

Master of Business Administration

Faculty of Commerce

2 Years Distance Master's | NQF Level 9
180 Credits | SAQA ID: 97383 | MOBA0901

→ Online

Qualification Description

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) qualification is a professional degree that provides a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence. It is designed to develop the ability to resolve complex business problems in innovative and effective ways. This qualification equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand and address universal business challenges within both the South African and global contexts, using best practices and strategic management approaches.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The MBA qualification is aimed at working professionals who aspire to lead their organisations or departments. It is ideal for individuals who want to deepen their understanding of business challenges and advance their careers by applying modern management styles and leadership techniques in a dynamic business environment.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

DISTANCE (ONLINE)



Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements			Notes
	An appropriate HEQSF Level 8 Bachelor Honours degree; OR		Minimum of three years' relevant work experience CV review and interview by Programme Manager to ensure alignment between candidate and programme.
	A relevant HEQSF Postgraduate Diploma or appropriate equivalent; OR		
	International	A SAQA NQF L8 Evaluation Certificate in an appropriate field	
Additional Notes	<p><u>Please Note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All applicants who are eligible for admission to the Master of Business Administration degree are required to successfully complete and present a research proposal and obtain ethics clearance for the research for their mini-dissertation.		

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate *If applicable.



Curriculum Structure

MODULE OFFERING FOR 2026							
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
MGDF9123	Managing the Globally Diverse Organisation	9	15	ACML9113	Accounting Measurement for Leaders	9	15
FIMA9113	Financial Management	9	15	BSCA9113	Business Strategy for Sustainable Competitive Advantage	9	15
RESM9213*	Research Methodology - only applicable to NEW students enrolling in 2026	9		INNP9213	Innovation Project - only applicable to RETURNING students that enrolled in 2025	9	45
ENTR9113	Entrepreneurship (elective)	9	15	SPCM9113	Supply Chain Management (elective)	9	15
PRMA9113	Project Management (elective)	9	15	OPMA9113	Operations Management (elective)	9	15

MODULE OFFERING FOR 2027							
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
LDYE9113	Leading in a Dynamic Era	9	15	ECCM9113	Establishing and Cultivating Customer Markets	9	15
ECDM9113	Economic Decision Making	9	15	CIFO9113	Creativity, Innovation and Foresight	9	15
RESM9213*	Research Methodology - only applicable to NEW students enrolling in 2027	9		INNP9213	Innovation Project - only applicable to RETURNING students enrolled in 2026	9	45

*There are prerequisites for this programme that must be met in order to progress through the qualification.

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Career Opportunities

This degree will open up an attractive range of career advancement options. It is a perfect stepping stone to a diverse and exciting range of career opportunities.

- Director
- Executive Management
- Chief Executive
- General Management
- Senior Functional Specialist
- Unit Management

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for Emeris students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 11 modules in the curriculum.

The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no campus. If there is no campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-Emeris venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of a Distance (Online) Qualification?

The distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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