

# Oxford MBA 2022-23

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'Building upon the Oxford University tradition of developing leaders, the Oxford MBA programme will provide you with a solid foundation in core business principles while developing a broadened mind-set and understanding of the role of business in society. You will be challenged to delve deep into the areas that interest you most and gain the strategic skills and insight to lead a successful and purposeful career.'

> Matthew Conisbee MBA Programme Director

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'When you join Oxford Saïd, you make a commitment to dealing with some of the most important problems in the world. That's what we're about. Our goal is to have impact to transform people, businesses and society.'

> **Sue Dopson** Dean, Saïd Business School

# Introduction





#### A top ranked programme embedded within the University of Oxford. You'll be taught by a variety of experts and world-class faculty from different disciplines across the wider University.

#### Tackling the challenges shaping business

We are looking for students who challenge the norm. We want MBA students who aspire to lead with purpose, with the passion and drive to meet the demands of the future.



# Curriculum

The Oxford MBA is an intense, one-year programme designed to empower you to lead with purpose. Commencing in September, you will experience an exciting launch period where you will get to know your fellow classmates, assimilate into life at Oxford Saïd, and begin to learn fundamental leadership skills. Following the wider University of Oxford's three-term structure, the Oxford MBA year is divided into modules allowing you to focus on your core courses and chosen electives that incorporate two cross-cutting themes relating to the world-scale challenges shaping today's business environment: Entrepreneurship and Global Rules of the Game. These themes are explored in distinct integrative modules during the year.

Core courses allow you to examine the foundation of business: from the economic theory of the firm, to the valuation of businesses, and the choice of strategy and management skills. The goal of the core is to provide a breadth and depth of knowledge that will allow you to approach any business situation with confidence and understanding. Core courses include: Accounting, Analytics, Business Finance, Capitalism in Debate, Firms and Markets, Organisational Behaviour, Marketing, Strategy, and Technology and Operations Management.

### **Elective courses**

Expand on the fundamental business principles learned in your core courses by focusing on areas of business and society relevant to your goals and interests. Whether you want to focus on Business in China or Negotiations for your career post-MBA, or you're simply interested in learning more about Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics in Marketing, Advertising & Retail, our extensive catalogue of electives has something for everyone.

Comprised of company visits, group work, presentations from company executives, lectures, and more, International Electives give students the opportunity to broaden their learning in a real-world, hands-on environment. Current International Electives include 'Fintech: Present and Future: London', 'Digital Transformation of Marketing, Media, and Advertising' held in New York, and 'Growth Prospects and Opportunities for Business in Africa', held in a different African country each year. Electives are subject to change. For current courses please visit our website.

#### Integrative modules

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### Co-curricular activities

Take part in additional programmes to deepen your knowledge in these specific areas. They connect theory with practice through a series of workshops and online resources to support your career acceleration.

**Finance Lab:** This offers you the opportunity to understand key concepts, processes, instruments and models that are required to be successful in financial services. It connects theory with practice, preparing you for analyst and associate roles in the investment banking, private equity, and asset management industries.

**Consulting Development Programme:** A focused training programme based around the hiring processes of global consulting recruiters, designed to provide students with skills and insights relevant to a career in the consulting industry.

**Social Impact Lab:** A year-long, flexible co-curricular pathway for MBA students interested in becoming an impact leader, regardless of whether you want to join an established organisation or launch your own start-up, upon graduation.

**Creative Destruction Lab:** A seed-stage, nine-month programme pairing MBA students with founders of science- and tech-based businesses, providing the opportunity to learn from experienced entrepreneurs and investors.



# Real-world learning

An emphasis on applied learning gives you the opportunity to work on realworld projects and put the knowledge you learn in the classroom to the test.

### **Entrepreneurship Project**

By completing the entrepreneurship course and project you will develop a complete business plan and present it to a panel of invited venture capitalists and other practitioners.

