

Education plan

for

Master of Business Administration Programme - Commissioned Education

Magisterprogram i företagsekonomi - uppdragsutbildning

60.0 Higher Education Credits

60.0 ECTS credits

Programme code:	SUMFE
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Department:	Stockholm Business School

Decision

The programme syllabus is established by the Faculty of Social Sciences Board.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 credits or the equivalent.

Programme structure

The Executive MBA is a commissioned education programme designed for public, private, and third sector, organisations seeking management competence development / training for employees. The 2-year Executive MBA programme comprises four semesters of part-time study and has business administration as its main field of study.

The overall objective of the programme is to expose professional managers to the various sub-disciplines of business, develop their ability to integrate these disciplines into a workable whole, and prepare them for the responsibility of organisational leadership. Further, to critically emphasize their role as responsible societal actors.

The Executive MBA programme is normatively embedded in principles of responsible management education and places an emphasis on ethics and sustainability throughout. Added to this, critical thinking is at the heart of claims to relevancy, as the programme theme of "Leading in Complex Markets and Uncertain Times" demands that participants come to terms with a lack of predictability and linearity in contemporary markets. Throughout the programme, participants are asked to question orthodoxy and come to terms with the collective challenge of paradox, ambiguity, and uncertainty. For this reason, the programme places a special emphasis on individual cognitive and emotional responses, and the ability to take a critical approach to both theory and practice.

The above considerations are reflected in a planned progression design in which four thematic modules follow the two-year (four-semester), part-time, structure of the programme. In addition, a personal development module runs for the duration of the programme. The modules are:

1. Coming to Terms with Change (Semester 1)
2. Delivering Value in Complex Markets (Semester 2)
3. Strategic Value Creation & Growth (Semester 3)

4. Critical Thinking (Semester 4)

5. Personal Development

The participants report their knowledge and skills through individual and / or group work throughout each of the 15 courses, corresponding to 15 credits per semester. In the final semester, participants must produce an individual “capstone” research thesis (15 credits).

Language of instruction for courses included in the education are Swedish and English.

Goals

In addition to the general objectives in Chapter 1, Section 9 of the Higher Education Act, the learning objectives from the Higher Education Ordinance listed below apply.

For a Degree of Master, the student shall:

Knowledge and understanding

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both an overview of the field and specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as [specialised] insight into current research and development work.

- Demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Skills and abilities

- Demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information.

- Demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work.

- Demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to report clearly and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences.

- Demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

- Demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work.

- Demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used.

- Demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

Courses

Mandatory courses in the main field of business administration:

Semester 1

- Personal Development, Commissioned Education 5 credits (semester 1–3)

- Sustainability, Ethics and Management, Commissioned Education 3 credits

- Leadership, Organization and Change, Commissioned Education 4 credits

- Economics and Global Markets, Commissioned Education 3 credits
- Risk and Resilience, Commissioned Education 2 credits
- Entrepreneurship, Commissioned Education 3 credits (semester 1–3)

Semester 2

- Global Supply Chains and Logistics, Commissioned Education 3 credits
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards, Commissioned Education 3 credits
- Talent Management and the Future of Work, Commissioned Education 3 credits
- Strategic Marketing: Perspectives and Challenges, Commissioned Education 3 credits (semester 2–3)
- Technology Adoption and Data Strategy, Commissioned Education 3 credits (semester 2–3)

Semester 3

- Strategy and Innovation, Commissioned Education 4 credits
- Corporate Financial Strategy, Commissioned Education 3 credits
- Business Control in Dynamic Markets, Commissioned Education 3 credits

Semester 4

- Master's degree thesis (one year master) MBA, Commissioned Education 15 credits

The courses are provided by Stockholm Business School.

Degree

The programme leads to a Degree of Master of Science (60 credits). Main field of study: Business Administration.

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Students who have been admitted to the programme and not finished it within the planned two years of study may request to finish the programme, even after the education plan has been discontinued. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme.

When the program is closed, and its study plan revoked, the student has the right to complete his/her education according to this study plan, however, no later than after the program's nominal term plus two years. In this case, the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the education apply in the first instance, or equivalent education is offered.