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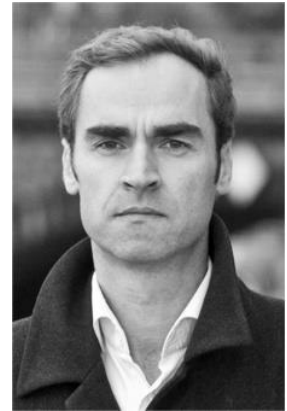


**How to apply to a Master's Programme in the UK:
Business, MBAs and Executive MBAs**

What is INOMICS? A foreword

[INOMICS](#) has been offering students and professionals a comprehensive online resource for their academic and career choices since 1998.

In the more than 15 years that we have been online, we have succeeded in accumulating high-quality content for our users interested in accessing postgraduate education. We know how important is for you to have centralised access to information about the wide range of [educational opportunities](#) around the world in order to make smart and informed choices. In order to help you in this endeavour, we have developed a complete report with key pieces of information to help you finding and applying to the right Master's programme for you.



Our first destination for postgraduate studies is the UK. High quality of education and worldwide recognition of British universities by employers and academia make this an ideal destination. Statistics about application requirements, acceptance rates, and required entrance exams are all part of the final product of our research.

We hope that the information presented here will support you in making informed career decisions. If you have any suggestions or comments about this report, please feel free to get in touch with the INOMICS team and we will be happy to assist you with any queries.

Kind regards,
Andreas Hoffmann,
CEO, INOMICS GmbH

Introduction

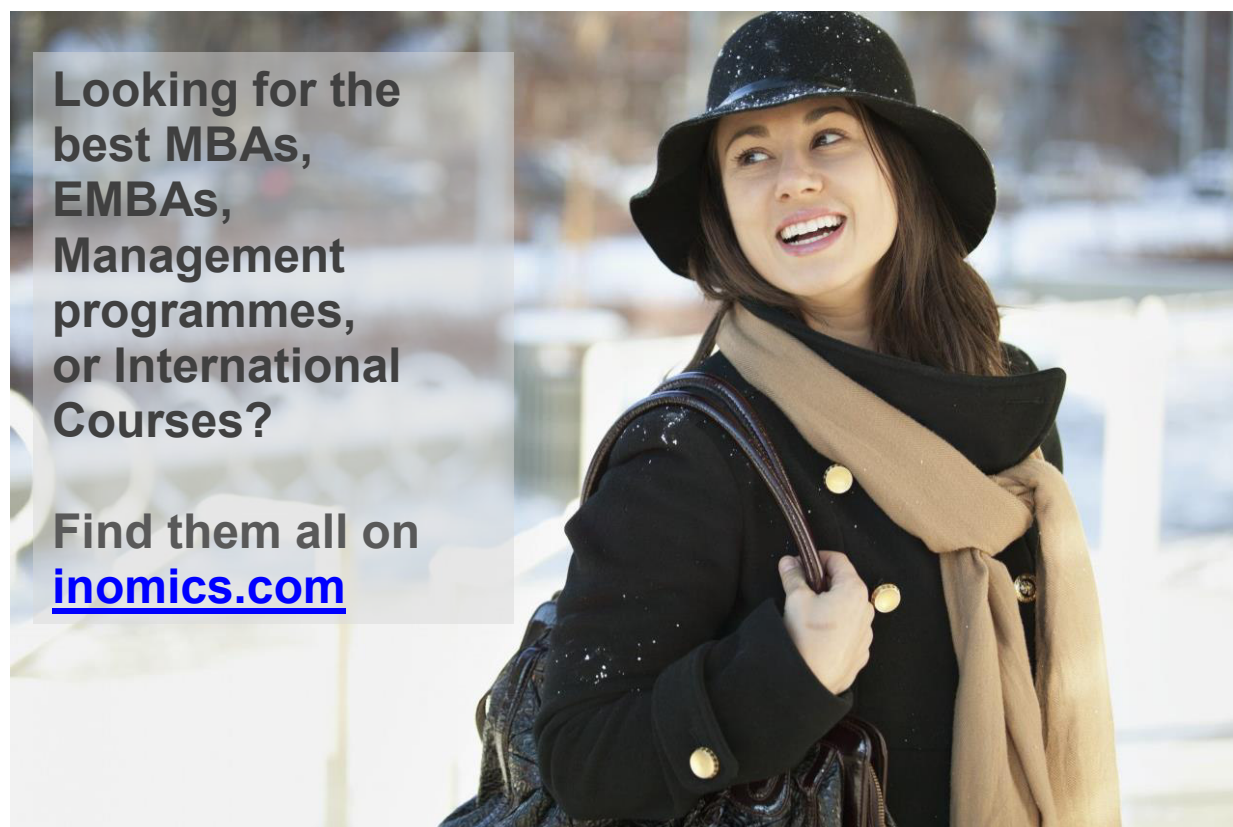
Postgraduate degrees in business are a wide topic to talk about. From degrees that require only undergraduate studies to complex executive programmes, the topic should be approached different than master's programmes in other disciplines.

