



Master of Business Administration

MBA



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■ DISCOVER **WBS**



OUR TEACHING METHOD

Our teaching method is lively and interactive, making extensive use of case studies which bring real-world business challenges into the classroom.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Apart from our full-time faculty, we have a number of visiting/ adjunct professors from other business schools around the world. Numerous guest lecturers bring their up-to-the-minute business or industry knowledge into the classroom.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNER SCHOOLS

Thanks to our global partnerships, students can complete their electives at other business schools around the world, allowing for a perfect mix of local and international business knowledge.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Our Career Management Centre offers one-on-one coaching, career advice and counselling, CV formulation, mock interviews and career workshops and fairs, among many other services.



PUBLIC DIALOGUE, DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

WBS hosts regular public lectures and panel discussions on issues facing South Africa and the rest of the continent.



ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS



SOUTH AFRICAN
CASE STUDIES
PRODUCED BY OUR
CASE CENTRE

350

WBS HAS GRADUATED
THE MOST MBAs IN
AFRICA, WITH MORE
THAN

10 000

ALUMNI AROUND
THE WORLD

FACULTY
WITH PHDs

98%

■ MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

The Wits Business School MBA is our flagship programme with an extensive network of prominent alumni who are making an impact across the globe. As one of the oldest business schools in Africa, our MBA curriculum has evolved in line with changing demands and global trends, while offering consistently high standards of academic excellence. Our programme is fully accredited with the Association of MBAs (AMBA), and so you can be assured of globally competitive management education.

What makes our MBA special? Apart from providing you with problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork skills, the Leadership Quest component offers you an opportunity to reflect on your leadership style and beliefs and identify the gaps that need to be closed to become a great leader. At WBS our passion is ethical leadership which is why we have developed four graduate competencies that all revolve around solving societal problems and becoming change agents for the common good.

Finally, our global study tours and international exchange programmes complete our MBA curriculum, designed to enrich your journey through experiential learning and foster a global mindset.

I hope to welcome you soon onto our MBA programme sharing your journey to leadership excellence.

Dr Jenika Gobind
MBA Programme Director



MBA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can apply to do your MBA at WBS if:

- You have an Honours Degree (NQF level 8).
- You have a minimum of four years work experience (two years in a managerial or senior position).
- You have a level of competence in Maths equivalent to the South African Matriculation Certificate.
- You are proficient in English.
- You have completed and achieved an acceptable level in either the GMAT, NMAT or the APIL test.
- You have a SAQA Evaluation Certificate (applicable to International qualifications).

CLASS OPTIONS/STUDY FORMATS

PART TIME (2 YEARS)

JANUARY INTAKE (Weekday class)

Two weekday evenings (17h30 – 21h00) and occasional Saturday classes as required.

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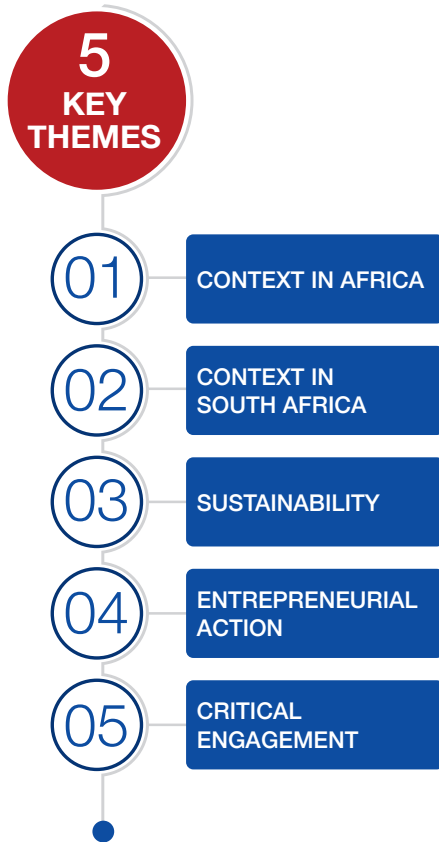
Saturdays (08h00 – 16h30) and occasional weekday classes as required.

MODULAR FORMAT (2 YEARS)

JULY INTAKE

Five blocks of between 10 to 12 consecutive days every month (8h00 – 17h00).

MBA CURRICULUM



Wits Business School's MBA curriculum reflects the changing business landscape in Africa to provide students with a globally relevant management degree. The intention is to develop a new generation of business leaders who are equipped to do business in Africa and beyond.

There are four components of the WBS MBA: Core Courses, Elective Courses, Independent Study and the Global Study Tour.

