

FAQs

eLearning

What is eLearning?

eLearning at U21Global refers to the use of the Internet for the delivery of subject materials, as well as the facilitation of interaction between and among students and professors. Students access online classrooms, which provide course content and a variety of communication features, including message boards, threaded discussions and chat rooms. In short, eLearning refers to a virtual campus with the full benefits of traditional on-campus learning that is accessible to students any time, anywhere they have access to the Internet.

What are the advantages of eLearning?

eLearning is student-centred, flexible and convenient. With the ease of online delivery, the emphasis in the educational process shifts from teaching to learning. Students do not have to follow a prescribed pattern and there is more scope for learning according to their own preferred style. In the online environment, everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in class discussions.

How do online subjects work?

Each U21Global subject takes 12 weeks to complete, plus an additional week for the final exam. A lead professor and subject professor will guide students through the subject content and exercises, which are completely online. The subjects cover all aspects of traditional, classroom-based learning through the creative use of a variety of communication methods, such as email, message boards, threaded discussions and chat rooms. Students progress by actively engaging in reading, reflecting and interactive problem-solving, often in groups.

Programme Information

What is the length of the programme?

The Postgraduate Certificate programme may be completed in one year. Students may choose to take breaks in between subjects. However, you are expected to complete the certificate programme within 18 months.

What resources will I have access to?

Students at U21Global have full access to a dedicated online library service, which includes all materials required to complete the programme, as well as personal assistance to access reference materials and electronic documents. U21Global also provides textbooks that are designated as required readings in most subjects. Other recommended or optional reading materials are available through the online library. All materials are included in the course fees.

What student support will I receive?

The U21Global Student Services team offers a comprehensive range of academic and student support services from the moment of initial enquiry to beyond graduation. Our student support includes enrolment counselling, a comprehensive and interactive online student orientation, a student handbook, 24/7 technical support, career counselling and alumni services.

Qualifications and Credit Transfer

Can I transfer my credits to another University?

U21Global is already recognised by its partner universities, as well as other universities with equal standing. Credit transfer to another university's programme, however, is always dependent on the individual university's academic policies.

Can I progress from the Postgraduate Certificate programme to the full MBA?

Yes. The Postgraduate Certificate programme is a stand-alone graduate qualification which may also be credited towards the full MBA degree programme. This means that upon successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate programme, students will have the option of enrolling for the MBA with advanced standing, transferring the credit already earned.

Who awards the qualification?

The qualification is awarded by U21Global. Stringent quality assurance procedures are completed by U21Global's academic senate that includes senior academics from its four partner universities - the University of Birmingham, the University of Melbourne, the University of Nottingham and the University of Virginia. The certificate awarded by U21Global bears the crests of its four partner universities.

Will employers recognise my qualification?

Employers already recognise the quality of the U21Global online programmes. In the past years, U21Global's academic programmes have been highly sought after by large corporations and government agencies such as Acer Computers, Aditya Birla Group, A.P. Moller Maersk, Emirates National Oil Company, Hero Honda, IBM, Indian Oil Corporation, Jollibee Food Corporation, Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Taj Hotels and Tata Group of companies to support their development requirements by sponsoring their employees to study at U21Global.

Technical Requirements

What is the recommended PC setup for the course?

Below is the recommended system configuration:

- A personal computer with a Pentium 233 MHz or faster
- 128MB RAM or higher
- 1.5GB available hard disk space
- 56K V.90 kbps modem or higher and connection to the Internet (e.g., ISDN, ADSL or cable modem)
- Sound card and speakers or headphones
- CD-ROM drive at 8x or better or DVD drive
- A minimum of 1024 X 768 resolution, 16-bit colour display
- Windows 2000 or Windows XP operating system
- Microsoft Internet Explorer, version 6.0. (SP2)
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint 98 or higher
- Adobe® Flash® 8.0
- Adobe® Shockwave® 8.0
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0



