MBA{ip}
Start-Up Your Career
The MBA | International Program at the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management is a unique, integrative one-year study program that couples a rigorous theoretical and practical academic program with extracurricular opportunities that serve to enrich the MBA learning experience.

Our one-year English-language MBA{ip} provides working professionals and international students alike the opportunity to earn an MBA while exploring the Start-Up Nation and to expand their professional horizons.

Our general management education program comprises core business modules and advanced courses, intensive workshops, an integrative internship experience, and professional development field trips. The MBA{ip} highlights innovation, entrepreneurship, and social enterprise on the international level, as well as on the local front, tapping into the entrepreneurial spirit and momentum driving the incredible growth in the Negev region and throughout the country.
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*Please note that the academic year 2019/2020 may vary.
Academic Calendar 2019/2020*

Admissions Open
January 20, 2019

Application Deadline
August 31, 2019

Program Starts
October 30, 2019

Orientation Day
October 30, 2019

Fall Semester

Mandatory Workshop
December 22-26, 2019

Fall Exams (1st Sitting)
January 26, 2020 – February 19, 2020

Fall Exams (2nd Sitting)*
February 20, 2020 – April 30, 2020

Spring Semester

Spring Exams (1st Sitting)
June 7, 2020 – July 8, 2020

Spring Exams (2nd Sitting)*
July 9, 2020 – August 31, 2020

Summer Semester

Summer Exams (1st Sitting)
September 27, 2020 – October 16, 2020

Summer Exams (2nd Sitting)
October 18–29, 2020

Program Ends
October 30, 2020

* All dates are subject to change.

○ Mandatory Workshop runs all day from Sunday to Thursday.

* Second Exam Sittings in the Fall and Spring are scheduled during the subsequent semester.
Schedule

CLASSES
MBA[ip] classes are held two days a week: Thursdays and Fridays, over the course of three (3) consecutive semesters. This condensed schedule is intended to accommodate working professionals, as well as to provide time for students to participate in the internship program.

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Thursday start time varies by semester and is contingent on Preparatory Course exemptions. The final schedule is subject to change. The sample semester schedules on the following page offer a glance at the schedule and structure of the program.

If needed, additional class meetings, special events and programs, and exams may be scheduled at other times and/or on other days.

WORKSHOPS
Students are required to participate in two week-long workshops. Workshops are offered throughout the year, with one mandatory workshop in December 2019, and a second workshop to be selected by students from a list provided to them at the beginning of their studies in coordination with the MBA[ip] office.

A typical workshop runs from 9:00 to 17:00 for five (5) consecutive days. Attendance is mandatory. Workshop days for the second workshop may overlap with class days and thus require students to make up the classwork in order to comply with the workshop attendance requirement.
SAMPLE SEMESTER SCHEDULES

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<td><strong>11:00 – 14:00</strong></td>
<td><strong>11:00 – 14:00</strong> Behavioral Sciences for Managers</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Management Economics**</td>
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<td><strong>14:00 – 17:00</strong></td>
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<td>Marketing for Managers</td>
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<td><strong>8:00 – 11:00</strong> Financial Analysis</td>
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<td>Statistics in Management**</td>
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<td><strong>11:00 – 14:00</strong></td>
<td><strong>11:00 – 14:00</strong> Behavioral and Organizational Topics in Social Enterprise Management</td>
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<td>Managerial Finance</td>
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<td><strong>14:00 – 17:00</strong></td>
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<td>Leadership in Organizations</td>
<td><strong>11:00 – 14:00</strong> Topics in Entrepreneurship and Innovation</td>
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<td>Operations Management</td>
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**Preparatory Course**
Curriculum

The MBA | International Program comprises a core MBA curriculum and advanced courses in the major business disciplines, with an integrated focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. The MBA[ip] offers a fixed curriculum, with no specializations or a thesis. The language of instruction in all courses, workshops, and programs is English, and the degree earned is an MBA.

The curriculum is divided into five categories.

**Preparatory Courses (0-3)**
Preparatory courses provide the fundamental quantitative skills upon which the MBA curriculum builds, and are required by students who do not qualify for exemptions from these courses. Each course is worth 1.5 credits, and the fees for these courses are included in the program tuition. Exemptions are evaluated upon notification of eligibility to the MBA[ip].

1. Quantitative Methods for Managers
2. Fundamentals of Management Economics
3. Statistics in Management

**Required Core Courses (5)**
The core courses are the foundation of the MBA | International Program, leveling the playing field and preparing all students for the advanced courses that will follow.

