CMI award and level of chartered status awarded will depend on your level and length of study, whether you entered your course with Recognition for Prior Learning (RPL) or if any compensation is applied on your modules throughout the duration of study. If these criteria apply to you, you may receive one of the 2 different levels; an Award or Certificate.

The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM)



This course is accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). You'll graduate with an ILM Level 7 Diploma in Leadership and Management.

The ILM is a professional membership body for leaders and managers, with a mission of inspiring great leadership through qualifications, training, and cutting-edge research. The institute is a globally recognised mark of quality for its members and provides valuable insights through its vast industry links and publications.

As an Arden student, you'll receive free membership to the ILM for a year after your graduation, giving you access to over a thousand comprehensive learning resources, including webinars, videos, leadership assessment tools, a dedicated e-learning tool, careers advice, and networking opportunities.

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) membership



Arden University is a member of the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB International is a global association of leaders in education and business dedicated to supporting and advancing quality business education worldwide.

This membership reflects the fact that Arden University has successfully matched the high standards required by the AACSB, and enables the sharing of ideas and the exchange best practises between global business schools. Membership also gives our faculty members access to in-depth data and research to support the development of our courses and teaching methods, ensuring that we are able to provide you with the best possible university experience.

Business Graduates Association (BGA)



The BGA is a membership and quality assurance body. As a member, Arden University have signed up to the BGA Charter, committing their institution to responsible management practices and lifelong learning, positively impacting their students, communities, and the economy. This shows our students that we are demonstrating responsible management ourselves, as well as it being a central theme that runs through our own courses.

As Arden University is a member of the Business Graduates Association (BGA), students will receive complementary BGA student and graduate membership. Through this membership, current students will have access to the BGA Career Development Centre, packed with interactive tools, e-learning content, partner discounts and the latest job opportunities. This is a lifetime access, which means students will continue to have access to these services even after they graduate.

Arden Enterprise Incubator



As an Arden University student, you'll have access to the Arden Enterprise Incubator (AEI) online platform to support you in the area of entrepreneurship. Whether students are exploring the idea of setting up their own company or need help and guidance launching or growing an existing business, the AEI provides everything students need to kick start their entrepreneurial journey, as well as to support and empower them along the way.

The AEI has a wealth of resources available including monthly master classes, boot camps, podcasts, blogs, external events, and mentorship. Mentors include Arden University lecturers and industry experts, so our students receive the very best support and expertise.

As an IOEE Centre of Excellence, we foster an entrepreneurial culture among our students. We are dedicated to supporting their continuous growth by promoting enterprising thinking and practical entrepreneurial skills.

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