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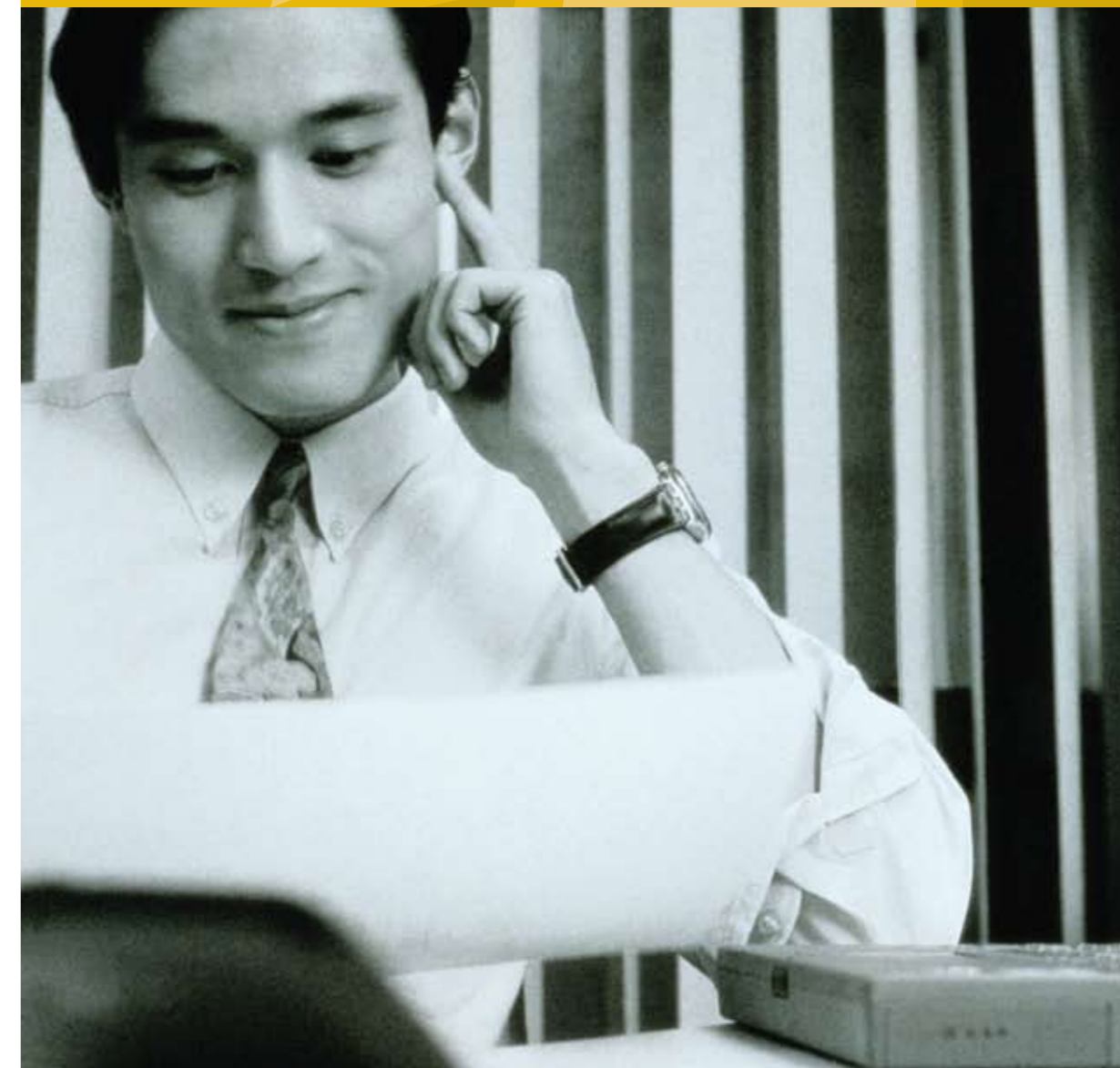
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Postgraduate Certificate of management studies



The World's Premier Online Graduate School

U21Global's graduate school delivers superb postgraduate education for working executives and professionals – an education that offers immediate professional advantage and retains its relevance by providing the foundation for continued personal growth and career advancement.