1. Behavioral Science for Managers
2. Managerial Accounting
3. Marketing Management
4. Managerial Finance
5. Operations Management
**Required Advanced Course (1)**
The required advanced course provides a schematic framework for strategic thinking in business.

1. Strategy and Policy in Business

**Alternating Advanced Courses (5-6)**
Advanced courses delve deeper into the areas of finance, leadership, strategy, and innovation and entrepreneurship. Some of these courses are considered advanced core courses that do not qualify for the course exemptions indicated in the modified [Course Program Based on Preparatory Course Exemptions](#). In general, these courses may vary from year to year. Sample topics include:

1. Financial Analysis*
2. Advances in Corporate Finance*
3. Organizational Leadership*
4. Applied Strategic Analysis
5. Behavioral and Organizational Topics in Social Enterprise Management
6. Selected Topics in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

*These courses are considered advanced core courses.

**Workshops (2)**
Workshops are intensive week-long condensed courses offered at various points throughout the year that allow students to delve into various areas of interest, such as marketing, social enterprise, strategy, leadership, and finance. Students are required to participate in the Intensive Marketing Simulation Workshop held in December and are required to select an additional workshop from the available course offerings. Attendance in each workshop is mandatory. Workshop selection may vary from year to year, and may include:

1. Marketing Simulation (mandatory)
2. Decision Making and Incentives in Competitions and Sports
3. Entrepreneurship to Social Innovation
4. Organizational Sustainability
5. International Trade and Implications for the High-Tech Sector
6. International Brand Management
7. Foundations and Corporations
Exemptions and Credits

**Preparatory Course Exemptions**
Students who obtained academic credits for the Preparatory Courses at another recognized academic institution may qualify for exemptions from any or all of these courses.

Credits are not granted for qualifying exemptions. See the section titled [Program Credits](#) for further elaboration on course programs with and without preparatory course exemptions.

Students who do not qualify for exemptions must complete each required preparatory course in the semester in which it is offered.

**Appealing Exemption Decisions**
Preparatory course exemptions are reviewed by the MBA | International Program office. Students who were not granted exemptions and wish to appeal the decision may do so by submitting their request along with any relevant official syllabi that were approved by the department in which the course was studied. The deadline to appeal exemption decisions is the end of the first week of classes.
Program Credits
Students are required to complete 42 credits in order to graduate. The weights per course type vary, as per the table below.

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<td>Workshops (1-2)</td>
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<td>TOTAL POTENTIAL CREDITS</td>
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Course Program Based on Preparatory Course Exemptions
Based on the number of preparatory courses required, students may be exempt from one Workshop or one general Alternating Advanced Course (i.e. courses that are not advanced core courses).

The Exemption Table that follows delineates the program structure for students with no Preparatory Course exemptions, one (1) Preparatory Course exemption, two (2) Preparatory Course exemptions, or three (3) Preparatory Course exemptions.

- Students with no (0) exemptions who are required to take three (3) Preparatory Courses will be exempt from one (1) Alternating Advanced Course or (1) Workshop and will complete their degrees with 43.5 credits.
- Students with one (1) exemption who are required to take two (2) Preparatory Courses will be exempt from one (1) Alternating Advanced Course or one (1) Workshop and will complete their degrees with 42 credits.
- Students with two (2) exemptions who are required to take one (1) Preparatory Course will complete their degrees with 43.5 credits.
- Students with three (3) exemptions who are not required to take any Preparatory Courses will complete their degrees with 42 credits.
## Exemption Table

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<td>1 or 2 Workshops</td>
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Internships

The MBA[ip] Internship Program seeks to give students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience during their year of studies in local start-ups and incubators by capitalizing on Beer-Sheva’s thriving high-tech hubs and sustainable and social enterprise scene, as well as the close proximity of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev to the Advanced Technological Park. The MBA[ip] Internship Program provides students the opportunity to participate in a meaningful real-world project and expand their professional and social networks.

By starting mid-year, the Internship Program allows students to concurrently apply their academic knowledge and reflect on their professional experience. The internship program is preceded by a brief pre-internship preparatory training course, followed by continuous professional and logistical support with three points of reflection, coupled with bi-weekly mentorship throughout the course of the internship.

Sample Internship Opportunities

- The Innovation Authority
- Incubit Technology Ventures
- BG Robotics
- BGN
- Israel Hotel Association
Field Trips

The GFFBM MBA | International Program offers two half-day field trips throughout the year. The goal of the field trips is to expose students to different topics related to entrepreneurship and innovation and social enterprise, while giving students an opportunity to explore ideas and to socialize in an informal setting.