Complementing the information about [applying to master's programmes in the UK](#), we have prepared this report containing key information about application requirements, application timeline and [English proficiency tests](#) required to get accepted in your preferred programme.

This Report has been produced using an analysis of the application requirements for programmes at 30 popular universities from across the UK.

We analysed what documents are required for applications, the profiles explicitly desired of applicants and secondary data that indicates the profiles of accepted students. Moreover, we have collected and analysed application deadlines, acceptance rates and expected scores for [English proficiency certificates](#) to identify trends and standards for UK university applications.

We hope this information will help you to make this important choice and develop your career successfully.



To download the report about Applying to Master's Programmes in the UK or reports for other disciplines, please visit [this page](#).

Planning Your Application

UK universities offer a wide range of options for students interested in pursue further education in business related subjects. According to your bachelor's degree and working experience levels, degrees in management, international business, MBAs or executive MBAs can be your optimal choice.

If your undergraduate studies were related to business, management, finance, marketing or any other related subject, and you are beginning your professional life with 1 or maximum 2 years of working experience, your best option is a master's degree in a business area. On the opposite if your working experience is among 2 to 7 or more years in a managerial position, a [MBA](#) or [EMBA](#) is a [more suitable option](#) for further career development.

Master's degrees in Business: normally they are masters in science or applied sciences. They help with development of skills for general management, providing a broad ranging knowledge into how the organisations operate and the opportunities of developing business in different economies.



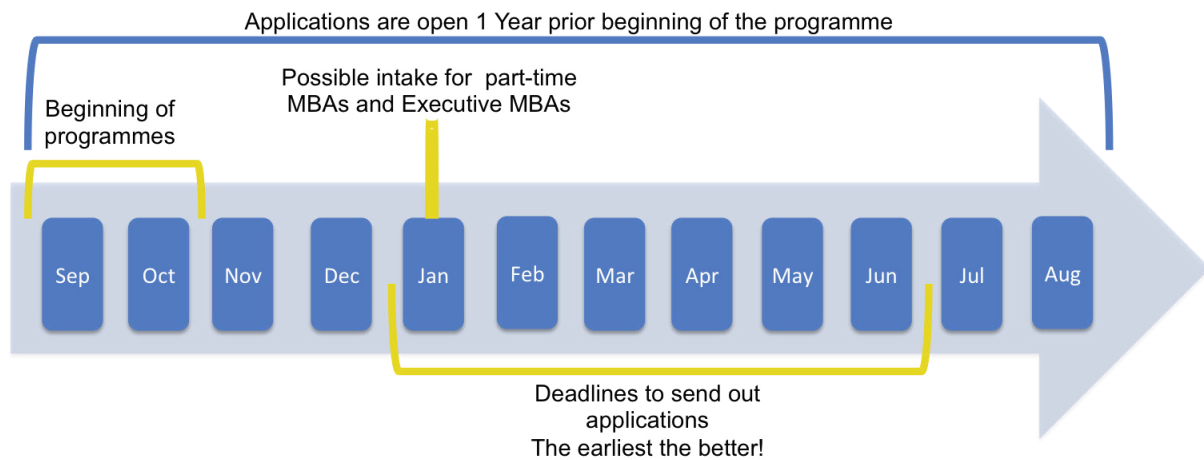
Application deadlines for masters of sciences or applied sciences in business and management follow the guidelines described in our report on [how to apply to master's programmes in the UK](#).

