

MBA programmes provide students with a well-rounded understanding of business functions and allows them to develop expertise in their chosen area of specialisation.

Additionally, MBA programmes often provide opportunities for students to network with industry professionals which can lead to valuable connections and job opportunities after graduation.

If taking up an MBA is part of your career plan, then you should pursue it at Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT). Its Faculty of Accountancy, Finance and Business (FAFB) which runs the MBA programme, has an excellent track record of more than 50 years. The MBA programme itself has been offered since 2016. Malaysian students can complete the MBA programme for approximately RM18,000 on a full-time basis or part-time study at about RM19,000. For international students, they can pursue the programme at around RM24,000.

One student who has chosen to pursue an MBA is Saravanan Poighai Ganeson, who previously graduated with a Bachelor of Public Relations (Hons) from TAR UMT. He is a proud owner of a business in events and entertainment which he established in 2016, before pursuing the MBA, which he completed in one and a half years.

Saravanan explains, "I opted to enrol in the MBA programme because I believe it will enhance my critical thinking abilities and enable me to delve deeper into business concepts. The faculty members at TAR UMT not only possess exceptional teaching skills but also provide practical insights and examples that help students apply the concepts they are learning in the classroom to real-world situations. They also foster critical thinking and provide up-to-date examples of the latest

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developments in the industry, as well as offer mentorship and guidance to their students, helping them navigate the challenges of building a successful career. I was confident that I would acquire a wealth of knowledge and skills beyond what is taught in the classroom from them.

"The MBA programme transformed my mindset, allowing me to think beyond the obvious and understand people better – a crucial skill in my industry. Moreover, it equipped me with the necessary tools for long-term business planning."

Saravanan expressed that from a personal standpoint, having this exposure allows him to have a glimpse into the future and feel confident about his actions. "In addition to gaining a foundational understanding of accounting which helps me analyse the progress of other companies, I have also acquired knowledge about proper organisational management," he said.

He found that the programme was expertly designed with a syllabus that closely aligns with current industry needs, and facilities such as the 24-hour postgraduate library to be useful for those taking the programme. Apart from that, the students benefited greatly from the continuous guidance and support offered by the lecturers which enabled them to enhance their skills and abilities.

Saravanan goes on to say that while it is true that business is a learning curve and one does not necessarily need a degree or master's to succeed, pursuing an MBA can provide a valuable shortcut. "Although experience is an important

teacher, some lessons can be time-consuming to learn. Studying for an MBA offers the opportunity to learn from experienced lecturers and professionals from diverse fields, which has equipped me with the necessary skills and knowledge to avoid mistakes and perform better. In my experience, pursuing an MBA has been an invaluable investment that has helped me save time and become a more capable business professional."

Various financial aid and merit scholarships are available for qualified students.

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Pursuing an MBA allowed Saravanan to flex his skills as a business owner.

