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Master in **Business and Foreign Languages**

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overview

The two-year Master in Business and Foreign Languages is awarded by Sorbonne Université in Paris and delivered by world-class academics at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Anchored in one of the world's most dynamic business hubs, the programme develops advanced expertise across core management disciplines including strategy, finance, marketing, and human resources, alongside the critical thinking, data literacy, and ethical judgment that international careers demand. A defining feature is its commitment to multilingual competence: students deepen their Business English and develop professional proficiency in a second language. Combining rigorous academic training with experiential learning and direct industry engagement, the programme equips graduates to contribute with confidence to the UAE economy and the global business landscape.



Today's business leaders must command both the theoretical foundations and practical tools needed to make sound management decisions across cultural, financial, commercial, social, and political contexts. This programme is designed precisely for that challenge.

Students develop advanced knowledge of international economics, business law, and management strategy, gaining the analytical frameworks to understand how global forces shape business decisions and the legal literacy to navigate the regulatory environments that govern them. Research methods, data analysis, and digital tools are integrated throughout, equipping students with the empirical rigour that professional and academic contexts alike require.

The programme places equal weight on the human dimensions of international business. Through courses in cross-cultural management, organisational

behaviour, and Middle-Eastern and European civilisations, students build the intercultural intelligence and leadership capability needed to operate effectively in diverse, multicultural environments. All courses are taught in English, and students develop linguistic proficiency in one or two additional languages (Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, German, or Chinese) at beginner, intermediate, or advanced level, tailored to their existing competencies and career goals.

Instruction is led by professors trained internationally, bringing both academic excellence and deep regional expertise to the classroom. Teaching combines lectures, case studies, teamwork, individual research, and AI-powered interactive business simulations, reflecting the pedagogical ambition of a programme that prepares students not just to understand the world of international business, but to act in it.



Programme *highlights*

→ Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate to support the UAE's rapid and ambitious progress.

Given the rapid development of the region, career prospects are enormous for professionals with multilingual skills and the scope of the experiential learning opportunities at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will give graduates a competitive edge in their career anywhere in the world.

→ International recognition

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages is granted by Sorbonne Université in Paris. It is recognised worldwide and is the key step to an international career. The Business and Foreign Languages curriculum has been ranked "A" by the French Agency of Evaluation of Higher Education and Research (AERES), which is the highest evaluation.

→ Access to the Sorbonne University Ph.D. programme

Graduates of the Master in Business and Foreign Languages may pursue further academic study through the three-year doctoral programme at Sorbonne Université Paris, opening a pathway to research careers at the highest level of international scholarship.

→ A dual competency

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages has a unique double accreditation by the French Ministry of Higher Education in both Management and Business Administration and Foreign Languages. Both qualifications will appear on the degree.

→ An all-in-one degree

The Master in Business and Foreign Languages provides students from various disciplines with an "all-in-one" programme in International Management, similar to an MBA programme but with a specific emphasis on multilingual and multicultural skills and capabilities. Moreover, students will improve their knowledge and expertise of foreign languages.



Structure

The degree in Business and Foreign Languages is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. At the end of this degree, you will have 120 credits. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening and weekend classes in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.

Internship

For students not already in professional employment, the programme integrates a mandatory internship in the second year, providing a structured opportunity to apply academic knowledge in a real organisational context. Far from a formality, the internship is a cornerstone of the learning experience: it sharpens critical thinking, bridges theory and practice, and develops the professional judgment that classroom instruction alone cannot fully build.

Beyond its academic value, the internship opens doors. Students gain direct exposure to professional environments in the UAE and beyond, build industry networks, and establish relationships that often prove formative for their careers. Many students find that the connections made during this period become the foundation for their first professional opportunities after graduation.

Students may also, subject to the approval of the Programme Director and depending on their profile and objectives, undertake an additional linguistic or cultural internship, an option particularly well-suited to those seeking to deepen their language immersion or gain experience in a specific regional or cultural context.

Research study

At the end of the first year, students will be required to produce a specific Research Study on a topic of their choice (related to specific economic, social or managerial cross-cultural challenges).

Master's thesis

In the final year of the programme, students complete a professional thesis, an extended piece of original work grounded in their internship or professional experience. Drawing on the research skills, disciplinary knowledge, and critical thinking developed throughout the programme, students engage analytically with a subject addressing economic, managerial, linguistic, cultural, or societal dimensions of international business.

Undertaken with the approval of the Programme Director and under close academic supervision, the thesis meets the rigorous standards of Sorbonne University and, for students considering doctoral study, represents an essential first step toward independent scholarly research.