Recent projects included:

- Simplifying technologies for the developmentally challenged
- The development of a hedge fund
- The commercialisation of a technology for conditioning household furnishings
- A consultancy firm providing technical safety management expertise to the Chinese mining industry

### Global Opportunities and Threats: Oxford (GOTO)

GOTO is an action-oriented problem-solving community geared towards addressing some of the most complex issues that the world faces today. GOTO provides students two critical opportunities:

- Access to Oxford's most famous pedagogic institution: the tutorial. Oxford tutorials have sharpened students' thinking, analysis, critique of evidence and powers of persuasion for centuries.
- Critical analysis of the global opportunities and threats that will be, or already are, part of the business landscape for the coming few years

### Internship

The one-year Oxford MBA also includes an opportunity to undertake a summer internship for credit towards your degree. As an intern, you can develop knowledge and competencies related directly to your career goal and potentially secure a full-time job offer.

### Strategic Consulting Project

You might find your team assessing the business case for a new product or sizing up potential strategic acquisitions for a corporate sponsor. You might be on a mission to develop social entrepreneurship in East Africa or formulate a strategy for penetrating the Chinese market.

Working in teams of three to five, you can choose to undertake a six-week Strategic Consulting Project for a corporate sponsor. Projects take place all over the world and for all kinds of companies. Teams have worked with a wide range of companies, charities, nonprofits, and start-ups.



# The world in your classroom

The class represents a breadth of diversity, a multiplicity of perspectives and expertise, along with a willingness to interchange ideas and concepts that expand horizons.



Female Participants

\*Statistics taken from 2020-21 Oxford MBA cohort



# Everything studying at Oxford has to offer

When you become an Oxford MBA student at Saïd Business School, you are paired with a University of Oxford College, providing you with both an academic and a social community. You will mix with students from various programmes across the University; attend lecture series, cultural events, access sporting facilities, attend formal dinners and more. The ways in which you can involve yourself in college life are infinite!

### Living in Oxford

Enjoy century-old pleasures such as punting, visiting Britain's oldest museum – the Ashmolean, walking through the misty Christ Church Meadow, or drinking at the pub where C.S. Lewis and J.R.R Tolkien worked and met.

## Oxford clubs

There are over 400 registered clubs and societies representing areas such as entertainment, arts, language, politics, as well as sports that you can become involved in.

## The College system

The Oxford college system encourages you to mix with other students and Faculty from a whole range of different disciplines. As a member of one of Oxford's 38 colleges or 6 private halls you can immerse yourself in both the academic and social community.

## MBA Blog

Our student bloggers document their time on the MBA, sharing insights and reflections throughout their year.

### The MBA Tournament

Compete against 20 top business schools from around the world. This three-day tournament comprises over 25 sporting competitions and festivities including rowing, basketball, cross-country, rock climbing and even poker.

## The Oxford Foundry

This co-working space is a dedicated innovation hub for Oxford students, with a particular focus on supporting students to become entrepreneurial in outlook and action. Located close to the Business School, it is open seven days a week with free wifi, a café, and meeting spaces.



## **Oxford Union**

You will gain life-long membership to the most prestigious debating society in the world. During the University terms, politicians, business leaders, sporting stars, celebrities and more join Oxford to take part in a topical debate or share their motivational story.

## Speakers at Saïd Business School

From Tim Cook to Michael Bloomberg to Christiane Amanpour and Angela Ahrendts, there is no shortage of global business leaders sharing their insight with the School. Each term we schedule a number of events as part of series' such as Leadership in Extraordinary Times and Distinguished Speaker Seminars.



# Develop your career

## Oxford MBA Employer Engagement

Whether accelerating, transitioning or exploring your career options, the School attracts a broad number of MBA employers who engage regularly with us. These include: Google, Boston Consulting Group, Amazon, McKinsey, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, ACTIS, CDC, Admiral Group, Johnson & Johnson, Facebook, Bain, EY Parthenon, to name a few.

## Expert guidance

A dedicated team of career coaches and industry advisors work with you directly – through one-toone coaching, group workshops and co-curricular programmes. You can access practical sessions, through document appraisals, preparation advice and mock interviews. You will receive experienced support on how to approach exploring your career options and develop your strategy, no matter which career route you are considering.





## Talent Development Programme

Through a series of workshops and events, this programme is specifically for MBA students seeking personal and professional skills development. Workshops include salary negotiation, networking and presentation skills, business writing and your personal brand development delivered by leading global experts.

