



**Rhodes Business School**  
*Leadership for Sustainability*



**RHODES UNIVERSITY**  
*Where leaders learn*

# MBA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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# A message from the Director

## Prof Owen Skae

At Rhodes Business School, we believe that the purpose of business is to create sustainable value in a world shaped by uncertainty, complexity, and paradox. Our guiding essence, Leadership for Sustainability, is more than a philosophy. It defines how we teach, learn, and engage with the world. Anchored in our unique 4E Model of Economy, Ethics, Ecology, and Equity, and expressed through our Knowledge Wheel, we nurture transformative leaders who **think** integratively, **act** as principled leaders, and **be** engaged citizens.

Our MBA is designed for those who want to make a difference, not just in boardrooms, but in communities and society at large. Through immersive learning experiences, including one-of-a-kind sustainability field immersions, we connect theory to practice and impact to purpose.

If you are ready to reimagine what business can be, and what you can become, then Rhodes Business School is your destination.

We look forward to walking this journey of transformation with you.



## Why choose our MBA?



Hands-on Experience



Community & Impact



Expert Faculty



Leadership Development



Research & Innovation



Global Network

The 2020 Financial Mail Survey was conducted independently amongst MBA alumni & students and results benchmarked against other participating Business Schools.

Rhodes Business School's MBA programme was rated very high overall, scoring 100% in the following categories:

# 100%

in meeting expectations  
on Business Education

# 100%

in improved ability in  
report writing

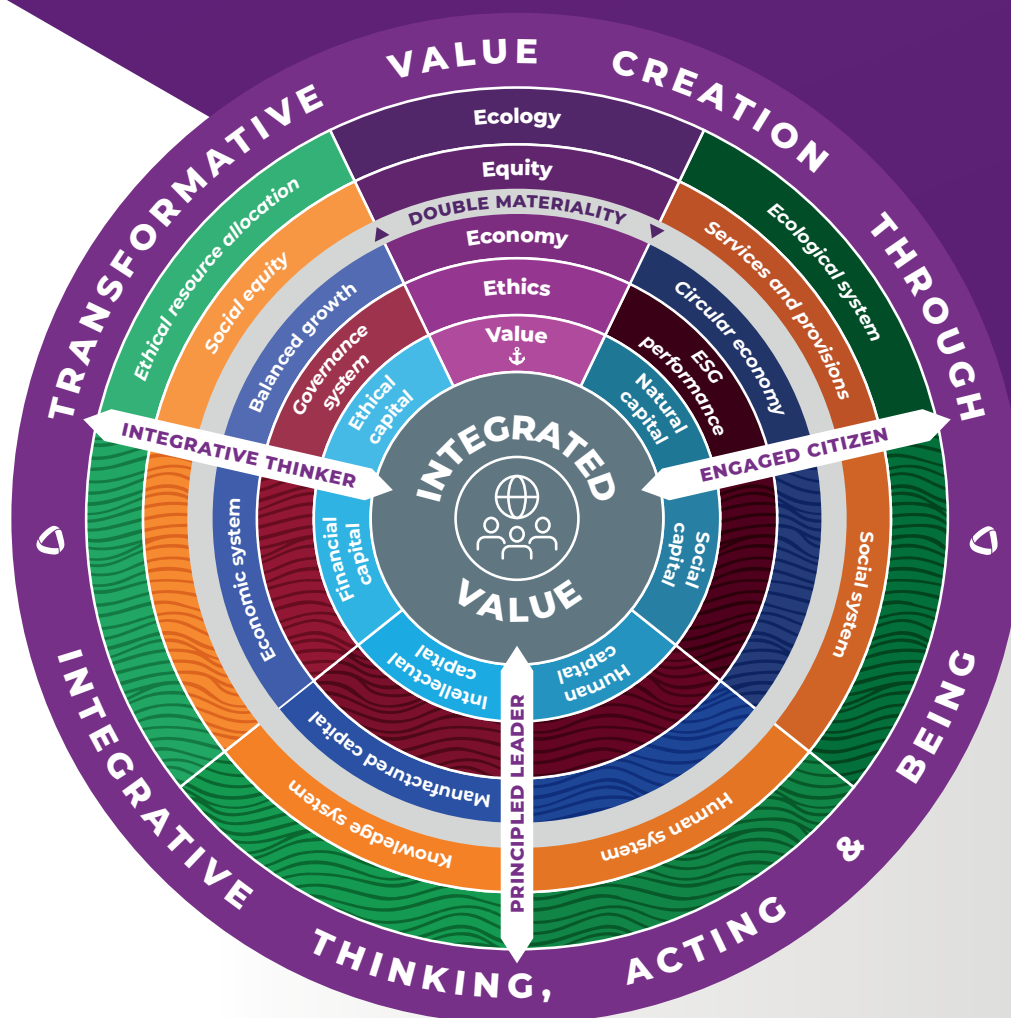
# 100%

in honing the following  
competencies: Leadership,  
Ethics & Sustainability

# 100%

in their experience of  
enjoyment of the course

Visit [www.ru.ac.za/businessschool/studying](http://www.ru.ac.za/businessschool/studying)  
for more information.



