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# Master in Business Administration (MBA)

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## Message from the Director of MIM

The Mediterranean Institute of Management (MIM) was established in 1976 with the aim to provide high quality programmes in the field of Management. More than 40 years later we are proud to say that we continue on the same course and feel certain that we constantly improve, develop and reinvent ourselves in order to meet the needs of our students by addressing the challenges of the discipline of Management.

A lot has changed in these four decades. Neither the economy nor the society is the same. It is therefore no surprise that the demands of the labour market are different today, new tools are needed in education and training and different skills are of importance.

At the MIM we acknowledge all these factors and we take them into account when redesigning our programmes. It is within this framework that we develop our programmes in order to provide our students with the skills and knowledge that will turn them into successful managers and visionary leaders. We aspire to create young professionals who will not be contented with just "doing their job" but with "making a difference". The MIM seeks to create a new generation of managers who will be able to initiate change, address challenges, motivate their personnel, set high standards of work ethics, and lead by example. It is only by respecting these values that we will create successful enterprises and contribute to the improvement of productivity and the economy as a whole, thus generating wealth and prosperity for the society.

In the forty years of its operation the MIM saw 1435 students from Cyprus and abroad graduating its Masters Programmes. We congratulate each and every one of them and are particularly proud of those who have excelled in their field by rising to leading positions and important posts.

Our past and present success motivates us to strive even higher. We want to achieve more, deliver more, offer more and we invite you all to be part of our magnificent journey.

Dinos Kathijotis



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"MIM has been an inspiring and fulfilling experience for me, and I feel that it actually changes, in a positive manner, the way you deal with occurring obstacles and difficulties, and in the way you approach life itself! The time shared with our classmates and teachers will always be treasured... and the topics covered and analyzed in MIM classes enrich our way of facing new challenges ahead. Furthermore, the experience of an internship in a local Business was truly valuable and unforgettable. I will always be thankful to all my MIM teachers and staff who were there for us in every step of the way!"

#### Matina Efstathiou, Class of 2013/2014

"The time has passed so fast and I can conclude with certainty that the aftermath finds me pleased to have chosen to study the MBA course at the Mediterranean Institute of Management (MIM). The course enhanced our academic knowledge in a sphere of ways as well as our personal development through its team building & team bonding activities, leadership, presenting as well as creativity skills. I had the honour to be the president and representative of the institute students in the extra curriculum activities; an unforgettable experience, from which I benefited a lot in numerous ways. If I could turn the time back I would again re-choose the MIM for studying the Masters of Business Administration!"

Nikolas Athinis, Class of 2015/2016

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# The Mediterranean Institute of Management

The Mediterranean Institute of Management (MIM) was established in 1976. It constitutes the international component of the Cyprus Productivity Centre (CPC), a Department of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (MLWSI).

The MIM is a public institution of tertiary education under the MLWSI in line with the articles 1 till 13 of the Institutions of Tertiary Education Laws 1996 to 2013. The MIM is the first business school in Cyprus.

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus by its decision 78.508 of the 11th of March 2015 has appointed the members of the Council of the MIM in line with the article 6 of the Institutions of Tertiary Education Laws 1996 to 2013.

The Council of the MIM advises the director of the MIM on every matter concerning the operation of the Institute and, in particular, the educational programmes and specialisation courses of the Institute, the budget thereof and on any other matter referred to it by the director of the Institute.

The MIM provides high quality management education for existing or future managers through two postgraduate programmes; the morning full-time Master in Business Administration (MBA), which is taught in English and is intended for Cypriot and international university graduates, and the evening part-time Master in Business Administration (MBA) or Master in Public Administration (MPA), which is taught in Greek and is intended only for Cypriot and Greek university graduates.

### The Master in Business Administration Programme

This Master in Business Administration (MBA) programme offers students, from a variety of academic backgrounds, the opportunity to prepare for a managerial career. Its overall objective is to provide students with a sound framework of concepts, analytical methods and techniques that will enable them to execute effectively their managerial duties.

The target group of the programme is, mainly, young university graduates with the objective of making them more attractive to prospective employers by offering them solid theoretical knowledge in Business Administration and the opportunity to enhance their managerial skills through group work, internships and work-based learning.



