



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



■ 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.

JANUARY INTAKE (Saturday class)

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 three components of the WBS MBA: Core courses, elective courses, and independent research.

1. CORE COURSES

The MBA consists of 10 core courses, with corresponding credits as follows:

1. Sustainability, Ethics and Governance in Business	5
2. Strategic Management and Leadership	10
3. Economics in an Emerging Market Context	10
4. Managerial and Finance Accounting (NQF 8)	15
5. Finance and Investment Decisions	10
6. Strategic Talent Management (NQF 8)	10
7. Entrepreneurship (NQF 8)	10
8. Technology and Operations Management for a Changing Business Context	10
9. Marketing in a Digital World	10
10. Doing Business in Africa	10

2. ELECTIVE COURSES

Students must select three electives from a choice of modular offerings to be provided. Electives are subject to availability.

3. INDEPENDENT STUDY

The independent study portion of the MBA comprises the following:

Leadership Quest: The Transformative Professional in Practice	20 credits
Applied Research Project	25 credits
Global Business Culture Experience	5 credits



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BLOCK-RELEASE SCHEDULE 2026

BLOCK 1

Sustainability, Ethics and Governance in Business
Marketing in a Digital World
Finance and Investment Decisions
Business Integration

BLOCK 2

Strategic Management and Leadership
Technology and Operations Management
Global Study Tour
Critical Enquiry Skills

BLOCK 3

Economics in an Emerging Market Context
Technology and Operations Management

BLOCK 4

Doing Business in Africa
Finance and Investment Decisions
Entrepreneurship

FULL YEAR

Managerial and Financial Accounting

*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)

THE WBS GRADUATE COMPETENCIES

As a school, we aim to ensure that every student graduating with a qualification at WBS is recognised as having a set of core graduate competencies developed through the successful completion of their programme. This means that WBS graduates emerge from their studies armed with recognisable behavioural and leadership characteristics that clearly identify them as WBS graduates.

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1 WBS graduates demonstrate disciplinary expertise and critical thinking skills.
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2 WBS graduates are entrepreneurial and innovative, integrating global and African perspectives in addressing organisational and/or societal challenges.
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3 WBS graduates develop data-driven solutions that harmonise financial, social, and environmental sustainability perspectives to address the dynamic business landscape.
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4 WBS graduates lead with purpose, integrity, inclusivity and accountability.
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5 WBS graduates are sensitive and personally responsive to the needs of society and organisations as change agents for the common good.



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