

Distance learning

25 of the top distance learning MBA providers Schools are listed by the number of enrolled MBA students

School name	Country	Name of programme	Number of enrolled MBA students	Intakes per year	International accreditation	Time limit for study (years)	Average time to complete (years)	Percentage complete in 5 years	Percentage of international students	Examinations required*	Online examinations*	Percentage of teaching materials online	Percentage of online coursework	Online teamwork*	Local study centres*	Continents where supported	Course characteristics
University of Phoenix	US	MBA	40,000	rolling	–	5	2.4	63	2	y	y	100	100	y	n	All	Class size averages 15 students. The size of the programme means new courses begin every week
Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University	UK	MBA	8,922	rolling	–	n/a	3	70	86	y	n	100	0	n	n	North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa	All assessment is by written exams. Students can choose to study online, on campus or at an approved centre.
Henley Management College	UK	Henley MBA/Henley Project Management MBA	5,136	3	AACSB, Amba, Equis	6	3.8	67	78	y	n	50	100	y	y	Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe and the Caribbean	Mixture of on-line learning and face-to-face workshops. Average age of participants 35.
Open University Business School	UK	MBA (Open)	3,799	2	AACSB, Amba, Equis	10	3 to 5	n/a	37	y	n	Varies	100	y	y	Europe and Africa	Heavy focus on participant support through a network of tutors. Entry points into management education for those without formal higher education qualifications.
		MBA (Technology Management)	282	2	AACSB, Amba, Equis	10	3	n/a	n/a	y	n	Varies	100	y	y	Europe and Africa	Heavy focus on participant support through a network of tutors.
		MBA (Life Sciences)	n/a	2	AACSB, Equis	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	y	n	Varies	100	y	y	Europe	Heavy focus on participant support through a network of tutors.
Manchester Business School Worldwide	UK	MBA for Financial Managers, MBA for Engineering Business Managers, MBA for Construction Executives	2,500	2	AACSB, Amba, Equis	5	4	75	85	y	n	100	100	y	y	All	Students graduate with same degree as on-campus counterparts.
Warwick Business School	UK	MBA by Distance Learning	1,738	2	AACSB, Amba, Equis	8	3.5	80	50	y	n	70-100	80-100	y	n	All	One compulsory visit to Warwick each year. Can switch modes of study
Tecnológico de Monterrey	Mexico	MBA	1,550	3	–	none	2.5 to 3	80	10	y	n	80	100	y	n	North and Latin America, Europe, Asia	Strong links with the corporate world give a practical focus.
University of Liverpool	UK	MBA, MBA (marketing), MBA (finance and accounting)	1,430	8	–	6	2.5	89	77	n	n/a	100	100	y	n	All	Teamwork replicates working in a global environment: students enrolled from 125 countries
U21 Global	Singapore	MBA	1,300	rolling	EFMD-Cel	5	2.5	100	n/a	y	y	100	100	y	n	All	Students enrolled in more than 52 countries.
Walden University	US	MBA	1,245	8	–	6	2	n/a	1	y	y	Varies	100	y	n	All	Dual degree programme options.
Durham Business School	UK	Distance Learning MBA	971	rolling	Amba, Equis	8	3.5	60	50	y	n	0	0	y	n	All	Twice-yearly residential seminars. Module-by-module structure.
Bradford University School of Management	UK	Distance Learning MBA	407	9	Amba, Equis	6	3	90	86	y	n	20	0	n	y	Asia	Participants can switch to other modes of delivery. Compulsory personal development course.
Thunderbird: Garvin	US	Global MBA for Latin American Managers,	321	1	AACSB, Equis	5	1.8	90	93	y	y	30	0	y	y	North, Central and South America	Joint degree programme with Tecnológico de Monterrey. Three on-site seminars required
		Global MBA On-Demand	60	2	AACSB, Equis	5	1.8	n/a	6	y	y	75	75	y	n	All	Began September 2005. Includes four one-week seminars in Arizona (two), Europe and China.
Imperial College London: Tanaka	UK	MBA in Distance Learning	280	1	–	5	3	95	66	y	n	90	0	y	n	All	Includes video lectures and virtual tutorials.
University of Florida	US	Internet MBA (one and two year programmes)	256	2	AACSB	7	1.3 (one-year) 2.3 (two-year)	91	2	y	y	70	80	y	n	All	In-house technology platform.
University of Texas at Dallas	US	Global MBA online	195	3	AACSB	6	3	90	6	y	y	100	100	y	n	All	Multimedia delivery. Full-time faculty teach on campus and online.
		Global Leadership EMBA Project Management Graduate Programme	85 49	2 1	AACSB AACSB	2.3 6	2.3 2.8	98 80	15 8	n y	n/a y	80 81	80 81	y y	n n	All North America	Cohort-based. Requires 6 weekend residencies. Multiple credential exit points e.g. certificate. Two-week international study tour.
Babson College	US	Fast Track MBA	145	2	AACSB	8	2	100	0	y	y	60	60	y	n	North America	Forty per cent of the teaching is face-to-face on the Babson campus. Cohort-based.
Cardean University	US	MBA	143	17	–	6	2	n/a	16	n	n/a	100	100	y	n	All	Courses developed with the world's leading business schools: Chicago, Columbia, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon and LSE. Fifteen specialisations.
George Washington University School of Business	US	Healthcare MBA	135	6	AACSB	5	n/a	n/a	0	y	y	100	100	y	n	North America	Programme began November 2004. Majority of students are physicians.
University of Surrey, School of Management	UK	MBA	108	1	AACSB	2	2	95	100	y	y	30	0	y	y	Africa, Europe, Middle East, North America	Weekend workshops in local study centres.
Instituto de Empresa	Spain	Global Communities MBA	52	2	AACSB, Equis	1.5	1.3	100	70-87	y	y	100	100	y	y	All	Taught in English and Spanish. Uses live video. Have to attend 4-day sessions in 15 different countries.
Drexel University	US	MBA in Pharmaceutical Management	51	1	AACSB	2.3	2.3	100	10	y	y	80	80	y	n	North America	Developed in conjunction with the School of Public Health, College of Medicine and the pharmaceutical industry.
Aston Business School	UK	MBA in Distance Learning	40	3	AACSB, Amba, Equis	5	2.5	90	25	y	n	20	90	y	n	Europe	Eighty per cent of the course work are recordings of lectures delivered on DVD. Students are required to attend one on-campus study weekend per term.
Euro MBA Consortium	Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain	Euro MBA	35	3	AACSB, Equis	n/a	2.3	96	43	y	n	20	60-70	y	n	All	Six residential weeks across Europe, company-related assignments.
Simon Fraser University: Segal	Canada	Management of Technology MBA	12	1	AACSB	6	2	n/a	0	y	y	85	85	y	n	North America	Seventy-five per cent of class has a technical background
		Management of Technology MBA – Biotechnology Specialisation	8	1	AACSB	6	2	n/a	0	y	y	85	85	y	n	North America	Emphasis on the commercialisation process of biotechnology.