1. CORE COURSES

The MBA consists of 12 core courses as follows:

1. Management and Financial Accounting and Finance
2. Economics for Business
3. Technology and Operations Management
4. Strategy
5. Organisational Design & Development and People Management
6. Critical Enquiry Skills
7. Business, Society and Collective Action
8. Marketing in a Connected World
9. Finance and Investment Decisions
10. Entrepreneurship and Innovation
11. Business Integration
12. Case Competition

2. ELECTIVE COURSES

Students to select three from the following five areas of study:

- Dynamic Economies and Innovation
- Managing for Sustainability
- Finance
- Leading Organisations in a Complex Environment
- General Management

NB: Electives are run full day weekdays and/or weekend depending on your selection, and they are subject to availability.

3. INDEPENDENT STUDY

The independent study portion of the MBA comprises:

LEADERSHIP QUEST

The Leadership Quest is an ongoing, independent study component of the MBA with a focus on individual leadership development and capability. It requires the student to research the topic of effective leadership to determine the kind of leader they want to become.

APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECT

Students choose one out of four major projects:

- a consulting project;
- a social entrepreneurship project;
- a business venture proposal, or
- a research report.



4. GLOBAL STUDY TOUR

Our MBA provides the best of local and international study opportunities. The global study tour is an integral part of the MBA curriculum and is designed to expose students to best practice learnings from complex international markets. Recent countries visited include China, USA, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, India, Vietnam, Thailand and Mauritius. There is also the option of a local study tour which includes visits to Namibia, Cape Town and Botswana, plus there are options for online study tours.

MBA BLOCK-RELEASE SCHEDULE 2025-2026*

BLOCK 1 (10 days)

Introduction to Leadership Quest

Economics for Business

Technology and Operations Management

BLOCK 2 (8 consecutive days)

Finance and Investment Decisions

Entrepreneurship

Leadership Quest: Leadership

BLOCK 3 (7 consecutive days)

Applied Research Skills

Leadership Quest: Career Management

Critical Enquiry Skills

BLOCK 4 (8 consecutive days, excluding tour)

Business Integration

Case Competition

Leadership Quest: Negotiation Skills

Global Study Tour

*All classes take place in-person from
08h30-16h30



The WBS MBA turned out to be a personal transformation journey which was well worth the time and financial investment. It equipped me with the tools that gave me clarity of decision with regards to my career path, and I got to understand the holistic view of the business ecosystem, its interaction with government and resource markets.

I have since gained a competitive edge in my career as the MBA gave me that something-extra that separates me from my peers. The WBS MBA has turned out to be one of the best career decisions I ever took to this day.

Dumisani Sibanda
MBA GRADUATE

■ APPLICATION PROCESS

- Only online applications are accepted. Complete an online application at www.wbs.ac.za by clicking on Online Applications on the top right hand corner and follow the links.
- Required documents at application stage are on the Checklist.
- Shortlisted applicants may sit for one of the three admission tests; GMAT, NMAT or psychometric test (APIL). The shortlisted candidates will receive confirmation/ invite from the school to write the APIL test.
- Shortlisted RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) applicants will be required to take only the NMAT test. Both the GMAT and NMAT require extensive preparation and information on these can be found on www.gmat.com; www.nmat.org.in/africa.
- Applicants may be required to attend an interview.
- A R15 000 minimum deposit will be required upon acceptance of a place on the programme.

ONLINE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Online application form
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Certified copies of academic transcripts and degree certificate(s)
- ☐ SAQA evaluation certificate (International qualifications only)
- ☐ Proof of English language proficiency (If English was not used as a medium of study)
- ☐ Non-refundable application fee of R200
- ☐ WBS admission tests (at a cost of R1000)



MBA FEES

Fees for the MBA for 2025 are quoted as R379 825.01 (subject to review in 2026)

The estimated costs for International Study Tours are between R60 000.00 to R100 000.00 (subject to currency fluctuation). Invoice and payment due at least 6 months before the international programme.

ENQUIRIES MBA Applications: +27 (0) 861 000 927 | admissions.wbs@wits.ac.za

INTAKES Mid-year 2025/2026 intake (Modular format) | January 2026 intake (Part-time)



One of the best decisions I've ever made in my life, was obtaining the WBS MBA. The skills developed through my MBA have allowed me to think globally when it comes to tackling current and future business challenges. It has positioned me as one of the leading industry experts, in my sphere of work, within the banking sector. Today I work for one of the leading multinationals in the financial services sector and am empowered to make key business decisions that drive the bottom line but most importantly, those that positively and sustainably impact our customers and communities in markets within which we operate across Africa.

Tumi Phungwayo
MBA GRADUATE



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