FAQs - Business Administration (MBA Executive) Program

Q: Why do I need to take Business in a Global Context first?

A: The MBA (Executive) Program commences with a face-to-face Program Orientation which coincides with the delivery of the commencement overview course, Business in a Global Context.

To gain maximum benefit from the Program, students are required to attend this intensive orientation with their first course. This will enable the development of meaningful relationships with fellow students and tutors/facilitators: setting up for Program success.

Business in a Global Context will enhance international knowledge, perspective and readiness to work in a global environment. It covers the “waterfront” of business management structures and practice and sets the context for the whole Program. The intensive Orientation and commencement course will be held over an extended long weekend starting on a Friday morning at 8am and finishing at 5pm on the following Monday (4 days). On-going weekly on-line study with your class and tutor/facilitator – and assessment – will follow this residential.

Q: Why is the concluding core unit, Strategic Business Leadership, a compulsory intensive?

A: The climax of the MBA (Exec) Program is the capstone course Strategic Business Leadership which provides an opportunity to attend face-to-face with classmates to present a final project for assessment. To maximise benefit and opportunity, this final, capstone course is a compulsory requirement of the MBA (Exec) Program and must be undertaken with a face-to-face presentation component. RMIT University is recognised for its strong links to the real world of business; this course focuses on developing practical management skills that employers value in solving real world problems.

This is a 4-5 day intensive in Melbourne.

Q: What are the differences between the on-campus MBA (Exec) and the online MBA (Exec) e.g. curriculum, lecturers, schedules, duration, fees, graduation certificate?

A: There are no differences in curriculum, lecturers, schedules, duration, fees, or graduation certificate.
Q: I am aware Open Universities Australia (OUA) offers the online RMIT MBA (Exec) Program. Does RMIT offer this Program directly to students i.e. not via OUA?

A: RMIT does not offer this online MBA (Exec) Program directly to students, it is only offered via OUA.

Q: May I switch to the on-campus MBA (Exec) after completing a few units of the online MBA (Exec)? Similarly, may I switch to the online MBA (Exec) after completing a few units of the on-campus MBA (Exec)?

A: Switching between on campus and online is acceptable.

Q: May I switch from the full-time MBA to the online MBA (Exec) or part-time MBA (Exec) and vice versa?

A: The full-time MBA is for students with little or no work experience with a good undergraduate degree. The online MBA (Exec) and part-time MBA (Exec) is for experienced students, some of whom may not have an undergraduate degree. Full-time MBA students cannot switch to the online or on campus MBA (Exec) and vice versa.

Q: How many credits can CPA graduates receive?

A: CPA holders can receive 3 credits within the MBA (Exec) program and this will be the same in the Online MBA (Exec). In the on-campus MBA (Exec) students fill in the application for credit form on the day that they enrol into the program – so credit is either granted or denied prior to coming into the program. However, students are not able to use the credit points received from credits if they choose to exit the program early.

In the Online program students will remain OUA students who transfer their credits from OUA to RMIT once they have completed their program and are applying to graduate. On application to the online program – once proof of prior study is received by the RMIT program administrator – you will receive written confirmation of any credit(s) being granted. You will then submit this letter at the end of your program to gain the credit(s).

Q: Can I get credits for other courses/units/subjects completed? (See above)

A: As long as the course/unit/subject is a postgraduate course/unit/subject and has been completed in the past 5 years, you can submit the documentation required and we will assess and advise you of the outcome. Contact the Program Administrator, Jessica Coombes, jessica.coombes@rmit.edu.au or +61 3 9925 5761 for information on what documentation needs to be submitted.
Q: What is the maximum number of credits I can get?

A: Six (6) is the maximum number of credits you can get for the MBA (Exec).

Q: Until when can I apply for credits?

A: It is in your own interest to apply for credits at the time of applying for the Program. But, the sooner the better, because, if you have already done a unit for which it then turns out you could have got a credit, you will have lost out.

Q: How many courses can I/should I take per Session?

A: If you are working full-time, as a general rule we strongly advise against taking more than two (2) courses per session. However, each person’s circumstances is different and so, ultimately, it is your decision. An estimation of time required to be spent studying per unit, per week is 12-15 hours.

If you wish to discuss your options with the program administrator, please don’t hesitate to contact Jessica Coombes on jessica.coombes@rmit.edu, or +61 3 9925 5761

Q: I have general questions not relating to the units I am currently undertaking. Whom can I contact at RMIT?

A: Jessica Coombes is the Administrator for the online MBA (Exec). Contact her in the first instance as in the above Q.

Q: Am I an RMIT Student as well as an OUA student? Do I have an RMIT student ID?

A: No, you are not an RMIT Student until you are about to graduate and then you become an RMIT Student and graduate with an RMIT MBA (Exec) Degree. You do, however, have an RMIT student ID as well as an OUA student ID.

You do not have access to RMIT’s online enrolment website – your enrolments and re-enrolments are done through OUA directly. You do have an RMIT student e-mail account.

Q: OUA Academic Calendar – what is the difference between a Study Period and a Study Session?

A: Study Period relates to Undergraduate Degrees, whereas Study Session relates to your MBA (Exec) Degree and other Postgraduate Degrees. Please note that the dates are different and so you need to make sure that you always look at the Study Session dates.