### **Programme Description**

The MBA Programme is of twelve months duration (September-September). Its content was revised and updated in order to reflect developments in the academic curricula worldwide and in response to the results of a recent survey carried out amongst Cypriot entrepreneurs, to ascertain their requirements with regard to skills and knowledge they seek, when hiring university graduates for their businesses. The programme is taught in English.

Coursework includes lectures, workshops, tutorials, role play exercises, video presentations, and case studies. All students are required to undertake a project in the area of their interest and submit a relevant dissertation.

Another essential part of the programme is the on-the-job training (internship) at a host organisation/enterprise/government department, which takes place during the second and third terms. During these terms students are placed at appropriate management posts for a total of 200 hours.

The MBA Programme comprises 17 different subjects plus internship training of 200 hours. For the award of the degree the students are required to successfully complete at least 115 out of the 120 ECTS units offered: 92 ECTS through the subjects, 3 ECTS through the placement in enterprise/organisation for acquisition of work experience (internship) and 20 ECTS through the Dissertation.



Programme Structure				
Subjects	Hours	ECTS	Code	
FIRST TERM				
1 General Management	48	9	GMG101	
2 Human Resource Management	48	9	HRM102	
3 Marketing Management	48	9	MMG103	
4 Economics	48	9	ECO104	
5 Financial Accounting	24	5	FAC105	
6 Personal Development	24	5	PDP106	
SECOND TERM				
7 Production & Operations Management	36	7	POM201	
8 Quality Management	24	5	QMG202	
9 Managerial Accounting	24	5	MAC203	
10 Marketing Tools and Techniques	24	5	MTT204	
11 Research Methodology, Statistics & Dissertation Writing (Part I)	24	5	RSD205	
THIRD TERM				
12 Finance	24	5	FIN301	
13 Project Management	24	5	PMG307	
14 Strategic Management	24	5	STM303	
15 Entrepreneurship	24	5	ENT304	
16 Business Law	12	2	BLW305	
17 Research Methodology, Statistics & Dissertation Writing (Part II)	12	2	RSD308	
18 Internship		3	INT400	
19 Dissertation work		20	DIS500	

# Programme Schedule for 2017/2018

#### First Term

-	Starting	:	11 September 2017
-	Ending	:	1 December 2017
_	Examinations	:	4 – 18 December 2017

#### Second Term

-	Starting	:	8 January 2018
-	Ending	:	22 February 2018
-	Examinations	:	27 February – 8 March 2018

#### Internship

: 13 March – 27 April 2018

#### Third Term

-	Starting	:	2 May 2018
-	Ending	:	13 June 2018
_	Examinations	:	18 June – 2 July 2018

#### Schedule of lectures: Monday – Friday, 09:00-13:30

(there might be some changes depending on the needs of the Programme)

#### Submission of Dissertation:

September 2018 – date to be announced

#### **Graduation Ceremony:**

#### November 2018 - date to be announced

# Participant profile

Young university graduates who do not possess a postgraduate degree in Management or Business Administration and who have limited or no work experience.





### Courses Description FIRST TERM



#### **General Management**

The objective of this course is to introduce students to management and organisational concepts, as well as to current trends and issues of management, such as modern organisational cultures, managing change, learning organisations and entrepreneurship, and to explain and analyse the basic management functions of Planning, Organising, Leading and Controlling. The course also introduces students to the environment of management, the management process, and available techniques used by managers in managing a business.

#### **Human Resource Management**

This course aims at building knowledge and providing practice in the various HR techniques, as well as providing students with a background and perspective that will help them to develop successful career strategies. It furthermore builds knowledge and provides practice in techniques of collecting and analysing data for the purpose of resolving issues directly related to human resource management.

#### **Marketing Management**

The main objective of this course is to give a comprehensive and rigorous introduction to the theory and applications of modern marketing. The course includes topics such as the critical role of marketing in organisations and society, strategic marketing, buyer behaviour, market segmentation, product life cycle, pricing, distribution and promotion decisions, and organising, implementing and controlling the marketing effort.