## Programme Fees

	ZAR	USD
Year 1	R80,000	\$4,330
Year 2	R80,000	\$4,300
Year 3	R50,000	\$2,700

Note: An inflation adjustment is applied in Year 2 and Year 3 according to CPI.

The USD rate is subject to prevailing rates of exchange at the time of registration.

Candidates who complete the MBA in two years will be charged the Year 2 + Year 3 fee in Year 2.

## How do I apply?

- 1 Perform initial registration online at <https://ross.ru.ac.za/>. You will receive a unique **application reference number** which will be requested on the next step.
- 2 Email [mba@ru.ac.za](mailto:mba@ru.ac.za) with your **application reference number**.
- 3 Following completion of the Google Form (link to be provided), applications will be evaluated & prospective students will be provided with details to complete the **Rhodes application process**.

## A Dynamic Two-Year MBA Journey

Our Master of Business Administration program is a transformative two-year experience designed to build upon your existing skills and propel you into leadership roles. The curriculum is thoughtfully structured to be completed over this period, comprising a comprehensive set of core and elective modules. What sets our program apart is our innovative approach to class composition. We believe in the power of a deeply integrated and collaborative community, which is why the majority of our modules are undertaken by first and second-year MBA candidates together in a single, dynamic classroom.

This integrated cohort model fosters a unique and powerful learning environment that creates synergistic learning where diverse perspectives and experiences converge. The dynamic created by having first and second-year students together in the classroom sparks a vibrant, two-way exchange of knowledge. This "vertical integration" enriches the educational journey for everyone, fostering more robust debates and building a strong sense of community. This structure provides a powerful advantage, creating a broader, more collaborative network from day one and expanding the opportunities for all students to learn from one another.

The Rhodes MBA comprises 15 modules of coursework (12 core and 3 electives) and a research project of 12,000 words. It is offered on a part-time basis over two and a half years, but can be completed in two years. The programme commences online in February and an annual 2-week, face-to face block is conducted at the Business School in Makhandla (formerly Grahamstown), Eastern Cape, South Africa.

MODULES OFFERED IN MBA	
Compulsory (core) modules	Elective modules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Skills (OC)</li> <li>• Ethical Organisation and Governance (FC)</li> <li>• Finance and Management Accounting (FC)</li> <li>• People Management (6 weeks) (OC)</li> <li>• Quantitative Decision-Making (FC)</li> <li>• Research Methods (CO)</li> <li>• Research Project</li> <li>• Responsible Leadership (OC)</li> <li>• Strategic Management (FC)</li> <li>• Strategic Marketing (OC)</li> <li>• Strategic Operations Management (OC)</li> <li>• Sustainability (OC)</li> <li>• Sustainable Economics (OC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Development Consulting (EO) OR Sustainable Entrepreneurship (EO)</li> <li>• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (OE) OR Exponential Organisations (OE)</li> <li>• Integrated Thinking &amp; Reporting (OE) OR Value Creation through AI (OE)</li> </ul> <p>F – Face-to-face; O – Online; C – Core; E – Elective</p>

Generally, the online modules follow a four- to six-week cadence. The face-to-face block (which is compulsory to attend) also includes immersive experiences.

The sequence of module delivery may change for alignment between first- and second-year classes and the application of our knowledge wheel. Please refer to the business school's website for the detailed MBA timetable.

Electives are subject to sufficient demand.

## Admission Requirements




1. **Academic:** NQF8 qualification, i.e. Honours degree, Post-graduate diploma or four-year Bachelor's degree
2. **Experience:** minimum of three years full-time relevant practical business and/or organisational experience
3. **Language:** proficient in English
4. **Admission test:** GMAT or GMAC

Under exceptional circumstances, candidates who do not meet the above criteria may be considered for acceptance under recognition of prior learning (RPL). A rigorous process of submitting a Portfolio of Evidence (POE) is required. Only 10% of the class may be admitted under RPL.

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