## Hiring Timelines

The one-year Oxford MBA programme has a diverse class profile and the relative timing of hiring practices will depend on your career aspirations, experience level and target companies. Whilst some students may have an early offer through Structured Hiring, the Careers Development Centre will work with you and offer support all the way through to your graduation and beyond.





	Asia	20%
	North America	20%
	Middle East and North Africa	6%
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•	Australia and Oceania	5%
	Central America and the Caribbean	1%
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\*Data from MBA class of 2019/20

# Oxford 1+1 MBA

The Oxford 1+1 MBA is a two-year experience combining the depth of a specialised, one-year Master's degree with the breadth of a highly-ranked, one-year MBA. 1+1 graduates leave the University of Oxford armed with deep knowledge and expertise in their specialist field, as well as a comprehensive understanding of business and leadership skills and the practical experience necessary to lead with purpose.

### How to apply for the 1+1

To apply for the Oxford 1+1 MBA you must meet the entry requirements for both the MBA and your chosen Master's. You must submit individual applications for both programmes before their respective deadlines. More information can be found on our website.

### How does it work?

The Oxford 1+1 MBA is an opportunity for talented individuals to combine a Master's degree from selected Oxford University departments with our one-year MBA. You will spend your first year completing a Master's in your chosen discipline before joining the MBA in your second year. As soon as you start the 1+1 MBA, you will become an integral part of our diverse community, developing strong relationships with current MBA students, international alumni, prominent academics, and expert practitioners.

### Year 1

Deepen your knowledge with an Oxford Master's degree from one of our partnering departments, including:

- Blavatnik School of Government
- Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (Humanities Division)
- Centre for Criminology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Music
- Department of Computer Science
- Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine
- Department of Education
- Oxford Department of International Development
- Department of Pharmacology
- Oxford Internet Institute
- Department of Social Policy & Intervention
- School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography
- Department of Sociology
- School of Geography and the Environment
- Faculty of History
- School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies

The full list of partnering Master's degrees can be found on our website.

### Year 2

Broaden your business skills as an Oxford MBA student. Our curriculum of business principles and tailored elective courses will help you to extend the learnings from your Master's degree in order to accelerate your career. The full list of core courses and electives can be found on our website.



# Pershing Square Graduate Scholarship

Established in 2014, the Pershing Square Foundation awards up to six full scholarships to support outstanding students on the 1+1 MBA, covering both the Master's degree and the MBA year. The scholarship covers course fees in full, and provides a grant for living expenses of at least £15,609 per year for both years of study.

Recipients are exceptional individuals who can demonstrate the potential and commitment to finding scalable and sustainable solutions to world scale social challenges. You can pursue any of the partnering Master's degrees and combine it with the Oxford MBA in order to be eligible. A partial scholarship is also available if you are currently studying one of the partnering Master's programmes and wish to apply to the MBA.

## Co-curricular activities

As a Pershing Square Scholar, you will be invited to take part in a trek to New York City hosted by the Pershing Square Foundation, where you can participate in meetings and workshops with leading innovators and change makers. You will also have access to a range of prestigious events and opportunities throughout the year, such as the Ditchley Conferences or the Skoll World Forum.

## Mentorship

You will also have opportunities for mentorship and networking with inspirational individuals and organisations that are part of the Pershing Square Foundation's community. The Advisory Board plays a crucial role mentoring. Members of the Board may change year to year but previous mentors include:

- William Ackman (The Pershing Square Foundation)
- Sir Ronald Cohen (Big Society Capital)
- Cheryl Dorsey (Echoing Green)
- Paul Farmer (Partners in Health)
- Louise Richardson (Vice-Chancellor, Oxford)
- Wendy Kopp (Teach for All)
- Linda Rottenberg (Endeavor)
- Peter Tufano (Saïd Business School)
- Andrew Youn (One Acre Fund)

### Pershing Square Scholars

Browse previous Pershing Square Scholars' profiles on our website.



# Scholarships

Your MBA is a significant investment in effort, time, and money. To help you finance your time here in Oxford, a range of scholarships are available. These are awarded on a number of criteria that include academic excellence, merit, leadership qualities, and geography.