In close collaboration and partnership with four research-intensive partner universities, U21Global combines the traditions of quality education and research of its founders and partners with innovative modes of delivery on the Internet, providing students with substantial learning advantages, while balancing work, travel and family life.

Postgraduate Certificate of Management Studies

The Postgraduate Certificate of Management Studies is designed to provide participants with an introduction to postgraduate management studies. It is aimed at providing students with an insight into fundamental management skills and a solid grounding in management, which will underpin further MBA studies.

Students must complete the following four compulsory subjects:

- 601 Organisational Behaviour
- 612 Finance
- 630 Marketing Management
- 690 Strategic Management

The Postgraduate Certificate may be earned as a stand-alone postgraduate programme which may also be credited to the full MBA programme. This means that, upon successful completion of the certificate programme, students will have the option of enrolling into the diploma or full MBA programme with advanced standing, transferring the credit already earned.

Who it is for?

This Postgraduate Certificate programme is specially tailored for students who:

- are unable to currently commit to a full MBA programme
- are looking to upgrade themselves in the specific areas of study
- have completed U21Global single subject study, but who are not ready to embark on a full MBA programme

The U21Global Programme

Our programme provides students with a first-rate postgraduate education in management

Conducted completely online, it prepares students for leadership roles in the emerging global economy. Students are given the opportunity to make well-informed business decisions, solve business problems, work in teams, develop strategic as well as tactical recommendations and manage processes, work and people.

Our unique study approach enables you to balance your busy work schedule, social activities and travel and you will be able to

- study anytime, any place via the Internet
- have a curriculum and content second to none
- enjoy a postgraduate programme that has an international perspective
- develop global networking
- utilise technology tools to enhance your learning experience
- benefit from student-centred, professor-led learning

Fees & Application Process

Applications are welcome throughout the year. All applicants will be considered on individual merit. Applicants must complete the U21Global application form available upon request or online at www.u21global.edu.sg. Admission decisions are made one to two weeks after completed applications are received.

- A one-time non-refundable application fee of US\$50 applies upon application submission.
- A one-time non-refundable registration fee of US\$100 applies upon acceptance of the offer from U21Global.
- Please contact us or visit our website for details on fees and payment modes

Admission Criteria

Applicants may be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate programme by meeting the following requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognised university (applicants without a bachelor's degree may be considered for admission if the applicant has a minimum of eight years relevant work experience, five years of which are in a management capacity)
- A minimum of two years management or professional experience for applicants with a GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) score of at least 600
- A minimum of three years management or professional experience for applicants without a GMAT
- Evidence of English proficiency for applicants whose first language is not English and who have not undertaken tertiary education in English. The minimum language requirements are either:
 - Academic IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) score of 6.5 with an individual writing score of at least 6.0;
 - Or
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 550 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 5.0, or TOEFL Internet-based Test with a minimum score of at least 79.
 - Or
 - BULATS (Business Language Testing Service) at Level 4
- A statement of motivation for success through a 500-word essay
- Two references (at least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's employment record)

Supporting documents:

- Current resume / CV
- Original transcripts (or certified true copies) of all post-secondary qualifications. Documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation
- Original (or certified true copy) of GMAT scores, if applicable
- Original (or certified true copy) of TOEFL or IELTS score report, if applicable



Quality Assurance

The Academic Senate is the highest academic authority within U21Global responsible for ensuring that the quality of all programmes offered at U21Global meets the same rigorous and high academic standards set at its four partner universities – the University of Birmingham, the University of Melbourne, the University of Nottingham and the University of Virginia. The Academic Senate approves the design and curriculum of all programmes, the subject content, assessment standards and the credentials of all faculty members who teach U21Global's programmes.

In carrying out its duties, the Academic Senate draws upon the rich and diverse academic expertise within the four universities and other prestigious universities within the U21 network. This ensures U21Global's programmes maintain a global perspective.

The Academic Senate includes a senior academic from each of the four partner universities, one of whom will be Chair of the Senate.

Partner Universities

University of Birmingham
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



University of Nottingham
The University of Nottingham

