

Is the IMD MBA degree recognized?

Yes, the IMD MBA degree is recognized internationally and accredited by the AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. IMD grants the MBA degree under the patronage of the University of Lausanne.

What is the emphasis of the IMD MBA program?

The IMD MBA is a general management program that prepares young and experienced professionals with strong leadership potential to tackle complex business challenges, as well as to lead in a responsible manner and achieve results.

How long is the program?

11 months, from January to December with class sessions from Monday morning to Saturday noon (40 hours per week). Evening and weekend preparation and project work is also required.

How many participants are in the MBA class?

We accept 90 people a year because we believe that world-class business leaders cannot be mass-produced.

What is the key focus of the Leadership stream?

- **Technical competence and knowledge:** Put your skills into context and develop your ability to work with multiple types of organizations and people of different functional backgrounds to achieve your goals.
- **Awareness of self and context:** Understand and develop your personal capacity to exercise leadership responsibly. Identify your strengths and develop your self-awareness, independent judgment and values.
- **Moral judgement:** Explore leadership challenges and the moral dimensions of managerial dilemmas.

Does the program include teamwork?

Your exceptional classmates offer an invaluable resource of 600+ years of collective diverse and international experience. You will work in small teams, inspiring group performance and learning to overcome the cultural and personality differences that arise in a diverse, multinational group of people.

What are start-up projects?

MBA teams work with an early stage start-up venture to learn about the special challenges of entrepreneurship and gain hands-on experience in adding value to a company.

How do the International Consulting Projects work?

Teams of MBA participants work with top management of international firms on strategic issues and synthesize their learning by tackling real business issues, under the supervision of IMD Faculty.

What is the Discovery Trip?

A 10-day trip to Sao Paulo, New York or Singapore to understand the culture and begin networking in a new area in which you might be interested in developing your future career.

Do Faculty have practical experience?

Our Faculty, representing over 20 nationalities, have typically held management positions in manufacturing or service companies and currently divide their time between teaching, research and consulting. Drawing on practical experience, their skills and experience cover the full spectrum of management skills and issues facing business leaders today.

Do I need a computer?

No. There are computers in each study room and around the campus, and we will provide you with a iPad for your year at IMD.

The evaluation process

You must pass exams on all core business courses (retake opportunities during the summer break). Formal evaluations also cover your class participation, group work, project presentations and two-day integrative exercises.

The MBA degree 'With Honors' is awarded to participants whose cumulative performance throughout the program is judged to be superior.

What does 'Real World. Real Learning' actually mean?

We offer real-life, solid education recognized for its direct applicability and impact. The combination of classes and company projects allows you to assess real-life business challenges, confidently select adequate responses and lead responsibly.

How personalized is the program?

We have a Participant to Faculty ratio of 2:1 and you will have an individual career counsellor and the option of 20 one-hour confidential sessions with a trained psychoanalyst. Personal end-of-module debriefs assess your performance both within the class and relative to your individual learning agenda and you can select project issues and electives to fit your career goals.

How does IMD you select your elective courses?

The elective stream builds on learnings from the core courses and allows you to pursue deeper insights in specific areas that are of interest to you personally. We re-evaluate these topics annually to reflect the evolving nature of current business in the global market place.

How can I receive a confirmation of my IMD MBA degree?

While we do not provide performance transcripts for MBA graduates, a letter of confirmation can be requested through mbainfo@imd.org. These letters are sent out by email or regular postal mail and the service is free of charge.

Does IMD have other executive programs?

Yes. IMD is one of the world's most recognized institutions for executive development. We offer EMBA programs, open enrolment programs and customized programs for our international clients.

Does IMD have a Ph.D. program?

No. We do not offer any doctorate programs.