## Saïd Business School Scholarships

The Saïd Business School has a number of scholarships to award to students accepted onto our 2022-23 MBA programme.

## Oxford University and College Scholarships

The University, its colleges and supporters have over 1,000 scholarships available to graduate students.

## **External Scholarships**

A wide range of scholarships are available to Oxford Saïd students via associated bodies and organisations. These are detailed on our Scholarships and Funding webpage.



# Global Alumni Network

The Oxford Business Alumni (OBA) Network is the School's official alumni community, bringing together individuals that share a common interest in business who support and serve as proud ambassadors around the globe. As a graduate of the School, you will have the benefit of accessing alumni from all parts of the world including the wider University of Oxford alumni network.



Members



150+



300K



Regional chapters





Dedicated ambassadors globally

'The MBA in and of itself was transformative and the sense of community has definitely continued within the OBA Network. I've helped an alumni friend get funding for their innovative venture, and I've received job opportunities through the OBA Network. A fellow alumni and I have also recently started a panel series which highlights the impactful work our OBA community is involved in, which has been thought provoking and truly inspirational.'

Barati Mahloele, Oxford MBA 2018





# Lead. With purpose.

Applications for the Oxford MBA class of 2022-23 are now open. Below you will find details regarding our application requirements and deadlines to help get you started in turning your Oxford MBA dream into a reality.

The fee for 2022-23 is £65,520. This includes:

- Course fee
- Life-long Oxford Union membership

#### **MBA** application deadlines:

Stage 1: 1 September 2021 Stage 2: 13 October 2021 Stage 3: 12 January 2022 Stage 4: 23 March 2022

Contact us: oxfordmba@sbs.ox.ac.uk

# Your Oxford MBA journey starts now.

Start your application

## Application requirements

Academic achievement An undergraduate degree or equivalent qualification Professional experience 2 years minimum GMAT or GRE Competitive score Written work Supporting statement Online assessment 3 video responses and 1 written response References 2 professional or academic referees English proficiency TOEFL or IELTS test required if not from a majority English speaking country







Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford blends the best of new and old. We are a vibrant and innovative business school, but yet deeply embedded in an 800-year-old world-class university. We create programmes and ideas that have global impact. We educate people for successful business careers, and as a community seek to tackle world-scale problems. We deliver cutting-edge programmes and ground-breaking research that transform individuals, organisations, business practice, and society. We seek to be a world-class business school community, embedded in a world-class university, tackling world-scale problems.

#### **Taught Programmes**

- MBA
- Oxford 1+1 MBA
- Executive MBA
- MSc in Financial Economics
- MSc in Global Healthcare Leadership
- MSc in Major Programme Management
- MSc in Law and Finance
- Diploma in Artificial Intelligence for Business
- Diploma in Financial Strategy
- Diploma in Global Business
- Diploma in Organisational Leadership
- Diploma in Strategy and Innovation
- BA in Economics and Management

#### **Research Programmes**

- DPhil in Management
- DPhil in Finance

#### **Executive Education**

#### **Custom Executive Education**

 Bespoke learning solutions for organisations to help address critical business challenges and to drive change

#### Leadership

- Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Programme
- Oxford Strategic Leadership
  Programme
- Oxford High Performance Leadership Programme
- Women Transforming Leadership
  Programme

#### Finance

- Oxford Chicago Valuation
  Programme
- Oxford Private Equity Programme
- Oxford Real Estate Programme
- Oxford Impact Investing
  Programme
- Oxford Social Finance Programme
- Oxford Impact Measurement
  Programme
- Oxford Fintech Lab

#### **Strategy and Negotiation**

- Oxford Programme
  on Negotiation
- Oxford Networked Strategy
  Lab Programme
- Oxford Scenarios Programme
- Oxford Programme on Responsible Ownership

#### **Corporate Reputation and Marketing**

- Corporate Affairs Academy
- Driving Disruptive Growth
- Delivering Value Through Digital
- Oxford Bank Governance Programme

#### **Online Programmes**

 Prepare for an ever-changing and uncertain future with our portfolio of online programmes, designed from Oxford research for a global audience.

#### Visit www.sbs.oxford.edu/online

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