

USB INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2014



Welcome to USB in Cape Town, South Africa

The University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) offers an MBA accredited by AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA (Triple Crown). Our MBA is known for its strong emphasis on critical thinking skills, leadership and applicability in a multi-cultural environment. In short, USB's MBA is uniquely African and internationally accredited. USB has been ranked the No1 Business School in South Africa based on the 2013 PMR Africa Survey among employers of MBA graduates.

We trust that your studies at USB will be an enriching experience - both on a professional and personal level.

The information below will help you to arrange exchange studies at the USB.

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SEMESTER DATES 2014		
Semester 1 (summer and autumn)	15 January – 27 June (students to arrive 1 week before)	
Semester 2 (winter and spring)	21 July - 15 November (students to arrive 1 week before)	

APPLICATION DEADLINES		
January (Semester 1)	15 October	
July (Semester 2)	15 April	

EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for exchange studies shall meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered student at an institution with an existing partnership agreement with the USB
- Have an excellent academic background
- Achieve a TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) / 213 (computer-based) / 79-80 (internet-based)
- Have the maturity and ability to adapt to a foreign environment
- Have strong motivation for the academic programme offered by the host institution
- Have at least 18 months of relevant work experience

EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Letter of recommendation from home institution
- Comprehensive CV
- Academic records
- Proof of at least 18 months of RELEVANT work experience
- Recent TOEFL test results (all classes are taught in English)
- Subject registration form
- Copy of passport
- Proof of medical insurance valid for the duration of your stay in South Africa
- Student contact details including e-mail address
- Study permit (USB will supply you with an official letter to support this application) do NOT proceed to South Africa without the study permit

Important: Students should NOT purchase a flight ticket or make accommodation arrangements before they have received official notification of their admission at USB. For more information, contact Cailin Human at <u>cailin.human@usb.ac.za</u>.

REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION

- For registration purposes, students must arrive on campus a few days (recommended 7 days) before the start of their courses.
- An international student levy is payable upon registration. This covers administrative costs, student internet access and photocopying. Should students use more than this amount for internet and photocopying during their stay, the balance will be payable before students leave.
- Students have to pay for their own text books, accommodation, transport and meals.
- During the first week of every semester, an orientation programme is organised for exchange students by the Exchange Student Coordinator. Attendance is compulsory and includes a guided tour of Cape Town.

ACCOMMODATION

USB does not provide student accommodation. It is the responsibility of all international students to obtain their own accommodation. However, exchange students will be supported in finding accommodation. Please contact Cailin Human, USB's Exchange Student Coordinator, at cailin.human@usb.ac.za.

Comfortable accommodation is available at the Bellvista Lodge on the USB campus. It is recommended that you stay at the Bellvista Lodge for a week or two while you are looking for alternative accommodation that may better suit your budget. It is advisable to make reservations well in advance. For more information go to www.usb.ac.za/bellvista or send an e-mail to bvista@usb.ac.za.

COST OF LIVING Estimated living costs (in local currency)			
Accommodation	from R3 500 to R6 500 per month		
Food	from R3 500 per month		
Mobile phone and internet	from R1 000 to R1 500 per month		
Transport and entertainment	from R 2 500 per month		
Books and classroom materials	Prices range between R450 and R800 per book		
Local transportation	No reliable public transportation is available. Students mostly share rental vehicles and costs. Rental vehicles cost from R4 000 per month per car.		

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Full-time MBA at the USB

All MBA modules are compulsory for Full-time students. Exchange students may choose a selection of modules based on the credits demanded by their home institutions. The number of courses / credits depends on the agreement between the exchange students and their home institutions.

Every year in October the block roster for the following year is released. This allows students to choose their modules for the next year. During the first semester students normally take on 6 to 8 core modules; and those in the second semester normally take on 2 core modules and choose 3 electives. For more information, please send an e-mail to Cailin Human at cailin.human@usb.ac.za.

USB also offers MPhil degrees in Development Finance, Management Coaching and Futures Studies, PhD degrees in Business Administration and in Development Finance, Postgraduate Diplomas in Leadership, Development Finance, Dispute Settlement and Project Management, and other courses. USB's programmes are characterised by the development of critical thinking abilities and leadership skills in a multicultural setting.

For more information on our MBA programme, electives and other courses, please visit our website at www@usb.sun.ac.za.

MBA PROGRAMME		
Class format	Lectures (class contact sessions), group assignments, final exams	
Class size	20 – 35 students	
Grading	USB grading system	
Full work load for 1 semester (USB students)	Approximately 125 SAQA credits (about 50 ECTS)	
Language of instruction	English	
Attendance and participation	Compulsory class attendance – all classes	
Student services	Exchange student coordinatorInternational MBA student administratorAcademic counselling	

USB GRADING SYSTEM				
%	Symbol	Grading		
75	A	Distinction (Cum Laude), Excellent		
70	В	Very good		
60	С	Good		
55	D	Satisfactory		
50	D-	Sufficient		
<50	F	Fail		

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