MBAs: they offer intensive training in managerial and technical skills. Designed for students with a medium level of working experience, it is used as career development platform for networking. They offer full time and part time study options.

Executive MBAs: they are highly adaptable to the time of people in managerial positions who want to boost their careers. These courses are highly practical. The programmes are designed for elite professionals to help them to tailored their skills and learning while working on their professional development.

Normally the intakes for Executive MBAs occur in September. Application is open since one year previous to the beginning of studies. As a general rule you should apply as early as possible to assure a study place. Following the flexibility criteria, part time MBAs and Executive MBAs offer intake possibilities in January too.

When to apply to UK Universities – Timeline for MBAs and Executive MBAs programmes



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English Proficiency

If you are a foreign student and you would like to get your master's degree in the UK you need to prove an [excellent English level](#). UK universities ask at least one of the following requirements:

- You are from a majority English speaking country
- Your previous education was in a majority English speaking country
- You have an accepted test in English language (not older than 2 years) at a level specified for your future university
- You take an English language pre-sessional course at your future university
- You have worked a minimum of eighteen months in a majority English speaking country

While some international applicants fulfil this requirement thanks to their experiences abroad, most people have as option [presenting an English test](#). If English tests is your choice you need to focus all your preparation in getting the score requested by your preferred institution.

The following is an overview of the typical minimum scores from the English tests most commonly accepted by universities to study Master's programmes in business related topics, MBAs and EMBA's. Not all universities accept all tests; therefore it is always advisable to visit the website of the university for detailed information.

Typical Language Requirements for Master's in business, managements, MBAs and executive MBAs

English Test	Business, MBAs & EMBA's
TOEFL	100
IELTS (Academic option)	6.5 to 7
Pearson PET (Academic option)	60 to 69
Certificate in Advanced English CAE	A
CPE	A -B

Application Overview

With the purpose to make easier the collection of documents for your application, here you can find the most common requirements for Master's programmes in business, management, MBA's and executive MBA's. The following list is just an overview; for specific programmes we recommend you check the requirements of individual institutions.

General documents:

- An academic transcript
- [References](#)
- [A personal statement](#)
- [A certificate of English language proficiency](#)
- [GMAT or GRE scores](#)

Additionally you need for:

Business & Management Master's & MBAs:

- A minimum of one year of work experience in industry, the public sector or any type of organisation
- An honours degree from a recognised university
- For those without a first degree, multiple years of work experience can supplant this requirement

Executive MBAs:

- Between 5 to 7 years of full time managerial work experience in any industry.
- Essay summarising career development, expectations and a perspectives on a specific business topic

Application requirements by type of Programme

Disciplines	Application Requirements								
	Degree in related discipline	Language Certificate	Reference Letters	CV	Motivation letter	Working Experience	Writing Sample	GRE or GMAT	Transcript
Business	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Minimum 1 Year		✓	✓
MBAs & EMBAs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5 to 7 years of full time managerial work experience	✓		

GRE: Graduate Record Examination

GMAT: Graduate Management Admission Test

Cert. of Acad. Achiev: Certification of academic achievement

Remember that this table is simply an overview of general application requirements. Carefully check each admissions page prior to applying to a course in any of these disciplines.