#### **Economics**

The objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge on basic economic theory and analytical tools relating to the most important economic problems both at the macro as well as the micro level. Some of the topics covered are the law of supply and demand, cost analysis, monopoly and oligopoly, factors of production, calculation of GNP, growth, inflation, pricing and unemployment.

#### **Financial Accounting**

The course explains the main principles of accounting, including the accounting equation and the double entry system and exposes students to financial statements (i.e. Income Statement, Balance Sheet) and to post Trial Balance adjustments and the completion of the accounting cycle. The course helps students understand the nature and the accounts of a merchandising business and the purpose of ratio analysis.

#### **Personal Development**

The main objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the modern principles that lead to business leadership. Through the course, students will develop self-concept, get on the fast track to achieving their goals and learn how to deal with time and productivity wasters.

#### **SECOND TERM**



#### **Production & Operations Management**

This course is planned to expose students to basic functions of systems producing goods or delivering services. Students will review and learn how to apply various techniques for planning, scheduling, and controlling at different organisational levels. Emphasis will be given on the application of manufacturing and operation management practices and tools in business examples. Through business case studies, students will be in a position to apply the concepts of operations planning and control and be able to link business strategy with manufacturing and operations strategy.

#### **Quality Management**

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the basic concepts of Quality Management and to familiarise them with various techniques, methods, models and tools used in the scientific approach to the analysis and solution of quality-related management problems.

The course is highly interactive and enables students to acquire an operational knowledge of the modern approach to problem solving for continuous improvement, both crucial in enhancing the competitiveness of an enterprise.

#### **Managerial Accounting**

This course introduces students to the area of managerial accounting and the fundamental managerial accounting concepts. Students are exposed to managerial methods and techniques in performing the major functions of planning, controlling, directing and decision making. It also provides knowledge of basic cost terminology, cost and CVP analysis and budget preparation.

#### **Marketing Tools & Techniques**

As a continuation of the Marketing Management course of the 1st term, the course aims at giving the students the opportunity to put Marketing Research knowledge acquired, into practice through the design and execution, in small groups, of an actual research project. The course demonstrates how a research project is designed, executed and/or supervised and enables students to understand if/when research, is the appropriate tool to handle a marketing problem and/or make a marketing decision. Additionally, students are introduced to tools and techniques of Promotion, to render them capable of designing/implementing promotion strategies.

#### Research Methodology, Statistics & Dissertation Writing (Part I)

The major objective of this course is to render students capable of designing, carrying out and completing a research project. Basic research concepts and practices applied in solving business problems are studied, and practical advice, guidelines and instructions are given, to assist students in writing and presenting their final dissertation.



#### THIRD TERM



#### Finance

The main objective of this course is the thorough study of the proper financial management of a corporation. Students are placed in the position of a financial manager and are asked to make decisions on planning, acquiring, and allocating funds for "their" business. Upon completion of the course students are able to understand the way firms finance, invest and manage themselves in the real market, how they analyse investment decisions and understand the choice of capital structure and its implications for the value of the firm.

#### **Project Management**

The course is designed to help students appreciate the issues and methodologies involved in managing major projects, by drawing on a wide range of practical experience in project management. Students will be exposed to practical project management techniques and tools.

#### **Strategic Management**

The course provides an understanding of strategic analysis, strategic decision making and the strategic process within and between organisations. As a result, students are able to critically appraise, evaluate and discuss strategic decisions and the management challenges involved in managing change and implementing strategic plans.

#### Entrepreneurship

The main objective of the unit is to enable students to identify, appreciate, and assess the attitudes and skills of an entrepreneur and develop the necessary skills for business start-up in today's challenging business environment.

#### **Business Law**

This course is intented to help students attain a basic understanding of the Cyprus legal system particularly in relation to the operation of businesses.

#### Research Methodology, Statistics & Dissertation Writing (Part II)

The main objective of the course is to enable students to distinguish, choose and apply the most frequently used techniques for collecting, organising and analyzing different types of data. The students are also expected to use a PC for the statistical analysis of data.

