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“I am currently studying on the University of Aberdeen MBA Programme at the AFG College with the University of Aberdeen campus here in Doha. I chose this MBA because of the excellent reputation of the University of Aberdeen and because of the flexible way in which the programme is delivered. I believe that the study programme, which incorporates a mix of team and individual work, has proved useful in terms of my learning and has also given me the opportunity to work with fellow students from a wide range of organisations here in Qatar.”

*Sultan Hassan Al-Malki*
MBA Student
The University of Aberdeen is the fifth oldest University in the UK but we have an outlook that is truly twenty-first century. We are ranked in the world’s top 200 universities, with a reputation for world leading research which attracts outstanding students and academics. Over the last 500 years we have been associated with five Nobel Prize winners. We are proud to be the first UK university to operate on a dedicated campus in Qatar.

History

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen is a unique partnership between the Al Faleh Group for Educational and Academic Services (AFG) and the University of Aberdeen which opened its doors to students in September 2017. We currently offer undergraduate programmes in Accounting & Finance and Business Management and three postgraduate degrees. We never stop growing and developing as a university and have ambitious plans to expand the portfolio of programmes we offer in Qatar.

Construction is underway to build a new campus in Al Daayan, near Doha, which represents an anticipated £100m investment by AFG and marks the second phase of its partnership with the University. At 50,000 square metres, the campus provides ample space for plans to expand the range of programmes offered by the University of Aberdeen to include STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects) medical sciences, law, politics and international relations.

EST. 1495
KEY FACTS

AFG COLLEGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN OPENED ITS DOORS IN 2017

We provide a HIGHLY PERSONALISED and FLEXIBLE STUDY experience

Teaching is delivered by “flying faculty”

The MSc in International Business Management offers a DIRECT PATHWAY to a fast track MBA
600 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR QATAR CAMPUS

WE UNIQUELY OFFER ALL OF THIS - AND MORE
Student support

The campus in Doha gives students a great experience, we aim to make sure you have access to all the support you need right from the start. Our student support team will give you friendly, expert information and advice.

THE STUDENT SERVICE HUB IS HERE FOR ALL STUDENTS

It offers you tips, advice, information and links to University services and external organisations to stay socially aware, healthy and secure during your studies.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

In addition to the College’s on campus facilities in Doha, students enjoy access to the University of Aberdeen’s online learning portal and library services.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH

The campus has a medical clinic staffed by a nurse, who can supply first aid and treatment for any emergencies and advice on health and wellbeing matters. There are also separate male and female health & fitness suites on campus.
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Located on the upper floor of Lord Boyd Orr House, the Student Services team provides a wide range of support and information services.

- Student Support Advisers provide free, confidential, independent and non-judgmental advice to students on a range of issues
- A Wellbeing and Disability Adviser offers information, advice and support for students and applicants with physical and mobility difficulties, visual impairments, hearing impairments, medical conditions, specific learning differences such as dyslexia, mental health conditions, and autism spectrum disorders such as Asperger syndrome
- A Student Counselling Service is also available

studenthub@afg-aberdeen.edu.qa

OUR OBLIGATIONS AND YOURS

The University has a student charter that sets out the responsibilities of the University and of students and gives details of various University policies and procedures. As a condition of enrolment in the University, all students are required to abide by the University’s Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as amended from time to time.

www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/student-discipline
Notable staff

**RUSSELL WILLIAMS**
Senior Lecturer in Business and Acting Provost

**PROFESSOR MARGARET ROSS**
Chair in Law

**RULZION RATTRAY**
Postgraduate Programme Leader/ Senior Lecturer in Business

**DR ADELYN WILSON**
Dean of International Stakeholder Engagement and Senior Lecturer in Law

**DR ROBERT ROGERS**
Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Co-Lead
Welcome to DOHA
One of the premier cities in the Arabian Gulf
EAT

In a city with so many international links, Doha has an array of restaurants offering both international and local cuisines. The city has welcomed many well-known chains, but also provides its residents and visitors with a large choice of independent eateries.

SHOPS

Qatar is one of the best places in the world to go when you want to shop. It is well known for its luxurious shopping centres, where you can find designer brands, unique boutiques and all the big high street names.

SOCIAL

Souq Waqif is one of the most popular attractions in Doha. It houses a huge range of shops and is famous for its dried herbs, spices and incense. You will also find jewellery, tailoring, embroidery and traditional Arabic clothing shops. Old-style swords, daggers and other traditional goods are also on display.

