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# MBA

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# Rhodes Business School MBA

The Rhodes Business School AMBA accredited MBA is interactive, innovative and intensive. It enables you to actively engage with contemporary business issues through the **lense of sustainability**. Taking an **integrated approach** to your management education, we help you prepare to lead responsibly through

understanding the relationship between the **economy, ethics, ecology and equity**. The programme's in-depth approach will advance your ability to think critically about the business environment so you can position yourself for personal growth, improved leadership capabilities and career advancement.

## The Benefits of Our Modular MBA

- The short, intensive teaching blocks facilitate the speedy transfer of new learning and knowledge into the workplace where the learning process continues as concepts and tools are applied.
- The assessment process facilitates the continuous application and development of learning in the work environment.
- Long absences from work are not needed.
- Periods of intensive and interactive study, away from the pressures of the workplace provide a rewarding and motivating experience.
- As a result of small classes, the opportunities for the cross-fertilisation of ideas and experiences, as well as for constructive debate with one's peers and instructors, are maximised.
- Our entry requirements mean you will benefit from the experience of a motivated and mature peer group from diverse work and professional backgrounds.
- The research mini-thesis or teaching case option, supervised by a member of the Rhodes University academic staff, provides the opportunity for you to capitalise on your learning from the course as a whole and to gain in-depth knowledge in a particular area.

**The Rhodes MBA** is a coursework degree comprising **13 modules (12 core & 1 elective)** and either a research or teaching case mini-thesis. The degree is offered on modular basis part-time over two years or full-time over one and a half years.

Between blocks, a mixture of synchronous & asynchronous activities take place.

### Order of Teaching Blocks for Full-Time & Part-Time

**Full-Time Year 1:** Block 1, Block 3, Block 2, Block 4

**Part-Time Year 1:** Block 1, Block 2

**Part-Time Year 2:** Block 3, Block 4



Core and Elective options are laid out in the table below:

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
<p><b>Teaching Block 1 – February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Skills</li> <li>• Research Methods</li> <li>• Sustainable Economics</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Strategic Management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Teaching Block 3 – March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and Management Accounting</li> <li>• Ethical Organisation and Governance</li> <li>• Quantitative Decision Making for Business and Research</li> <li>• Mini-Thesis</li> </ul>
<p><b>In between Teaching block – February to July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Development Consulting <b>OR</b> Sustainable Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Continuing work with self-study, tutorials and discussions on teaching block 1</li> </ul>	<p><b>In between Teaching block – March to July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissertation</li> <li>• Continuing work with self-study, tutorials and discussions on teaching block 3</li> </ul>
<p><b>Teaching Block 2 – August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Methods</li> <li>• Strategic Operations</li> <li>• Strategic Marketing</li> <li>• People Management</li> <li>• Strategic Management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Teaching Block 4 – September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible Leadership</li> <li>• Research Methods</li> <li>• Ethical Organisation and Governance</li> <li>• Mini-Thesis</li> </ul>
<p><b>In between Teaching block – September to December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Development Consulting <b>OR</b> Sustainable Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Continuing work with self-study, tutorials and discussions on teaching block 2</li> <li>• Financial &amp; Quantitative Skills(Only for candidates with insufficient Accounting knowledge)</li> </ul>	<p><b>In between Teaching block – September to December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBA Mini-Thesis Write Up</li> <li>• Continuing work with self-study, tutorials and discussions on teaching block 4</li> </ul>

**Rhodes Business School reserves the right to modify the programme and dates as circumstances dictate.**

**NOTE:** Where the choice is between modules, this is an elective. Students decide in Block 2 whether they will submit a research or teaching case mini-thesis. Supervisors are allocated at the end of the Research Methods module.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should:

- have at least an honours degree, post-graduate diploma or four-year bachelor's degree\*;
- have a minimum of three years of full-time relevant practical business and/or organisational experience;
- be proficient in English.

\*Qualifications not obtained from a South African University must be accompanied by a **SAQA Certificate of Evaluation**.

## Admission Test

Applicants may choose to write one of the following (unless they have results from a test that was written in the last 3 years):

- NMAT by GMAC (for details of local centres please go to [www.nmat.org](http://www.nmat.org));
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test);
- GRE (Graduate Record Examination).

Under exceptional circumstances, candidates who do not meet the above criteria may be considered for acceptance on the basis of their "prior learning" or life experiences. A rigorous process of submitting a Portfolio of Evidence is required.

## Application Procedure

Applications are submitted online on [ross.ru.ac.za](http://ross.ru.ac.za).

**Our Vision** is to transform business for a sustainable world.

**Our Mission** is to educate and influence responsible business practice, responsibly

## Our Values

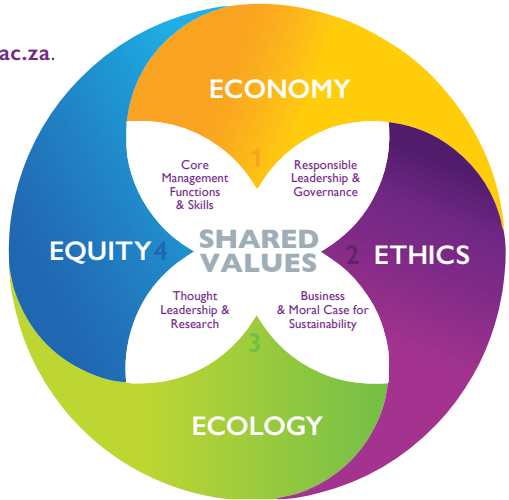
- Professionalism & Excellence
- Integrity & Respect
- Quality & Innovation
- Diversity & Equity
- Knowledge & Advancement

**Our Aim** is to produce integrated and holistic thinkers, who are able to:

- critically evaluate **equitable, ethical, economic** and **ecological** imperatives for a world that is consuming resources faster than it can replenish them;
- responsibly lead and manage organisations that understand and act upon the needs, interests and expectations of stakeholders;
- make the business and moral case for sustainability;
- enhance the pursuit of responsible management functions.

## Student Funding

Rhodes Business School has partnered with **Student Hero** to help our applicants to learn about, apply and qualify for study funding. Student Hero is South Africa's largest student finance facilitation service, an initiative aimed to help students be their future selves sooner.



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