Sample Field Trip

**Beer-Sheva: Urban Renewal and Social Enterprise in a Sleepy Desert Town**

Participants explore one of the oldest and most stigmatized neighborhoods in Beer Sheva, Schuna Dalet, through the lens of community-driven social change. This interactive walking tour brings you into the heart of a historically neglected neighborhood that today serves as a meeting point for social activism and urban renewal. The participants make their way to the Old City of Beer-Sheva, where they discover the process of an incredible shift, from a once sleepy desert town to the opportunity capital of Israel. Finally, participants meet with the CEO of Eretz Ir, an Israeli nonprofit dedicated to raising the communal quality of life across Israel’s peripheral cities, to explore the intersection of social businesses and the non-profit world through the evolution of Eretz Ir.
International Students

International students coming to live in Beer-Sheva will be guided through the steps required to come study in Israel, including:

- Applying for visas (including for dependents)
- Obtaining health insurance (including for dependents)
- Registering for student dorms (single or family units)
- Preschool and school registration for joining children

Additional support is provided by the Office of International Academic Affairs: [http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global](http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Global).
Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the MBA | International Program is the standard university tuition for graduate degree programs, as regulated by the Israeli Council for Higher Education. A standard graduate degree is two-years long, and the MBA[ip] tuition and fees are equivalent to those of a two-year program. Other costs include the fees for the internship program, registration, student welfare, student union, and campus security.

Tuition fee breakdown for 2019/2020 (תשע"ט)

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<td>Program Tuition for 42 Credits</td>
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<td>Program Tuition for 43.5 Credits</td>
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<td>Internship*</td>
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<td>Security Fee†</td>
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<td>Student Welfare Fee**</td>
<td>365 NIS</td>
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<td>Student Union Membership*++</td>
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* Optional
† Per academic calendar year 2019-2020 / תש"ע

Fees are approximations, in Israeli shekels, and may be subject to change.

Further details regarding the tuition breakdown, payment, etc. can be found on the official BGU website (Hebrew only): [http://in.bgu.ac.il/accounts/Pages/taarifim.aspx](http://in.bgu.ac.il/accounts/Pages/taarifim.aspx)
Admissions

Admission to the MBA[ip] is open to qualifying students with completed undergraduate degrees from accredited International and Israeli colleges and universities. Eligibility to the MBA[ip] is based on multiple factors, and takes into consideration the applicant’s academic credentials and grades, as well as professional background. Bear in mind that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee eligibility and admission. Applicants from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor’s / Undergraduate Degree
   - Degree must be from an accredited Israeli or international academic institution.
   - Degree and GPA equivalencies for international educational credentials will be evaluated upon submission of a completed application.

2. High Academic Achievement
   - GPA (Grade Point Average) is according to the Israeli grading scale.

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<td>82</td>
<td>FOR ALL OTHER DEGREES</td>
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3. **GMAT (or GRE equivalent)**

The GMAT is required for all international students.

For Israeli applicants, submission of the GMAT Quantitative section is an advantage.

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<td><strong>580</strong> OVERALL SCORE</td>
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<td><strong>40</strong> QUANTITATIVE SCALED SCORE</td>
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4. **Proficiency in English**

A TOEFL or IELTS is required for all international applicants whose highest degree was completed in an institution where the language of instruction is not English.

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<td><strong>40</strong> TOEFL</td>
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<td><strong>6.5</strong> IELTS</td>
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5. **Professional or International Experience**

Applicants should have professional working experience or international experience.

**Professional or International Experience**

ADVANTAGE
APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The application form is available in PDF format at the MBA[ip] website: http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/fom/MBAip/

2. The following documents must be included with your application:

   **All Applicants**
   - MBA[ip] Application Form
   - Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Resume in English
   - Post-High School Diplomas and Transcripts
   - Official Class Ranking (if available)
   - Full-face view JPG photograph

   **International Applicants**
   In addition to the above, international applicants should submit:
   - GMAT or GRE Score Report (Israeli applicants - advantage)
   - English Language Proficiency Test Score (If English is not your first language, or your undergraduate degree was not completed in English)
   - Copy of Passport

Complete the application and submit together with all supporting documents according to the instructions on the application form.

Eligibility to the MBA[ip] will be evaluated based on this application form. Confirmation of Eligibility does not guarantee acceptance to Ben-Gurion University. Students deemed eligible to apply for the MBA[ip] will be requested to formally apply to Ben-Gurion University via the official BGU application form.

Upon acceptance to BGU, your first semester deposit must be paid promptly in order to guarantee your place in the incoming MBA[ip] cohort.
Take the Leap

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