The Museum of Islamic Art is located in an imposing building set on an artificial island off Doha’s Corniche. The museum is dedicated to reflecting the full vitality and complexity of artistic output in the Islamic world.

The Pearl is a Riviera style man-made island developed as an exclusive residential, retail and leisure environment in Doha. It occupies nearly four million square metres.

Katara Cultural Village is the largest and the most multidimensional cultural project of Qatar. It is a place where people come together to experience the cultures of the world. With beautiful theatres, concert halls, exhibition galleries and cutting-edge facilities, Katara aims to become a world leader for multicultural activities.

The Corniche - a 7km long, palm-fringed promenade and drive extends in a horseshoe shape around Doha Bay and the city’s sea-front. It is lined with hotels, government buildings, manicured parks with family facilities, museums and a library. People love to stroll along the Corniche, taking in the sights of the city and the Arabian Gulf.

TRAVEL

Hamad International Airport: Qatar’s state-of-the-art airport retains its top position as the best airport in the Middle East for the fourth consecutive year. Hamad International Airport has been ranked the 5th best airport in the world.
Be inspired by our facilities

We invest heavily in our facilities and learning resources, giving you access to everything you need to help you succeed.

OUR CAMPUS FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Fully equipped Learning Resource Centre with access to the extensive learning resources at Aberdeen’s Sir Duncan Rice Library
- IT Suites
- Teaching and learning spaces, equipped with interactive screen technology
- Separate male and female health & fitness suites

- Prayer rooms, student service hub and a range of indoor and outdoor student break out zones
- Fully equipped medical clinic and nurse
- Refectory operated by Lina’s Paris
- Live events broadcast between the Aberdeen and Doha campuses
Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Postgraduate Taught

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME
The most popular professional degree programme in the world, the MBA is a globally-recognised qualification designed to develop your leadership skills, underpinned by practical and theoretical knowledge. It offers you the opportunity to formally recognise your business expertise and take you to a higher level in terms of career progression, earnings potential and job satisfaction. In short, completing our MBA will ensure that you have the credentials required to compete against the best.

Although the programme is aimed at working professionals, with significant business experience, there is still a lot to learn. We will explore both the practical and theoretical aspects of business, broadening and deepening your knowledge – and focusing on powerful business insights – many of them newly emerging business models that will shape tomorrow.

The MBA programme consists of a stimulating mix of lectures, tutorials, seminars, case studies, fieldwork and business simulations, which are further supported by on-line forums and additional learning materials. All modules are assessed entirely by coursework – there are no exams – so you will be required to produce reports, briefing notes, presentations and reflective journals. Together, these will build up into a personalised portfolio of experience – tangible proof that you’ve acquired key business skills and knowledge is something that prospective employers find very useful.

DURATION OF PROGRAMME
Full time over 12 months or part time over 24 months. Entry intake: September and January.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Open to graduates from any discipline, this programme does not require business or management study to have been completed at undergraduate level.

This programme is for you if you have a minimum of two years post-degree work experience; a track record of professional achievement and a good first degree (equivalent to a British second-class Honours degree) or above.

The Programme Leader may also consider applicants with non-standard qualifications. If you have non-standard qualifications and extensive work experience, please ensure to enclose a complete CV and detailed work references with your application.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
To study for a Postgraduate Taught degree at the University of Aberdeen it is essential that you can speak, understand, read, and write English fluently. The minimum requirements for this degree are as follows:

Your first degree was studied in English or

- IELTS Academic: OVERALL - 6.5 with: Listening - 5.5; Reading - 6.0; Speaking - 5.5; Writing - 6.0
- TOEFL iBT: OVERALL - 90 with: Listening - 17; Reading - 21; Speaking - 20; Writing - 21
- PTE Academic: OVERALL - 62 with: Listening - 51; Reading - 54; Speaking - 51; Writing - 54
- Cambridge English Advanced & Proficiency: OVERALL - 176 with: Listening - 162; Reading - 169; Speaking - 162; Writing - 169

TUITION FEES
The Tuition fees for entry is 117,500 QR per programme. Tuition fees are fixed at the point of entry so there is no annual increase for continuing students.

www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar/majors/mba
Postgraduate Taught

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMME
The MSc International Business Management programme enables you to build commercial awareness and gain a deep understanding of the challenges and trends facing global business leaders today. The world’s economy is increasingly global, and demand continues to grow for the leaders of the future who clearly understand the international context of business.