Year 1

C O U R S E S	
Semester 1	Semester 2
<p>Languages and Civilisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Specialisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Spanish Italian German Chinese Middle Eastern Civilisation: Business Dynamics in the Middle East Europe in the World: Trade and Business Relations 	<p>Languages and Civilisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Specialisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Spanish Italian German Chinese Cross-Cultural Management
<p>Global Business Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Marketing International Economics Accounting Foundations 	<p>Integrated Business Dynamics and Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE and GCC Business Law Business Ethics and Sustainability Corporate Finance
<p>Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership and Organisational Behaviour Strategic Entrepreneurship 	<p>Research Fundamentals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Methodology Research Paper

Year 2

C O U R S E S	
Semester 1	Semester 2
<p>Languages and Civilisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Specialisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Spanish Italian German Chinese Middle Eastern Civilisation: The Challenges of Energy Transition Europe in the World: Defence and Geopolitics 	<p>Languages and Civilisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Specialisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Spanish Italian German Chinese
<p>Specialised Courses in Business Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Marketing Advanced Strategic HR Management Entrepreneurial Negotiation 	<p>Professional Research and Internship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Solutions for Business Administration: AI and Data Analytics Professional Thesis Research Methodology
<p>Business Simulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Project Business Game 	—



Assessment & graduation requirements

Assessment in the programme is continuous and varied, designed to evaluate the full range of competencies students are expected to develop. Individual assignments, research reports, and written examinations provide opportunities to demonstrate conceptual understanding and analytical rigour, while group projects and collaborative work assess the ability to contribute effectively within multicultural professional teams. Public speaking and oral presentations are integral to the assessment process throughout the programme, reflecting the importance the programme places on professional communication and the ability to articulate complex ideas with clarity and confidence.

Depending on the course, formal examinations take place at the end of each semester, providing a structured opportunity to demonstrate cumulative knowledge and skills across the programme's core disciplines. Internship and project work are assessed through dedicated evaluations, including supervisor reports and oral presentations, recognising that professional experience is an integral part of the academic journey.

Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students are expected to be punctual, engaged, and to conduct themselves in accordance with the regulations of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi at all times.



Career prospects

There are abundant rewarding career opportunities on a regional and global scale for our graduates. Given the rapid development of the region and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular, career prospects are plentiful for professionals with multilingual skills.

Students can pursue careers as analysts in leading global consultancy firms, product or country managers, or even expand their own businesses into different markets. Some graduates hold positions in international organisations such as the UN, or in state agencies and ministries. Others have setup their own companies in diverse fields including luxury products, events management, insurance and banking.



Admission prospects

Admission to the Master in Business and Foreign Languages is highly selective and competitive, with each applicant assessed on academic merit and potential for success in the programme.

General application requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree with one of the following results:

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent; or
- Bachelor with a minimum of second-class honours; or a Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20.

For applicants who obtained a Bachelor's degree below the required score:

- Students with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. They will be authorised to continue in the programme only if they achieve an average of at least 12 out of 20 by the end of the first semester. The decision will be made official after completion of the first semester and is based on academic performance.
- Students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the basis of their professional and / or personal experience, subject to approval through the VAPP procedure by Sorbonne University's or Université Paris Cité's VAPP commission.

Language proficiency:

For Master programmes taught in English, applicants must provide one of the following:

- A valid academic IELTS certificate with a minimum overall band score of 6.0 (valid for 2 years); or
- TOEFL certificate with a minimum score of 79 (or equivalent), valid for 2 years; or
- Proof of being a native English speaker who has completed three full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of three years; or an equivalent qualification.

Interview

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview online or on campus to assess their motivation, career expectations, and relevant professional experience in the field of study.

Other education systems:

Conditions apply to other foreign curricula in accordance with the admission policy set by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Contact Student Recruitment at: admissions@sorbonne.ae for more details.

Equal opportunity:

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi welcomes applications from students of all nationalities and backgrounds, regardless of country of origin, income, gender, religion, or physical condition.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 2 years)

AED 166,400 (approximately US\$ 45,344)

Up to 100% scholarship available for this programme!**

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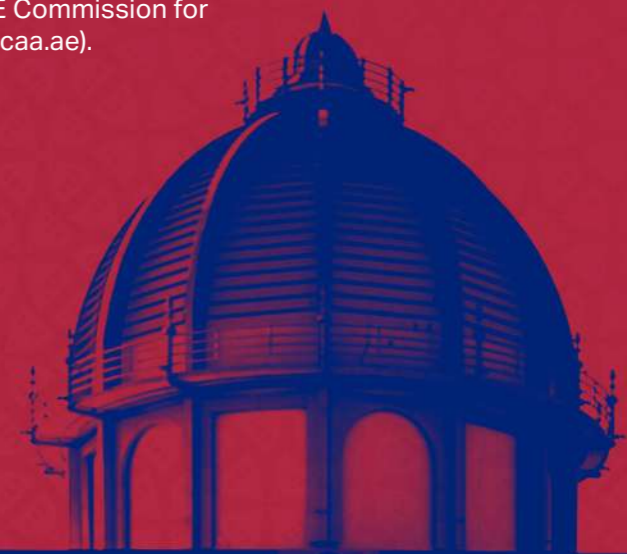
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Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi ?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).





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