#### Internship

Students are given the opportunity for work-based learning within a host organization, so as to enhance their managerial skills through experience on all aspects of business management. This provides them with the opportunity to put theory into practice.

#### Dissertation

All students are required to prepare and submit a dissertation.

### **Admission Requirements**

Basic admission requirements:

- University degree or equivalent qualification in any subject.
- Very good command of the english language (Graduates from nonenglish speaking universities will be asked to provide proof of fluency in English).
- Success in the entrance examination (aptitude tests) conducted by the MIM.
- Foreign applicants who do not reside in Cyprus may, at the discretion of the MIM Administrative Committee, be exempted from the entrance examination.



# **Application Procedure**

Graduates wishing to apply for admission to the MIM must complete the application form available online at www.mim.ac.cy

The Application Form must be completed and submitted to the MIM by **4 September 2017 (for non EU applicants by 30 June 2017)**, at the latest, accompanied by the following documents:

- A copy of the University degree or equivalent qualification in any subject or a statement of expected graduation on a date preceding the commencement date of the MIM MBA Programme.
- Proof of very good command of the english language (for nonenglish speaking university graduates), such as an English Proficiency Examination Certificate (GCE, TOEFL, IELTS, etc.).

All non EU Applicants who wish to study at the MIM must submit a number of documents and certificates (described on the MIM website for International Students) to the MIM Secretariat, so as to obtain a student visa.

## **Entrance Examination**

All applicants who meet the admission requirements receive invitation to the examination.

Final selection is based on the results of the entrance examination for all applicants who apply.

# The dates of the entrance examination for the MBA Programme for the 2017/2018 academic year are as follows:

- 30 June 2017 (for applications received by 28 June 2017)
- 6 September 2017 (for applications received by 4 September 2017)

### Internship Arrangements

During the first term of the Programme, the MIM arranges meetings with participating organisations that host the students during the internship training. Effort is made to match students' interests/preferences with the type of business/ organisation offering the training.

# Scholarships for Overseas Students

In recent years, a number of scholarships were offered to participants from the Commonwealth, as well as from other countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, to study at the MIM. Prospective students are urged to investigate this possibility with various Governments/organisations/funds for technical cooperation etc. A great number of scholarship schemes are available both within as well as outside the EU.

## **Other Relevant Information**

#### **Tuition Fees**

Tuition fees for the 2017/2018 Programme are  $\in$  3.426, payable in three equal installments of  $\in$  1.142 each, at the beginning of each term. Permanent residents of the Republic of Cyprus can qualify to receive a grant of up to  $\in$  2.565 provided by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

#### **Other Expenses**

Living expenses (housing, food, books and incidentals) for a 12-month stay in Cyprus would be approximately between €6.000 and €7.000.

### **Academic Facilities**

#### Library

The MIM library has a comprehensive collection of text books, journals, government publications and DVDs relevant to management and it offers reference and lending facilities. A number of online sources and data banks are also available to students.



#### **Computer Services**

Two modern, fully equipped computer labs with internet access are available for scheduled classes, and for free/open use by the students. Free Wi-Fi is also available on the MIM premises.



#### **Athletic Centre**

Students can use the facilities and equipment of the former Higher Technical Institute (HTI) Athletic Centre.



Mr Dinos Kathijotis, MIM Director, addressing the 2016 Graduation Ceremony



Graduates of the 2015/2016 MBA Programme



The Graduates of the 2015/2016 Master Programmes with the Minister of the MLWSI, the MIM Director and the MIM Academic Staff



Ms Christina Kotziapashi receiving an Honorary Award by the Communications and Media Manager of the Vassiliko Cement, Mr Zenonas Zenonos



Ms Theodora Chrysostomou receiving an Honorary Award by the Technical Manager of Green Dot Cyprus, Mr Constantinos Savva

## The MIM Council

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# Faculty of the MIM

# The faculty is composed by the MIM's permanent staff and external lecturers

#### **Permanent Staff**

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(MIM Manager)

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Dr Andreas Efstathiades	(Production & Operations Management, Project Management)	
Dr Spyros Hadjidakis	(Economics)	
Mr George Kokou	(Entrepreneurship)	
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