This programme helps recent graduates and early-stage professionals from any background to develop a global career in business and management. By specialising in international business you will become more marketable to employers.

Combining academic rigour with real-life activities designed to develop practical skills, the topics cover a range of business fields, from finance and marketing to management and accounting. There are no exams and all assessments are carried out through a portfolio of work, which provides tangible proof to prospective employers to help them gauge your business knowledge and to help secure you a better future.

This programme also offers a direct pathway to a fast track MBA. All you need to do is complete 3 further modules and complete a professional diary after 2 years of work experience.

DURATION OF PROGRAMME
Full time over 12 months or part time over 24 months. Entry intake: September and January.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Open to graduates from any discipline, this programme does not require business or management study to have been completed at undergraduate level.

This programme is for you if you have a minimum 2:2 (lower second class) UK Honours level (or a degree from a non-UK institution which is judged by the University to be of equivalent worth).

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TUITION FEES
The Tuition fees for entry is 105,500 QR per programme. Tuition fees are fixed at the point of entry so there is no annual increase for continuing students.

www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar/majors/ibm
“One of the reasons I chose to enrol on to the MSc in International Business Management at the University of Aberdeen was the way the programme is delivered. The Block Teaching Method really suits me as it allows me to focus on one topic at a time and put my best efforts into each course.

For each course, academics from around the world travel to Doha and deliver their teaching, making it a most enjoyable experience. This Masters allowed me to understand both the practical and theoretical concepts of management that will allow me to become an effective practitioner in the world of work.”

Tamara Haimour
MSc International Business Management Student
LLM International Commercial Law

This degree will provide you with a deep understanding of the legal functions required to operate within the rapidly changing international business environment. You will gain insight into specific areas of international commercial law, which will include the regulation of financial and commercial activities within an organization, as well as international perspectives in company law.

The LLM International Commercial Law will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge to make you proficient in the complex modern-day international commercial law arena. Throughout this degree you will engage with diverse issues arising across the business and legal spectrum and will develop an enhanced understanding of a specialist area of law.

This programme is suited to recent law graduates, practicing lawyers, Government officials, in-house counsel, and legal and compliance officers.

Our staff are highly qualified and motivated academics with significant experience and knowledge of their respective fields of law.

The programme will be taught on an intensive, block-teaching basis. Students will be given tasks and readings to complete in advance of a faculty visit, which will comprise of five days of intensive instruction.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A first degree in law with a degree classification of 2:1 or above in Law or a related discipline will normally be required for entry to the programme. In exceptional circumstances, applicants not having a law degree but possessing significant relevant experience may be admitted to the programme.

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TUITION FEES

The tuition fee for entry is 105,000 QR per programme. Tuition fees are fixed at the point of entry so there is no annual increase for continuing students.

www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar/llm
How to apply

1. CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME
   Check out the programme section in this prospectus www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar

2. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
   Visit www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar to download the application and send it along with the required documents to admissions@afg-aberdeen.edu.qa or submit them to the Admissions office.
3 RECEIVING A DECISION
You will be sent an email with our decision. The process usually takes around 2 weeks, some candidates will be asked for interviews.

4 ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER
If you wish to accept the offer, please return your completed acceptance and financial guarantee forms as soon as possible. If you are waiting to hear the outcome of a funding application, you can still accept the offer of admission then send the completed financial guarantee form with the letter of sponsorship later.

5 REVIEW YOUR JOINING PACK
Once cleared for admission you will receive a pack of joining instructions which includes a Certificate of Acceptance, information on accommodation, registration, tuition fees etc.
Where to find us

Based in the centre of a diverse and thriving region, AFG College with the University of Aberdeen is easy to reach from destinations all over the world. We enjoy the very best transport links with Hamad International Airport being a global hub, and within the city the development of the Doha Metro and other public transportation networks.

**AFG COLLEGE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN**

- A Faculty Office / Lecture Room A
- B Administration
- C John J R Macleod House
- D Frederick Soddy House
- E Sir George Paget Thomson House
- F Lord Boyd Orr House
- G Richard L M Synge House
- H Graduate Centre
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The small print

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this guide but it is subject to alteration without notice.

The University reserves the right to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of programmes and courses, and to merge and combine them.

The University is constantly developing new programmes, so please visit our website for the latest information. www.abdn.ac.uk/qatar

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students.

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