Tuition Fees Overview

UK institutions are well-known worldwide not only for their high quality education but also for the amount of tuition fees charged to national and international students. Parallel to the study plan and time needed for completing the master's programme, tuition fees play an important role in the decision process.

UK Universities and institutions offer a wide number of [scholarships](#), however they are not enough compared with the amount of applicants. Moreover executive programmes are in majority sponsored by the candidate's company more than other institutions.

We have prepared the overview of tuition fees charged per type of master's programme, with the purpose of facilitating the creation of expectations about your future life as student,

We hope it helps you to plan easier your budget and to target those options that are perfect for you.


Overview of Tuition Fees per Discipline

	Business Degrees	MBA's & EMBA's
Most expensive	From £20000 to £25000	From £26000 to £64000
Average Price	From £14000 to £18000	From £14000 to £25000
Affordable	From £9000 to £10000	From £9000 to £13000

The table above must serve only as guidance. We recommend you to browse individual webpages to get exact information.

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A woman with long dark hair is looking down at a tablet computer she is holding. Overlaid on the tablet and extending into the air are several futuristic, semi-transparent data visualizations including bar charts, a world map, and a pie chart. The background is a blurred bookshelf in a library.

Useful Sources of Information

Not all of this information can be found on university websites. You should also interact with the universities you are interested in – contact them directly to ask about key information that may help you make your decision.

If you are interested in getting advice about how to prepare your CV, cover letter and how to prepare to English exams, we invite you to visit our [Advice Section](#). Moreover [our Blog](#) gives you updated information about trends in the economics and business market as well as interesting articles to support your professional development.



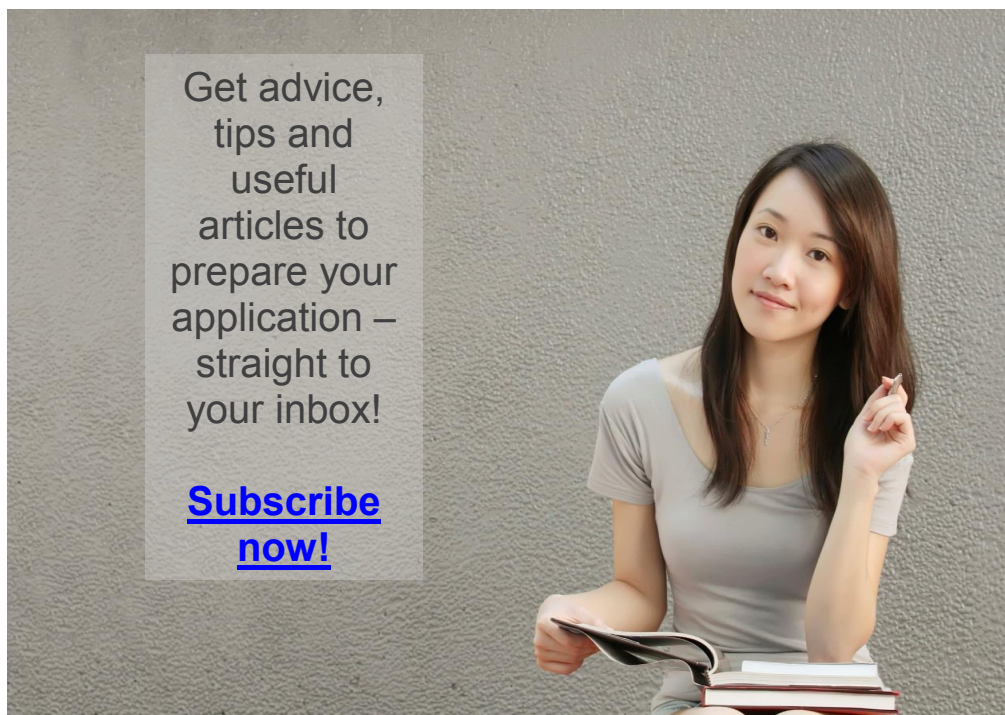
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