

# **Get ready for the Masters of Business Administration (MBA)**

As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto Masters of Business Administration (MBA) (Full-time). I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. If you haven't yet, please do also view our <u>Preparing and arrival webpages</u>.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September, for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

The Starting Block will help you settle into university and to help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practice the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the <a href="Starting Block website">Starting Block website</a> with more details.

Your <u>timetable</u> will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the <u>'Understanding your teaching timetable'</u> website to find out when your timetable will be published.

#### **Preparing and arrival**

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our <u>Preparing and Arrival</u> webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the <u>library</u>, <u>study skills</u>, <u>academic support</u>, health and wellbeing support and much more.

#### Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the <a href="MYUWE">MYUWE</a> platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Registration website.

#### ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to your <u>MYUWE</u> profile. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our <u>student card quidance</u>.

# **Engage with your programme**

#### **Start your learning**

I would recommend you complete the following workbooks before you arrive at UWE:

Introduction to UWE Platforms
Introduction to UWE Services

#### Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the <u>Library</u> web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

• Cameron, S. 2008, *The MBA handbook: skills for mastering management,* 6th edn, Financial Times Prentice Hall, Harlow

#### **Key dates**

Please keep a note of the <u>term dates</u>. You are required to be available during **all** exam and resit periods.

### Make your module choices

As a Masters student you will have an opportunity to choose or change your optional module choices in the first few weeks of term. . On specific programmes the university will preselect optional modules for you, but you will have an opportunity to change them at the start of the term. For further information about who is eligible and how to change module choices, please visit the 'How to choose your modules' website.

# Be prepared

#### **Access support**

Check information on our <u>Disability webpages</u> so you know what actions you need to take. <u>Contact Disability Service</u> and myself to let us know if you need any additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies.

#### **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the

duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on <u>choosing your IT equipment</u> including <u>recommended specifications</u>.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

#### **International students**

<u>The Global Student Support Team</u> offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

#### **Next steps**

Before you arrive, you will receive an online workbook to introduce you to the School and help you to prepare for university life. You can go through the workbook then, and it will be revisited during your induction activities.

# Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme leader:

**Basil Omar** via email at <a href="mailto:Basil.Omar@UWE.ac.uk">Basil.Omar@UWE.ac.uk</a> (please see my profile <a href="mailto:here">here</a>)

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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