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Alfaisal University

Inspired and guided by the words of the Late King Faisal, Alfaisal University was founded in 2003 by the highly reputable King Faisal Foundation as a private non-profit educational institution which aspires to be a world-class research university. The University is committed to the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge in the fields of business, engineering, life sciences, and medicine and the process of the development of knowledge based economies.

Alfaisal University is a student-centered institution, delivering world-class undergraduate and graduate education. Alfaisal University prepares students who will benefit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the region, and the world.

Using cutting-edge technology and equipment

in both instruction and research, Alfaisal's Colleges of Business, Engineering, Medicine, and Science & General Studies collaborate closely with each other, with industry, with government, and with other leading institutions to embrace some of the region's most exciting opportunities and important challenges.

Alfaisal is committed to ensuring that students have opportunities to succeed in their academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular, social, moral, and civic endeavors, not just while they are enrolled as our students, but throughout the remainder of their lives. All members of our student-centered faculty and staff are dedicated to assisting the students to achieve their individual academic and personal goals in accordance with the university's mission statement.

Message from Acting Dean & MBA Director

Thank you for your interest in the College of Business at Alfaisal University. It is our goal in the College of Business to provide the best western - style business education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. To achieve this, we have built both our undergraduate and MBA programs around a curriculum that is typical of the best business schools in the world. The business programs include both the standard content, such as accounting, finance, and marketing subjects, along with cutting -edge topics and issues such as the need for innovation, globalization and the world financial crisis. Our curriculum is designed to provide students with a world-class knowledge- base upon which their careers can be built. To deliver this curriculum, we have

assembled a diverse, highly qualified business faculty. Our faculty is research active and up-to-date in their disciplines. They also have earned their doctorates from some of the best universities in the world. Our faculty comes from the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the UK, among other countries. The goal of the faculty is to present a challenging, student -focused classroom environment that enhances the educational experience. We demand that our faculty constantly review their knowledge and teaching performance to deliver the best possible educational experience to our students. We encourage you to consider joining our College of Business at Alfaisal University.

Dr. Earl Naumann



Masters in Business Administration

The MBA program at Alfaisal University was designed by senior administrators at Alfaisal University. With the support of the King Faisal Foundation, the MBA program was approved by the Ministry of Higher Education in July 2010. The intent was to provide graduate students in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a state of the art MBA education.

Vision

The vision of the MBA program is to be the best in the Kingdom, and one of the top MBA programs in the GCC region. In order to achieve this vision, an intermediate goal is to gain accreditation by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

The AACSB is the international accrediting body for business schools. Only 17% of business schools worldwide are accredited by AACSB. In order to achieve AACSB accreditation, Alfaisal University must deliver an English language, international style business education, adapted for the Arab culture. The AACSB standards require that the majority of faculty hold PhDs in their discipline, be research active, and achieve the stated learning objectives for the program. The intent is to provide a high quality graduate education that will provide the basis for a student's life-long learning.

The Program Overview

The Alfaisal MBA program is a Two year, Four semesters program delivered in the evenings 6 - 9 pm, to meet the needs of working professionals. As part of a program-long cohort, students gather for a 3-4 day orientation course at the beginning of first academic year. The cohorts take all classes together, thus creating a learning team that can teach, support, and encourage each other throughout the program.

The Students

The Alfaisal MBA program accepts both men and women. The typical students for the Alfaisal University MBA program are:

- Working professionals who would like to advance their careers and become business leaders.
- Entrepreneurs/Business leaders who are keen to start or develop their businesses.
- Students who have just finished their bachelor degrees in any discipline and would like to enter the job market and gain a competitive edge with an Alfaisal MBA.

The classroom environment is a state of the art facility with tiered classrooms, one level for men and one level for women. With split screen, smart board teaching aids, all classrooms use the latest technology available

Why Alfaisal MBA ?

The current global business environment is more dynamic and competitive than ever before. World class companies need to recruit and develop the very best talent. World class strategies place a premium on innovation, creativity, and agility. The Alfaisal MBA can help organizations meet these challenges by delivering cutting- edge business knowledge. The central theme of the Alfaisal MBA is creating value through collaborative, team- based learning. Students receiving an Alfaisal MBA will have the skills necessary to help their organizations develop a sustainable competitive advantage.

Excellence in Education

Alfaisal University recognizes that executives need broad based skill sets to be successful. The Alfaisal MBA covers the major business disciplines with an emphasis on cutting-edge issues in each area. Since most work in organizations occurs though teams, the Alfaisal MBA stresses team -based learning, innovation, and leadership. Graduates will have the skills necessary to develop, manage, and lead cross-functional teams.





Course and Curriculum

The Two year curriculum includes the following courses:

Year 1

Global Environment of Business (Orientation)(1 credits)
 Accounting for Decision Making and Control (3 credits)
 Quantitative Analysis for Business (3 credits)
 Strategic Marketing (3 credits)
 Managerial Economics (3 credits)
 Organizational Behavior (3 credits)
 Research Methodology (4 credits)

Year 2

Managerial Finance (3 credits)
 Managing Information Systems for Competitive Advantage (3 credits)

Human Resource Management (3 credits)
 Business Elective 1 (3 credits)
 Business Elective 2 (3 credits)
 Business Policy and Strategic Management (4 credits)

Notes:

The program requires a minimum of 40 credit hours (including 6 elective credits)
 Alfaisal University reserves the right to modify the names and schedules of the offered courses to meet specific market demands and operational needs.
 The number of offered elective courses may vary, depending on demand and faculty availability to teach them. The timing and topics of these will be announce at the start of each academic year.

Application & Admission

Students most likely to succeed in the Alfaisal MBA program will meet the following requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited University.
- A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.
- A TOEFL of 500 (paper version) or 80 (IBT) or 213 (CBT) or 6.5 in IELTS or higher.
- Several years of increasingly responsible, professional experience.
- A math proficiency indication.
- The successful completion of an in-person interview with members of the MBA Admissions Committee.

Tuition fees and financing

The annual tuition fee is SR 100,000 and the estimated cost of books and materials for each year is SAR 4,000. Students also need to pay an application of fee of SR 500.

The Saudi Ministry of Higher Education offers scholarships for Saudi students. Students must apply for this scholarship through the Ministry of Higher Education website: www.mohe.gov.sa



“My goal as an executive, working for a Saudi joint stock company, was to expand my knowledge and improve my skills. The MBA at Alfaisal University is designed as a unique flexible program. We are learning the latest business theory and practices to enable us to become problem solvers and critical thinkers.”

Firas Ali Al Sugair
 Vice Chairman Board of Directors
 Arabian Waterproofing Industries Co. (AWAZEL)

“Alfaisal MBA is a progressive MBA program designed to equip working professionals with a breadth of business knowledge and the tools needed to successfully excel in the marketplace. The comprehensive curriculum, distinguished faculty, and modern facility positions Alfaisal MBA as the region's leading program.”

Mazen O. Al Jasser
 Marketing & Communication Professional